

# Hispanic Heritage night immerses students in Latino culture

by **KAITLYN HYDE**  
 Photo Editor

his three younger siblings. Her mother also grew level of education was the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, because, similar to college. It was difficult for Salgado's

Celebrating the history and contributions of Latino culture can empower a better understanding and appreciation for Hispanic-Americans and the positive influence they have within a community.

The Hispanic Heritage event was held on Oct. 1 in the Sundown Room of the Student Center on the Levelland campus of South Plains College.

The purpose for this event is for students to come together and encourage discussions of Hispanic-American culture.

The first guest speaker for the event was Yolanda Salgado, who is a currently an advisor at the Reese Center campus.

She began by speaking of her father, who grew up in Chihuahua, Mexico. At the age of 10, he became the man of the house when his father passed away. At a young age, he found himself helping his grandmother provide income for the family, including



Christy Martinez-Garcia of Lubbock was awarded the Hispanic Heritage Honor Award during Hispanic Heritage night held in the Sundown Room in the Student Center on the Levelland campus on Oct. 1.

KAITLYN HYDE/PLAINSMAN PRESS

up on the outskirts of Chihuahua, Mexico with her family. Her highest

at that time in Mexico, families had to pay their way through grade school,

grandparents to pay for her mother's education, and they only had enough

money to send her brother to school. They did this so that he would be able to provide for his future family.

After her parents met and got married, they decided to immigrate to America.

"Back in the day, my dad said it was very difficult to immigrate to the United States," said Salgado. "Compared to today, it's almost next to impossible."

In her family, Salgado has four sisters and two brothers. She is the sixth child out of the seven. Since she is one of the youngest, she jokingly admits to being one of the spoiled children.

Salgado also spoke of her mother, who "instilled the value of faith, hard work, and never losing where I came from," into her life and the lives of her siblings.

She recalled from her childhood that their education was something that

was taken seriously in her home, "not just through books, but through study."

Her mother taught her children to cook, and her father instilled a sense of pride in their heritage and how to adapt to their surroundings.

Growing up, Salgado's first language was Spanish. Her parents wanted all of their children to understand that their native tongue is what is going to connect them to the people in all of South America and even abroad.

"The greatest thing I can tell you is no matter where you're from, learn who you are," Salgado said. "My father's words still ring true in my ears. Know who you are, because it is a part of you. But don't be afraid to adapt to the culture around you."

The following guest speaker was Maikol Iván González Figaeroa, who

See "Garcia" on pg. 3

# Ribbon cutting held for Culinary Arts program

by **DEBRA MONTANDON**  
 Staff Writer

A ribbon cutting ceremony recently was held for the new Culinary Arts program at the Lubbock Center campus of South Plains College.

and surrounding towns," Ben Alexander, executive director of the Lubbock Center/Workforce Development, told the audience at the event on Oct. 5.

"Two years ago, this was an abandoned car dealership," Alexander said of the building at

ing houses four fully-equipped cooking labs, a bakery lab, meat processing lab, refrigerator and freezer storage, dry storage and a small kitchen or room at the back of the facility used for washing dishes and other household work.

a place where kids did not have the opportunity to go to school now have the opportunity to go to college," said Alexander.

Alexander also mentioned one particular student who is enrolled this semester who did not have the \$33 for a test that is required.

"Her perseverance has kept her focused," Alexander explained, "and now she wants to open her own catering from her home. These dreams have happened because of the partnership that happened because of the team work in this room."

Dr. Robin Satterwhite, president of South Plains College, followed by introducing the Partners in Education

who contributed to the project.

"There was a 10,425 square-foot hole that need-

See "Vest" on pg. 2



Mike Box, chairman of the SPC Board of Regents, holds the giant scissors at the ribbon-cutting ceremony held for the new Culinary Arts program on Oct. 5.

DEBRA MONTANDON/PLAINSMAN PRESS

"You all coming today is an opportunity to be eye witnesses for this life-changing program for the citizens of Lubbock, Hockley County

3907 Avenue Q in Lubbock. "There were more doves and coons than people coming through here in the last few years."

Now this build-

"We are so proud of the partnership and a lot of hard work and generosity of those who are here today, to make the dreams of our kids a reality, to make

# Campus bookstore engaging students with riddles, motivational quotes

by **KAITLYN HYDE**  
 Photo Editor

For the first time at South Plains College, the Bookstore on the Levelland campus has come up with weekly activities to get students more involved while having fun answering riddles and reading motivational quotes to brighten their day.

Starting during the last week of September, the store manager, Tim Fewell, and other store employees decided to leave a white board outside the store entrance and plan daily games for students to engage with others and to help them feel welcomed in the store.

"We felt that we needed to get more involved with the students, because we didn't want them to feel like they had to come into the store just to buy stuff," said Jenyssa Gutierrez, a bookstore employee. "We want to talk to the students and get to know them."

Since this is the first time the Bookstore employees have attempted to include activities to get students involved, they are considering doing it through the next semester if they continue to receive positive responses from students.

For each day throughout the week, there is a different activity. Mondays are 'Motivational Monday,' with a quote on a white board to encour-

age others and to help those who may be having a bad day.

Tuesdays are 'Talk about it Tuesday,' which is a time for students to come into the Bookstore and discuss events that are happening locally, nationally, or on a global scale, along with issues that they feel are important.

Wednesdays are 'Riddle Wednesday,' with a trivia question put out for students to answer and have fun while seeing if they can get the correct answer.

Thursdays are 'Throwback Thursday,' when students can go into the Bookstore and recite old movie or song quotes, and to have fun talking about what they would watch or listen to growing up.

Fridays are 'Fact or Fiction,' and students are welcome to decide if the statement left for them to read is true or false.

So far, the Bookstore has seen many students participate on a daily basis, and try to answer questions or give opinions on what they should ask next, according to Gutierrez.

The employees also try to have at least one day out of the week when students can win a small prize or a candy bar if they participate or answer the question correctly.

khhyde6274@students.southplainscollege.edu

**Cover to Cover**  
 Feature page 4  
 Entertainment page 6  
 Opinion page 8  
 Sports page 9  
 Spotlight page 10

Commercial Music expands into homeschooling with ensemble class.

page 2

New director of the Baptist Student Ministry connects with students.

page 4

"Maniac" brings the past and future to the screen while shocking fans.

page 7

Men's Cross Country team places first at SPC Open.

page 9

Popularity of food trucks growing in Lubbock, bringing a variety of food options.

page 10

October 15, 2018

Plainsman Press

# Music ensemble class offered for homeschool students

by MAKAYLA KNEISLEY  
News Editor

A Music Ensemble class is being offered for the first time to Homeschool students who are looking to further their instrumental knowledge.

The all Homeschooled Music Ensemble class is being held at South Plains College and taught by Brent Wheeler, assistant professor of Commercial Music.

The idea for the Homeschool Music Ensemble class came up when Wheeler was having a conversation with his wife. He runs the SPC Live Ensemble, which is for 10-16-year olds. SPC Live is for students who work on music once a week and then they play in the Fest Week with all the college bands.

“So as I was thinking of ways to reach the needs of the community more, and the outlying communities, I was thinking of ways I could still take that passion and the idea of reaching out to kids who are homeschooled,” Wheeler said. “It just seemed like the next evolution of the program (SPC Live). So really, it all started with the SPC Live concept of getting kids in here to teach them songs. But we wanted to make it a little more elaborate or more in-

ternoons, which typically rules out public school kids. Right now, Wheeler offers one ensemble every week that meets at 1:30 p.m. on Fridays. His class has anywhere from four to eight students, depending on the weeks.

“The registration for this is going to be pretty much open throughout the whole semester,” Wheeler said. “It’s an eight-week course at \$40 a month per student.” Wheeler said. “It works out well as far as it’s affordable and it’s only one day a week.”

Wheeler shared in depth what the homeschoolers will be learning about in the program, saying,

“So as I was thinking of ways to reach the needs of the community more, and the outlying communities, I was thinking of ways I could still take that passion and the idea of reaching out to kids who are homeschooled.”

depth by adding a music class.”

This is the first semester for the music ensemble class, which is just for homeschool students. The class is held on Friday af-

ternoon, which typically rules out public school kids. Right now, Wheeler offers one ensemble every week that meets at 1:30 p.m. on Fridays. His class has anywhere from four to eight students, depending on the weeks.

genre, such as bluegrass, old traditional blues, American folk.”

He went on to explain that those genres of music

will also work on learning an instrument.

“But what I found is that the homeschoolers have a pretty rich music

The homeschool class will get to perform for their families, but also the community as well. Wheeler explained that they are still sorting the performance out.

“I’m waiting for the schedule of the college’s availability, along with their schedules, and likewise we want to pick a time that the community can come see it too so it’s not so inclusive,” Wheeler said.

“I think the important part overall is just getting people exposed, giving this democratic homeschool group together, and just develop a love and passion for music,” he added. “Undoubtedly, with all of my students that I teach, whether they are college, high school, or youth, my homeschool students have more time to really develop and practice. Their individual study at home gives them more time to jump into extracurricular stuff, because they’re not going from here to there that you might see with a public school student.”



Brent Wheeler, assistant professor of Commercial Music, is the instructor for the new commercial music course for homeschoolers.  
MAKAYLA KNEISLEY/PLAINSMAN PRESS

are going to go hand in hand with what they will talk about with the artists and music theory. They

tradition in their families,” said Wheeler. “So were just kind of adding to that.”

mkneisley1952@students.southplainscollege.edu

# Vest Memorial Scholarship presented during ceremony

Continued from pg. 1  
ed to be fixed,” said Dr. Satterwhite, who thanked

the representatives from United Supermarkets, the JT and Margaret Talkington Charitable Founda-

tion, Helen Jones Foundation, Lubbock Economic Development Alliance, ETR architects, JT Martin

Foundation, Alan Henry Foundation, and City Bank.

of Education’s Strengthening Hispanic-Serving Institutions program, in the amount of a \$681,000 grant, was written by Stephen John,” Dr. Satterwhite added. “This grant bought all of the equipment you see.”

Following Dr. Satterwhite’s comments, Natalie Osuna, Culinary Arts program coordinator, presented an overview of the program.

David Cea, president of the Lubbock Restaurant Association, followed with remarks on behalf of the Culinary Arts Advisory Committee.

United Supermarkets also contributed a student scholarship. A second scholarship endowment, the Johnny and Darlene Vest Memorial Scholarship, was established by the Vest family of Levelland to support

students in the program.

Approximately 50 students are enrolled in the program for the 2018 fall semester. There is also projected enrollment of more than 128 students in the next two years.

Students in the program had prepared snacks and drinks that not only looked beautiful but tasted delicious.

The SPC Culinary Arts Program has three full-time faculty members, Osuna, Patrick Ramsey, program specialist and executive chef, and Austin McManus, instructor in Culinary Arts.

A special acknowledgement goes to Steve Afill, Gary Stephens and the staff of BGR Architects of Lubbock and Jim McCutchin, Zach McCutchin and the staff of McCutchin Construction in Levelland for their work in the design and renovation of the culinary arts instructional area.

dmontandon3740@students.southplainscollege.edu



Russel Vest, Angie Vest, Vickey Vest, and Danny Vest presented the first scholarship from the Johnny and Darlene Vest Memorial Scholarship during the ribbon-cutting ceremony held for the new Culinary Arts program on Oct. 5 at the Lubbock Center campus.

DEBRA MONTANDON/PLAINSMAN PRESS

## PUBLICATION STATEMENT

The Plainsman Press is published every two weeks during regular semesters by journalism students at South Plains College in Levelland, Texas. Opinions herein are those of the writer and not necessarily those of the staff, the administration, Board of Regents, advisor or advertisers.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

The Plainsman Press encourages signed letters to the editor. Published letters are subject to editing. Letters should be brought to CM 130 or mailed to our address at the college.



## Editorial Staff

Charlie Ehrenfeld / Advisor  
Autumn Bippert / Editor-in-Chief  
Kendall Rainer / Associate Editor/Sports Editor  
Kaitlyn Hyde / Photo Editor  
Makayla Kneisley / News Editor  
Geneva Natal / Feature Editor  
Reece Turner / Entertainment Editor

## Staff Writers & Photographers

Debra Montandon / Staff Writer

Plainsman Press  
South Plains College  
1401 S. College Ave.  
Levelland, TX 79336  
PHONE: (806) 894-9611 ext. 2435  
EMAIL: ppress@southplainscollege.edu

# Regents discuss Clery Report, upcoming programs

by AUTUMN BIPPERT  
Editor-in-Chief

The 2017 Clery Report, updates on the coding academy and the truck driving program, and possible additions to seating at the track and field facilities were among the topics discussed during the October meeting of the South Plains College Board of Regents.

Dr. Lynn Cleavinger, dean of students at SPC, presented the Annual Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Report, which the college is required to issue every year because of the Jeanne Clery act.

"This went out to the whole community on September 28 that afternoon," Dr. Cleavinger explained. "It is electronically available on the South Plains College website. It is a compilation of all of the crime statistics from all of our campuses for the year

and information about everything we do."

Dr. Cleavinger also presented The Safety and Security Audit, which SPC is required to conduct every three years.

"Basically, what we found is that about 90 percent of the items on the audit we were already doing," Dr. Cleavinger explained. "Such as the Emergency Operations plan, which you will be hearing about soon, and the camera security implementation. We've really been doing a lot of things safety-wise as we've been going along, and that showed up as we were doing the school safety audit."

Dr. Ryan Gibbs, vice president of academic affairs, provided updates on both the Lubbock Coding Academy and the CDL truck driving program.

"We have two Workforce programs that are in progress, and you've been hearing about these for quite a while," Dr.

Gibbs said. "The Lubbock Coding Academy is one that we have been talking about for over a year. We are very close. We're in the process of getting the contract finalized, but we have purchasing and lawyers looking at it to make sure that we don't have any surprises. My anticipated start date for that program would be mid-January."

Dr. Gibbs explained that the CDL program is in the request for proposal (RFP) quote process, which will close Oct. 16.

"We will review those and hopefully select our vendor," Dr. Gibbs explained. "I also anticipate that program to kick off in mid-January as well. We anticipate having 200 to 300 a year for licensing CDL drivers."

Dr. Gibbs also discussed the need to find a new Dean of Health Occupations.

"Ms. Lopez is retiring, and we're going to need to replace her," Dr. Gibbs said. "We will try to find

somebody that is able to do her job. This is probably going to be one of the biggest challenges. Because of the complexity of the position, we have already posted the position and we're looking forward to getting qualified applicants."

Sue Ann Lopez, the current dean of health occupations, has agreed to stay on in a consulting role to help the nursing program through their accreditation process, which is coming up after the spring semester begins.

Dr. Gibbs briefly discussed that the Diesel Technology Program received Associated Equipment Dealers Foundation (AED) accreditation.

"What that basically means is that this group that has been around for 100 years, based out of Chicago, has determined that our educational facilities in our educational programs meet their rigorous

standards for equipment dealers," explained Dr. Gibbs. "There's 50 of them across the nation, and South Plains College is the first one in the state of Texas to achieve that accreditation. We are very excited about that, and extremely proud of the work that Whitney and his staff has done to achieve. Also the work of dean Rob Blair and the department chair. There's been a lot of time and effort."

Dr. Robin Satterwhite, SPC president, discussed the possibility of adding seating to the track and field facilities.

"Currently, every year we hold the Region 1-1A track meet," Dr. Satterwhite explained. "The UIL has contacted us, and we have begun discussing holding 2A track and field. There's a lot of people that come on campus. This is a great opportunity to bring people out and show them what South Plains College has to offer. If we're going to have 1A and 2A track,

that requires some more seating."

Dr. Satterwhite is looking at adding more seating on the southeast side of the track, which will add about 500 more seats. Dr. Satterwhite presented a quote of \$84,000 for the projected seating.

"Let me tell you how we're going to pay for this," Dr. Satterwhite said. "Our interest fee for UIL 1A is about \$16,000, and that's what we get from entrance fees from all the different schools. With 2A, it will be bring in about \$32,000 a year, just in entrance fees. If we can keep this for three years, we will easily be able to pay for this. Our national track meet in 2021 will be in here in Levelland also. So this is just part of a plan to upgrade our track facilities. I think it's in order to accommodate the 2A."

abippert0518@students.southplainscollege.edu

# Garcia receives Hispanic Heritage award

Continued from pg. 1

is a student at SPC from Puerto Rico.

He discussed different traditions that he would celebrate with his family, specifically around the winter holidays.

"We have a different Christmas tradition than other Hispanics or Latinos," González said.

He explained that the celebration of Christmas for his family begins on Christmas Eve, and they continue to celebrate every day until February.

"This just keeps going and going, because where I am from, we all have a party mentality," González jokingly admits. "Whether we have work or school, we always make time for a party."

He recalls memories of celebrating with his

small island," González explained, "Texas is a lot bigger than Puerto Rico. At home, to travel from one side of the island to the other, it may take up to three hours. I like that it's small, because in the United States, family is too far apart."

The third guest speaker of the night was Miguel Barrena Galiano, who shared his experiences from living in Spain.

He discussed a tradition that is popular in Spain, running with the bulls.

This is an important tradition in his family, as it is something that they take part in every year.

"It's part of a festival, San Fermín, which is a seven-day party that takes place in my city, Pamplona, Spain," Galiano explained.

This celebration takes

the seven-day celebration, roughly 3,000 people will go early in the morning to prepare to run against six bulls.

"Trying to run away from them is just a rush of adrenaline," Galiano said, "and even though it's dangerous, I would definitely say that it's worth it."

Before the announcement of the award winner for the evening, the SPC Ballroom Dance Team performed a tango and another dance routine.

Darryl Cox, a member of the SPC Ballroom Dance Team said, "We learn a variety of dances from different parts of Latin America and dances from Europe, like a waltz."

After the performances, Christy Martinez-Garcia of Lubbock was awarded the Hispanic Heritage Honor Award.

"To receive this award is very humbling, because South Plains College made a huge impact on my life, and I'm proud that I had to opportunity to come here," Garcia said.

According to Miranda English, hostess for the event, Garcia received this award because she continuously contributes to the Lubbock community and encourages those around her to never stop achieving their goals.

Garcia says that after she graduated from Texas Tech University, she used her public relations and marketing skills to create a monthly publication, Latino Lubbock Magazine.

Latino Lubbock Maga-

zine is a publication that covers a variety of topics such as health and well-

ness, community, politics, art and culture, business, youth issues, education, faith and religion, and employment, among others.

"We try to cover a lot of topics because the Hispanic community is very centralized," Garcia said. "But the great thing is that it is bilingual. This publication is for anybody who wants to learn more about

Hispanic communities and culture."

She also talked about the importance of attending events, such as the Hispanic Heritage event, to encourage students to engage with others of different cultures.

"You don't have to

be Hispanic to appreciate Hispanic Heritage Month," Garcia said. "I

think it's important that students are open to learning, and I know this is something you can find at this campus."

khyde6274@students.southplainscollege.edu



Hispanic Heritage night included performances by the Ballroom Dance Team, and speeches from students, a Reese Center advisor, and the award winner, held in the Sundown Room in the Student Center on the Levelland campus on Oct. 1. PHOTOS BY KAITLYN HYDE/PLAINSMAN PRESS

cousins and talked about how he would spend time with them on a daily basis. "Puerto Rico is such a

place every year from July 7 to July 14.

Galiano explains that every morning throughout

# Former student enjoying job as morning meteorologist

**[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.]**

by **MAKAYLA KNEISLEY**  
News Editor

Having always had a passion for meteorology, Bobby Johnston is now living it with a positive and determined outlook on life.

Johnston, a meteorologist for Fox 34 (KJTV) station in Lubbock, grew up in the small town of

ways been important to me," Johnston said. "It took me a while to figure out that I wanted to be a meteorologist. But once I started going to school for it, everything started working out to know that I wanted to be a meteorologist."

Johnston attended South Plains College from August 2006 to May 2009. He said that he had a great experience at SPC, explaining that it was the right fit for him after high school since Smyer was a small school.

"The college offered classes that I loved for a cheaper price than a normal university..." said Johnston. "Smyer was a small school, so

enjoy communities around whatever campus you're attending, study hard, make passing grades, listen to your instructors, and you will have a degree before you even know it."

Johnston worked in a bank full time for six years while he was a full-time student at Mississippi State before he became a meteorologist. During his last semester, he quit working at the bank, graduated, then tried to find a job. Johnston has been working for two years at Fox34 and has been a morning meteorologist for eight months.

"The best part of the job is relying on computer models to give me a correct forecast for the viewers,"

Johnston shared. "Just being on air and the aspect of the job is a blast. Keeping people safe during severe weather is always one of the aspects of the job that is not only fun, it can be challenging for certain aspects of people need-



Photo courtesy of Bobby Johnston

movies, and chase storms, which is a side hobby from his job of being a meteorologist, and spend time with his wife and two dogs, Jax and Charlie.

"I love watching storms develop and continue to progress through their stages," Johnston explained, "being able to walk outside knowing what the cloud formation is, watching the storm develop, and watching it drop large hail or rain, or if it becomes tornadic."

For students who want to become a meteorologist, Johnston shared some advice.

"Go to school, make it a passion," said Johnston. "It's something you want to do, not for making a lot of money, but keeping people safe, and do your internships at stations."

mkneisley1952@students.southplainscollege.edu

“Weather has always been something I’ve had a passion for and has always been important to me. It took me a while to figure out that I wanted to be a meteorologist. But once I started going to school for it, everything started working out to know that I wanted to be a meteorologist.”

Smyer, Texas, which sits between Lubbock and Levelland. He attended high school there before going to South Plains College.

"Weather has always been something I've had a passion for and has al-

a small community college was a great start for me, and financial wise, because I paid for school on my own, it was a great choice."

Johnston offers some advice for current students saying, "enjoy classes,

## New director encouraging students through Baptist Student Ministry

by **MAKAYLA KNEISLEY**  
News Editor

Having grown up with helping at the Baptist Student Ministry, Matt Bery has become the director there.

"I have always wanted to do ministry work with college students," said Bery, the new director of the Baptist Student Ministry (BSM) at South Plains College.

Bery worked at Immanuel Baptist Church in Temple, Texas and First Baptist Church in Crosbyton, Texas before coming to Levelland.

"My first job was working with children," said Bery, who served as a children's minister in Temple for five years. "And I discovered that children's ministry is not where I wanted to be."

Bery also ministered

around all the different personalities of college students.

Bery grew up in several different places around Texas because his father was a pastor.

"I grew up in Ropesville for a little bit, in Amherst, in the Dallas area north of Bushland Hills, and graduated high school from Idalou," he said.

He attended Baylor University, receiving his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religion, and later attended Truett Seminary, where he earned his Master of Divinity Degree.

Bery grew up in a Christian home, saying, "My parents and grandparents were all Christians and from Ropesville. I came over here (to BSM) with my grandparents several times, to feed, whenever I was small."

His parents also attended South Plains Col-

lege and were active in the Baptist Student Ministry. "South Plains College is a special place to my family and my heart," Bery

shared. "I'm glad to be here and be able to do this." "Above all, it's God's call on my life," he added. "I felt the call to come over here. I felt it was a place that I could engage with students, faculty, and the campus, a place that I had the ability to really make an impact."

The ministry's vision for the South Plains is to engage communities, reach the campus, and to impact the world. BSM wants their students, who are involved, to be active in the other communities, such as clubs and classes, that they're involved in around campus, even simply sharing the gospel with their dorms or organizations outside of school.

"We want them to be active," Bery said, "and we want them to be a witness for Christ in those organizations... sharing Christ's love with people around them."

Bery says he hopes to reach communities and the campus by spreading, "little grass roots."

"We want our students

to be safe at a certain time and needing to know what to do in a certain situation."

Johnston said he usually tries to learn more by watching other meteorologists do their job.

However, he added that he tries not to let it rule his life, since meteorology is

always kind of with him.

"But when you're off the clock, you need to be off the clock," said Johnston. "You have to let things go at some point when you're off of work."

In Johnston's spare time, he loves to build things and do wood working. He also likes to watch

perfect position to impact and change the world like no others."

Bery explained that college students will be the leaders of the world within the next five to 10 years, and said, "we have an opportunity to see students from all over the world here at Levelland, here at South Plains, and to send them back home to go all over the world to share Christ."

mkneisley1952@students.southplainscollege.edu

“We want them to be active and we want them to be a witness for Christ in those organizations... sharing Christ’s love with people around them.”

to youth for five years. However, he wanted to hang out with college students and minister to them because he enjoys being

lege and were active in the Baptist Student Ministry. "South Plains College is a special place to my family and my heart," Bery



Matt Bery grew up serving food to college students at the SPC Baptist Student Ministry.

MAKAYLA KNEISLEY/PLAINSMAN PRESS

to be able to connect and to share with others around them," Bery said. "So the campus has a positive impact from our students for Christ."

He also shared the ministry's bigger vision too.

"We want to send students all over the world," said Bery. "I believe that college students are in the

Ask about our SPC discount!

New Quarter Pounder®\* Burgers

**FRESH BEEF**

Hot, juicy, and cooked right when you order.



605 College Ave. Levelland TX

Check out our MOBILE APP!

**HOT OFF THE GRILL**



# Student pursues dream of piloting planes

by GENEVA NATAL  
Feature Editor

Rebecca Brown works hard, even when she is unsure of her outcome, to one day find her passion and become someone she is proud to be.

Growing up in her childhood home in Weatherford, Texas, she was raised in a strict, disciplined, and conservative household with her brother and sister. She created a close bond with her siblings, who later moved to the Lubbock area to get an education. So she followed.

Brown lives in

“I want to experience life to the fullest, and every day that we live is the chance to experience something new.”

Lubbock with her sister, but chooses to take courses at South Plains College in Levelland because of the great atmosphere and wonderful opportunities.

Brown says that she originally aspired to be a cosmetologist, but soon

realized that as much as she loves cutting hair, the salon work area just wasn't for her. However, she did earn her degree as a cosmetologist and worked at a hair salon for some time before continuing her education this year to get a business degree.

Brown has always wanted to become a pilot and fly her own plane. To help her achieve that goal, she plans to enlist in the military. Her bachelor's degree in business will qualify Brown to be a fighter pilot in the Air Force. With her qualifications, she can fulfill her dream of being a pilot and serving her country.

an Air Force pilot wasn't always her dream. Even though she is still unsure of the possibilities, Brown says, "I'm looking for a better job for my future family like everyone else, but I want to enjoy my job too."

Focusing on her education, Brown says that she rarely has time for electives because she spends each day focused on living the life she deserves.

"I want to experience life to the fullest," Brown said, "and every day that we live is the chance to experience something new."

Brown said she believes that within each day, there are endless possibilities for making yourself happy.

Her inspirations stem from her deep Christian roots.

"I am inspired by people who are passionate about Christianity, meditation, or anything, because they have a life worth living," said Brown.

Through every obstacle she faces, being passionate about something allows for an easier climb, according to Brown.

Brown spends her spare time playing her piano and listening to her favorite composer, Debussy. She also enjoys



Rebecca Brown is majoring in business with plans to become an Air Force pilot.  
GENEVA NATAL/PLAINSMAN PRESS

reading, especially autobiographies such as "Brain On Fire" or "Gasha of Life," to pass the time.

Brown is always planning. After obtaining a bachelor's degree, she plans to continue to the military with her many

different skills under her belt. She also wants to make sure she lives life to the fullest by crossing things off her bucket list, which includes skydiving, being able to ride in a submarine, and traveling across the United States.

"I aspire to be exceptional in my own way," Brown says. "That's the best plan I can have."

gnatal4722@students.southplainscollege.edu

# Metalsmithing instructor forges successful students

by REECE TURNER  
Entertainment Editor

Professor Allison Black encourages originality in the studio and teaches her students how to appreciate art.

Black is a professor of Art and Fine Arts who teaches at both the Reese and Levelland campuses of South Plains College. Black, who has been teaching at SPC for 17 years, went to graduate school at Texas Tech University. She earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in jewelry and metalsmithing, a BFA in studio art, and a Master of Fine Arts Degree in studio art, with a major in metalsmithing and minors in ceramics and art history.

Houston for three years. Afterwards, Black moved to Missouri to work in a community arts center for about a year. Due to extenuating circumstances involving funding of the

community arts center, she had to leave the center and find a new job. Black has been working toward her PHD for about eight years. Her last topic was studio art practice in higher education. In Black's opinion, a good studio teacher

and the ability to draw out the student's creativity to not only point out what's working in the project but also how it could be improved."

She teaches the basic of metalsmithing. She says that she has been working with metal since she was 16 years old. She also has a love for teaching, which allows her to have a career combining the two things she loves: metalsmithing and teaching.

"It's the best of both worlds," Black said, "I love teaching and I love metalsmithing. So getting to combine the two is very satisfying."

Black's satisfaction with her job not only comes from the art she creates, but also from the student's actions and ideas in the studio or classroom.

"Being able to help them gain knowledge to be able to go to a museum or look at all of the art in our visual culture with new eyes is very rewarding."

Black has many years of experience in the field

of metalsmithing. She says that she has been working with metal since she was 16 years old. She also has a love for teaching, which allows her to have a career combining the two things she loves: metalsmithing and teaching.

"It's the best of both worlds," Black said, "I love teaching and I love metalsmithing. So getting to combine the two is very satisfying."

Black's satisfaction with her job not only comes from the art she creates, but also from the student's actions and ideas in the studio or classroom.

"I love teaching art majors, but I also love teaching non art majors as well, because they are our future art lovers and future artists," she explained.

She says that many of her Art Appreciation students may start the class without a solid understanding of what art is.

Black demonstrates her strengths in the studio by knowing the subject matter of her discipline. Her work has been exhibited regionally and nationally.

Black teaches other classes as well, including painting, drawing, design, art history, ceramics, and sculpture. She enjoys every aspect of art, saying, "It all comes within the same core within me."

Black demonstrates her strengths in the studio by knowing the subject matter of her discipline. Her work has been exhibited regionally and nationally.

Black said.

Black teaches other classes as well, including painting, drawing, design, art history, ceramics, and sculpture. She enjoys every aspect of art, saying, "It all comes within the same core within me."

Black demonstrates her strengths in the studio by knowing the subject matter of her discipline. Her work has been exhibited regionally and nationally. She was featured in Ornament Magazine, an international magazine of

wearable art. "I was asked to create a mace, an academic mace for San Jacinto College South," Black said. "I was commissioned for that. It

was really exciting." Black considers the success of her students to be very rewarding as well. Previous metalsmithing students of hers have moved on to study metalsmithing at four-year universities, or have their work displayed in galleries in various parts of the country.

Black demonstrates her strengths in the studio by knowing the subject matter of her discipline. Her work has been exhibited regionally and nationally.

Black said.

Black teaches other classes as well, including painting, drawing, design, art history, ceramics, and sculpture. She enjoys every aspect of art, saying, "It all comes within the same core within me."

Black demonstrates her strengths in the studio by knowing the subject matter of her discipline. Her work has been exhibited regionally and nationally. She was featured in Ornament Magazine, an international magazine of



Professor Allison Black creating ornaments for "The Madrigal Dinner."  
REECE TURNER/PLAINSMAN PRESS

Before coming to SPC, Black worked at South Jacinto College South in

demonstrates, "knowledge of the techniques, a good report with the students,

room for 16 students to learn the basics of metalsmithing: sawing,

class without a solid understanding of what art is.

rturner1440@students.southplainscollege.edu

## 'The Good Doctor' delivers inspiring messages of self worth

by GENEVA NATAL  
Feature Editor

A young autistic surgeon battles stereotypes and prejudices from his patients and coworkers in "The Good Doctor".

The popular ABC-TV show is about Shawn Murphy, played by Freddie Highmore, who is most known for his work in "Bates Motel" as Norman Bates. Highmore is an outstanding actor, praised by colleagues, who is fluent in French, and a graduate of the University of Cambridge. It comes as no surprise that Highmore successfully portrays a character who copes with autism.

Murphy is a young surgeon with autism and savant syndrome. Murphy moves from his isolated town to the big city to work at San Jose Hospital, which is a

amazing abilities, when getting the job he is forced to prove himself first. The board in charge of the hospital is hesitant to risk their reputation on him because of the baggage he brings and the risks that face the hospital if Murphy were to mess up. So his friend, Dr. Aaron

Glassman, president of San Jose St.

know what to do when his brother was bleeding out.

When he gets the job, Murphy meets his new coworkers who soon become family. That is, until Season Two, when they must compete to keep their spots at San Jose. Through trial and error, the residents at the hospital save as many lives as possible. Murphy shows his dedication to saving patients when he goes above and beyond protocol.

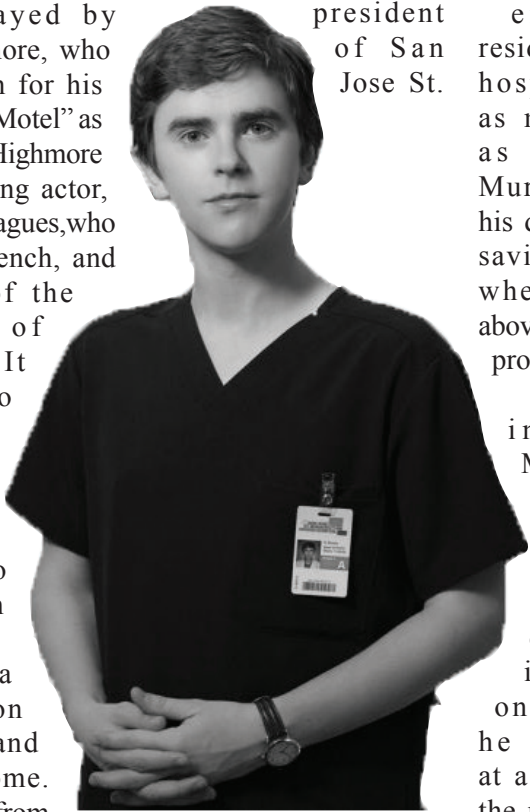
In many instances, Murphy takes it upon himself to fix a problem no one believes is there. In one episode, he shows up at a patient's house in the middle of the night because he believes that there is something terribly wrong when no

Murphy is still human, and he makes a mistake that almost cost the life of a young man. The man lived despite Murphy's mistake in surgery, but Murphy doesn't want to

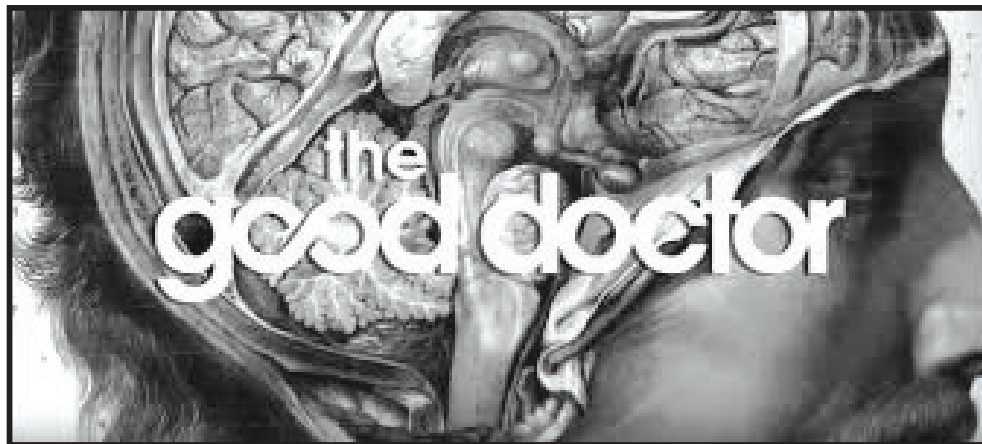
Murphy doesn't want him to die and stresses out trying to find a solution. On top of that stress, Murphy's Season One love interest returns.

Lea, played by Paige

his dreams despite his obstacles. I love the odd, quirky couple of Murphy and Lea. Even though they are different, they make it work by being understanding, especially



Bonaventure Hospital, played by Richard Schiff,



training hospital for new surgeons.

The first episode kicks off with a dramatic twist that proves the talent of Dr. Murphy, who witnesses an accident at an airport. The person who had the accident needs help fast, and Murphy makes a contraption out of a borrowed knife that he got from TSA, a straw, and a bottle of booze. The contraption saves a boy's life and shows the talents of Murphy. Despite his autism, his differences make him successful.

Murphy uses his photographic memory and intense evaluation skills in every surgical situation. His autism is

puts his job on the line. He promises that if Murphy messes up or proves to be less than exceptional, he will resign as president.

Glassman is an old friend of Murphy, and later audience sees that he was the one to help Murphy after his brother died. There are flashbacks to explain Murphy's past, which is littered with traumatizing events, including his bunny dying by his father, living in a bus with his brother after they left their home, and his brother ultimately dying.

His brother, Steve Murphy, played by Dylan Kingwell, dies when he falls off a train when

one else thought so, and he was right. He saves the patient's life, and through

this he finally starts earning some respect from his colleagues and mentors.

Just because he doesn't understand feelings very well doesn't make him any less of a surgeon. Each character slowly comes to believe in

lie. He chooses to tell the truth, despite the consequence of Glassman losing his job, because it is protocol. Murphy knows his obligations and duty to the job are the most important thing to him. He doesn't do this to hurt his longtime friend, but to be true to the hospital and himself because he made a mistake and wants to own up to that.

Along with saving lives and making mistakes, there are typical personal problems from each of the characters, such as the romance of Dr. Clair Brown, played by Antonia Thomas, the personal struggles of Dr.

Spara, returns after hurting Murphy by leaving him to go home with her brother. She returns in the second episode, which ends on a cliff hanger with Glassman on the surgical table and Lea being told to leave.

Throughout Season One, we see that Murphy has to deal with being his own person. His biggest problem is not being able to understand people on a deeper level. However, he surpasses expectations and grows as an individual to become a semi-independent person.

The show's fanbase is smitten with Highmore because of his abilities as an actor and cute face,

on Lea's part. However, the autism isn't focused on with their relationship. It's cute and funny, and it fits in a dysfunctional way that is different from other relationships on screen. It seems more realistic.

The show is awesome, from the highs of Murphy's successes to the lows of his failures, I feel it each time. I love the way he is, because the show includes this side of him as he tries to understand normal behavior, such as smiling. He went around smiling at people to see their reactions. It was the funniest, craziest, and cutest thing I have seen that definitely made me smile.



accurately portrayed to the best of Highmore's ability. There is no certain way that an autistic person will act. But the robotic speech, detachment from society, and blunt way of speaking are common traits that Highmore portrays wonderfully.

Despite Murphy's

playing hide and seek with the other children. When he falls and Murphy sees him die, it was the end of his world, and a devastating loss that he never forgets. However, sad as it maybe, it is revealed in later episodes that Murphy became a doctor because he didn't

Murphy and respect his abilities as a surgeon. Slowly but surely, the casts does an amazing job of realistically reacting to the strange things that Murphy does or doesn't do.

Marcus Andrews, played by Hill Harper, or the very big problem faced by Glassman.

At the end of the first season, Dr. Glassman receives terrible news, and there is a cliffhanger. At the start of the second season he has options, but the stakes are high. Being a surgeon himself, he is hesitant to let anyone else do the procedure. He tells Murphy, who in his own way, is heart stricken.

making it a popular show on television.

I love that the show is about something different. It has realistic problem solving. I rarely see shows that accurately portray a person on the autism spectrum. He is more than what society says he should be, which is particularly inspiring.

This inclusive show accurately portrays a person beating the odds and succeeding in

Murphy brings the show together with his different traits that differentiate from other hospital shows. I will continue to watch new episodes, and I give "The Good Doctor" a 10/10.

### 10/10

gnatal4722@students.  
southplainscollege.edu

**SOMETHING DIFFERENT**

**DINE IN - TAKE OUT**

ORDER ONLINE @ [WWW.EATBOWLS.COM](http://WWW.EATBOWLS.COM)

209 HIGHWAY 114  
LEVELLAND, TX  
806-897-9797

**GRILL**

# Retro sci-fi series delivers severe mind warp

by **AUTUMN BIPPERT**  
Editor-in-Chief

In the dystopian futuristic city of New York, one man feels that his purpose of saving the world is dawning.

The new Netflix original limited series, "Maniac," tells a story of what could become our future. "Maniac," created by Patrick Somerville and directed by Cary Joji Fukunaga, is based on the Norwegian television series of the same name.

The series follows Annie Landsberg, played by Emma Stone, and Owen Milgrim, played by Jonah Hill, two strangers drawn to the late stages of a pharmaceutical trial, each for their own reasons.

Annie is fixated on broken relationships with her mother and her sister. Owen, the fifth son of wealthy New York industrialists, has struggled his whole life with a diagnosis of schizophrenia.

Neither Annie's nor Owen's life has turned out typical and happy. A new radical pharmaceutical treatment created by Dr. James K. Mantleray, played by Justin Theroux, promises to repair anything about the mind, whether it is mental illness or heartbreak.

Neberdine Pharmaceutical and Biotech draws Annie, Owen and 10 other strangers to their facilities for a three-day drug trial that will, they're assured, solve all of their problems, permanently, with no complications or side-effects whatsoever.

The series has a "Black Mirror," another Netflix original series, feel to it, as each episode has a different storyline with a futuristic dystopian spin. Although un-like "Black Mirror," "Maniac" pulls each episode into the overall story arc.

In contrast to this seemingly advanced society, it's running on

some old technology. The PCs in an office building look like desktops from the late 1980s. Landline phones with large buttons are installed in city apartments, while billboards speak their pre-

Annie are in the world. The series starts off with Owen seeing an imaginary brother named Grimsson, who looks like his brother Jed with a moustache, both played by Billy Magnussen. Grimsson

agent he needs to see. After speaking to her, Annie confirms her association to him, but tells him not to "blow their cover." Owen complies and prepares for the trial. Owen feels that this is the

controls the simulations that the participants go through. The trial room looks similar to the rest of the trial area and the general feel of the show. There are chairs around the room, facing a control

first, Annie and Owen are reimagined as Bruce and Linda, a happily married Long Island couple. Annie convinces Bruce to track down a lemur that belonged to a dead patient of hers. In the second, Annie and Owen are estranged spouses and con artists trying to track down a missing chapter of "Don Quixote" during a 1940s seance.

The final pill, C, stands for confrontation. A and B pills are about acknowledging trauma, but the C pill is about moving on. A lot happens during this pill, and it is shown over several episodes. When the simulation begins, Annie is a half-human, half-elf guiding the ailing elf Ellia towards healing waters. Owen is watching Annie and Ellia's elven journeys on a TV show.

Owen is a gangster with braids being pressured by his father to be loyal to the family, even if it means committing crimes. Owen also connects with Olivia, played by Grace Van Patten, his high school crush in the real world. Years after running away from his family and marrying Olivia, Owen awakens to realize he's living in a simulation and needs to track down Annie, intertwining their simulations again.

The C pill has tangible effects on Annie and Owen. Annie is able to talk to her sister and finally process her devastating loss. Owen is able to realize that his family is terrible, more or less, and it's not worth lying on the witness stand for his brother in the real-world trial.

The series is a mix of retro science fiction and a dystopian future we might soon face. It was incredibly well written and filmed. Each episode, although having different plots, flowed perfectly together. I give "Maniac" a 10 out of 10.

**10/10**

abippert0851@students.southplainscollege.edu



recorded promotion to passers by, the images appearing on rotating panels rather than flashy LED screens.

Additionally, in this future there are odd jobs/services that appear, such as an AD buddy, and Friend Proxy. An AD buddy is a form of payment that allows users to obtain goods and

keeps reminding him that he is on an important mission and that he will save the world soon.

Meanwhile, his family is protecting Jed, his actual brother, from accusations of sexual misconduct. Owen is planning on defending him by claiming to have witnessed the event. He is fired from his job

beginning of how he is meant to save the world.

As they begin testing, they are taken to where they will stay for the duration. The room looks like something out of an '80's science fiction movie. There are pods for them to sleep in and a table to have meals at, with screens above the table to inform them of

room, with each having two microwave plates on the sides.

The trial begins with the A pill, which stands for "struggle" in Greek. The A pill's effects are the most tangible. The pill is meant to reveal the patient's most raw and significant trauma that has shaped his or her life. Before the computer begins the simulation, Owen throws his pill across the room. He doesn't take the pill, because if this is his mission, is he really supposed to participate?

In Annie's vision, her and her sister Ellie, played by Julia Garner, are traveling to Salt Lake City, where Ellie's fiancé lives. Annie behaves almost cruel toward her sister the entire time. The vision shows why Annie has struggled during her life. Her regret has destroyed her.

The next pill, B, stands for behavioral. After identifying a participant's source of trauma, G.R.T.A creates a personalized pill meant to bulldoze his or her defense mechanisms. This is when the experiment starts to go off the rails. The hallucinations of Annie and Owen become intertwined, which isn't supposed to happen. They experience two sequences together. In the

when testing is. From the color scheme to the computers, you can't put your finger on if it is the past or not.

The participants of the trial take a series of tablets, the A, B, and C pill, and are hooked up to a supercomputer, named G.R.T.A., voiced by Sally Field. G.R.T.A. has artificial intelligence and

services by letting an actor recite ads directly to them. Both Annie and Owen use AD buddy when they are low on funds, which is what draws them to the trial. A Friend Proxy can be hired to be used as company when a person is lonely or feeling down.

The first few episodes focus on telling the stories of who Owen and

and refuses his father's offer of working with his company and his money. He hears about Neberdine and signs on to test their new drug to earn some money.

While there, he meets Annie, which he has been hallucinating in advertisements before he even met her. Grimsson explains that she is the



## DICKEYS

### BARBECUE PIT

©2013 Dickey's Barbecue Restaurants, Inc.

**DINE-IN • TAKE-OUT • CATERING**

**512 COLLEGE AVE.**  
**LEVELLAND, TX 79336**  
**806.568.PORK**  
**DICKEYS.COM**

# October Library Survey

**Let us know how we are doing**

**Fill out a survey at the  
Levelland Library or Reese Library  
Or on the libraries' website**

## Game publisher ends direct sales to local stores



by REECE TURNER  
Entertainment Editor

**M**agic: The Gathering is a high fantasy trading card game that is played around the world.

Wizards of the Coast is a publisher of fantasy and science fiction-themed games originally ran from a basement. Wizards of the Coast, now owned by Hasbro, publishes card games such as Magic: The Gathering and tabletop games such as Dungeons and Dragons.

The direction Wizards of the Coast has been taking with Magic: The Gathering card game is questionable. I think WotC (Wiz-



ards of the Coast) is either hinting at completely stopping production of paper cards, or they think

that they have so much money now that they can do whatever they please without any negative effects on their pocket-book.

In recent years, the card quality has dropped significantly. The new cards coming out warp within 24 hours and bend too easily, compared to older cards. WotC says they like to “experiment” with their product, but I think the terrible card stock experiment has ran its course long enough.

Wizards of the Coast stopped distributing MtG cards directly to game stores this year, announcing their decision in July. This forced local game stores to order through distributors, which made the price of MtG booster boxes rise for local game stores.

Additionally, WotC announced this year that mega-companies such as Amazon and WalMart can now receive direct distribution from WotC. This further distances local game stores from making a decent profit from Magic: the Gathering.

Aaron Eldridge, the owner of Stormcrow Games in Lubbock, poses the question, “What is that (Amazon direct distribution deal) going to do for me running local events for players?”

The heart of the game is in local game stores. Players can meet, play, befriend other players and play competitively at these stores. Typically, the LGSs (Local Game Stores) run events and tournaments, sometimes two or more times a week, and barely see any overhead for these MTG events.

The open-beta release

of Magic: the Gathering Arena has also come into play this month. I am not very familiar with the economics and state of Magic: the Gathering Online, but it seems to me that MtG Arena is the replacement for MtG Online.

But could it also be a replacement for the paper cards in the future? I hope that is not the case, although the direction WotC has been taking regarding paper card quality and distribution hints to me that WotC may be losing interest in the physical aspect of the game.

I do not think that we would see a complete paper replacement for a very long time. That would kill many aspects of the game. Players who enjoy the paper aspect of the game can and will still be able to play certain “formats” of the game. “Formats” are different ways to play Magic, which include specific rules, though lists of banned cards vary between the formats. However it seems that the general consensus of LGS owners on Reddit is: Amazon was always undercutting us anyway; this does not change much.

Eldridge adds, “It’s going to have to run the test of time and see if they have got an idea behind this.”

I agree with Eldridge. Who knows what WotC is thinking and planning? As a consumer, all I can do is eat popcorn, support my local game store and hope the game stays healthy and as fresh as my popcorn.

rturner1440@students.southplainscollege.edu

## Drugs have detrimental consequences on loved ones



by DEBRA MONTANDON  
Staff Writer

My brother died because of alcohol, and I suspect he was a drug runner.

I say this because the route he drove on with his semi-truck was known for being the route to run drugs from Mexico to the United States. I learned this from the news. I learned his route from him.

He died at a young age. I think he was 37 when he died behind the wheel. It was a shock because we had not heard from him in a very long time. I told

him I needed to know where he was, because I tear up every time it is reported that a “semi-truck was in a wreck, but we cannot release the name until we notify the family.” I begged him to tell his girlfriend to let us know if anything ever happened to him so we have closure.

The morning he died, I knew within 45 minutes. His girlfriend called me to let me know what had happened and how it happened. If I had not been persistent, we would not have known of his death.

The morning she called to tell me he had died as the result of an accident, I was not surprised but I was in shock. To lose someone you love so young is not an easy thing to go through. He left behind three kids and a girlfriend. He also left behind a large family who loved him dearly.

You may be asking, “why do you think he was

a drug runner?” When Bill Clinton was in the office as president of the United States for the first term, there was a huge drug bust on a Native Americans reservation between Arkansas and Oklahoma. My brother lived on that reservation. The Native Americans he lived with had my brother’s funeral. We were allowed to attend the funeral, but they sure looked like mean people.

Recently, I have been sick, coughing so bad I can hardly breathe. There is a medicine that I take that works really well, and I have been to four stores looking for it. I finally found out that the medicine can be used to make Meth. No wonder it is so hard to find. Something that helps me can kill others. It breaks my heart.

I have a close, almost like family, friend who works for Children’s Protective Services. He has not worked there very long, but he said recently

that Meth is the number one reason why children are removed from a family. When one looks at all the different ways that Meth can destroy lives, one would have to ask themselves, “Is it better to now start using it at all?”

I know I can’t change the world, but I would like to hope that someone reading this will change their mind and not do drugs. Or I hope that someone reading this will convince someone they know who is doing it or thinking about doing it, to not do it.

If you know someone who is doing it and they have children, please protect those kids. If the parents won’t protect them, then you must.

No one deserves to be overlooked.

dmontandon3740@students.southplainscollege.edu

## Word on the Street

### What is your favorite hang out spot?



“I like to hang out at the movies, because it’s a lot of fun with my friends. I love watching movies. I recently watched, “A Star is Born”; it’s so good.”

Ashley Alvarez  
Pre-nursing  
Sophomore  
Olton



“The garden in the Science Building because, nobody is there. It’s quiet and it’s outside. Sam gives me vegetables every once and a while.”

Christian Thompson  
Education Major  
Sophomore  
Watertown, N.Y.



“I’m in the library all the time, so this is where I like to hang out. It’s peaceful, quiet, and I get a lot of homework done.”

Alma Mendez  
Physical Therapy  
Freshman  
Lockney



“The Student Life Office. We have epic games of UNO, and my friends are here.”

Anthony Garcia  
Education  
Senior  
Sundown



“I like hanging out at hobby shops, card places. Places that sell board games, table tops. I’m a huge nerd. It’s fun, it’s a great place to make friends, because you don’t have to know a person to sit down and play a game with them.”

Holden Hensley  
Art Major  
Sophomore  
Lubbock

Compiled by Reece Turner and Kaitlyn Hyde



## Cross Country teams post impressive times at SPC Open

by **KENDALL RAINER**  
Associate Editor/  
Sports Editor

The South Plains College men's and women's cross country teams put

Levelland. The Texans tied for first place in the team results with West Texas A&M, among the 22 teams that participated. The Texans placed 10 runners among the top 10 finishers in the eight-

of 26:00.00. Freshman Japhet Toroitich placed second with a time of 26:01.90.

Sophomore Filmon Beyene placed fifth, posting a time of 26:15.40. Jesse Madrid wasn't far behind, finishing eighth with a time of 26:51.60.

"I thought both the men and women performed well this past weekend," said Erik Vance head track and field coach at SPC. "They continue to push each other and run tough week in and week out."

For the

Lady Texans, freshman Gladys Jemaiyo placed second overall, posting a time of 18:20.40. Dorcus Ewoi

placed third with a time of 19:04.00, while freshman Angela Rodriguez placed

point, we are just focused on continuing to improve our fitness and making

Junior College Open at Harry McAdams Park on Sept. 28.



The SPC Cross Country teams competed in the SPC Open on Oct. 6 at Brasher Lake in Levelland. Photos by KENDALL RAINER/PLAINSMAN PRESS



on an impressive performance at the SPC Open.

The meet was held on Oct. 6 at Brasher Lake in

kilometer race. Sophomore Andrew Bosquez was the first across the finish line, posting a time

ans, freshman Gladys Jemaiyo placed second overall, posting a time of 18:20.40. Dorcus Ewoi

18th overall, posting a time of 20:40.50.

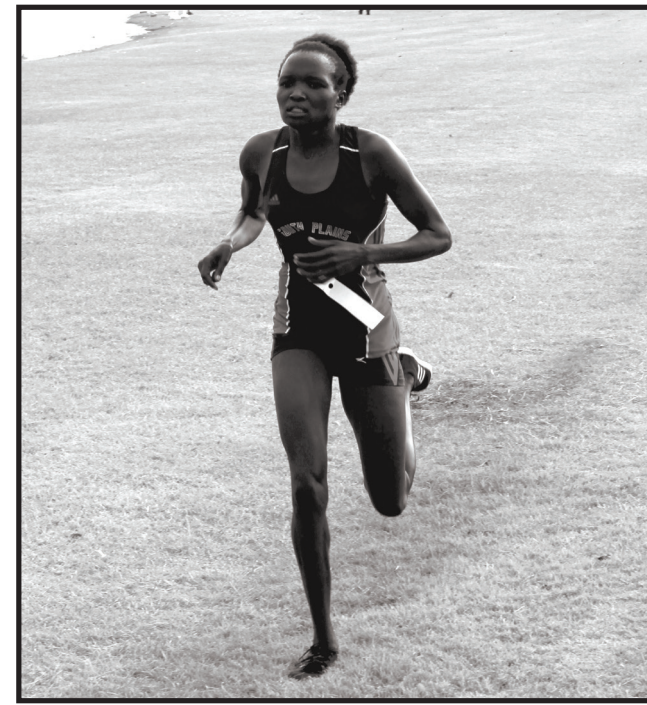
"You just try to con-

sure our squad is healthy heading into the Regional championships at Ranger

The Texans placed first with an average time of 22:13.04, with four runners finishing in the top seven spots.

Bosquez placed first with a time of 21:35.39. Beyene placed fifth with a time of 21:59.76, followed by Toroitich in sixth with a time of 22:12.43, and Madrid in seventh with a time of 22:18.39.

The Lady Texans placed third overall with a team average of 20:29.84. Jemaiyo placed second, posting a time of 18:03.75. Ewoi finished seventh with a time of 19:12.79, and Rodriguez finished 18th with a time of 20:42.55.



## Professional football glamorized, lacks loyalty



by **AUTUMN BIPPERT**  
Editor-in-Chief

One of the most popular sports in the country is football. The Super Bowl alone gets around 100 million views a year.

I love football, the energy and excitement. But

more than that. It's about the community, the team and school. College football is all about the loyalty and pride of the game.

Most people like college football because of the tradition and the sense of community. That's what makes the sport great. The nostalgic feeling that you get every year in the fall when college football begins is something that cannot be compared. The traditions are more abundant and more meaningful.

It's the same sport, but it's two different games. Many people equate the two, because college games looks like pro games. Both take place

better players? You're just flipping through channels watching what seems like the same game after game. Most fans like action, and there is more action at the college level.

Salary cap rules encourage NFL teams to fill rosters with young, cheap players. But they are allowed fewer full-contact practices, which limits how players unfamiliar with NFL style learn.

Ideas and styles have moved from high school to college. Some of the most influential systems in college football have been introduced by coaches who started as high school coaches. Most NFL coaches have resisted

the new ideas. NFL coaches and executives have blamed college offenses for a lack of NFL-ready quarterbacks and of-

fensive linemen.

NFL games are about strategies, like a game of chess, while college games are about the skill of the players.

At this point, the NFL has become boring and glamorized just to make a profit. The whole point of professional football is to make money. It resembles professional wrestling at this point, cheap and played out.



I hate the NFL, and I refuse to watch professional football.

In college and high school football, people cheer for where they attend/attended school or their hometown school. There is loyalty in college and high school football that the NFL lacks. Followers of NFL teams often switch who they cheer for. That makes the experience feel cheap. You're not actually invested in the team.

The only reason a player goes to the NFL is for a paycheck, while, for college players, it's about

in large stadiums under bright lights, with players in shiny uniforms, and is broadcasted to a national television audience.

College football players are just better at playing college football than NFL players are at playing NFL football. This is mainly because of how the two are structured. Rules and penalties between the two vary in several areas, including number of feet a receiver must have in bounds for a completed pass, down by contact rule, and defensive holding. Don't you want to watch a better game with

abippert0851@students.southplainscollege.edu

tinue to improve your conditioning and adapt to situations in a race," Vance added. "At this

and Nationals a month from now."

The teams also competed at the New Mexico

krainer1618@students.southplainscollege.edu

## Women's Rodeo team captures title at Vernon

by **KENDALL RAINER**  
Associate Editor/  
Sports Editor

The South Plains College women's rodeo team captured the team title using strong performances at the Vernon College Rodeo.

The men's and women's team competed in the event, which was held on Oct. 2 at Vernon College.

Freshman Kaytlyn Miller placed first in goat tying with a run of 7.2 in the long round and 7.3 in the finals, averaging 14.5. Freshman Elle Eagles placed fifth in the event with a 7.7 run in the long round and an 8.7 in the finals, averaging 16.4.

Freshman Kody Criswell placed second in breakaway roping with a time of 2.4 in the long round and a 3.1 in the finals, averaging 5.5.

For the Texans, freshman Colton McCarley placed first in tie down roping with a time of 10.0 in the long round and an 8.3 in the finals, averaging 18.3.

Freshman Grady Quam and Cisco College's Paden Bray tied for second place in team roping with SPC's Hadley and Hayden Cloward. Quam and Bray posted a time of 7.1 in the long round and a 6.4 in the finals, averaging 13.5. Hadley and Hayden posted a time of 7.0 in the long round and a 6.5 in the finals, averaging 13.5 as well.

The SPC men's and women's rodeo teams also competed at the Sul Ross State University Rodeo in Alpine on Sept. 27.

For the Lady Texans, Miller captured the women's all-around title. She placed second in goat tying with 110 points and recorded a 7.0 in the long round and a 6.5 in the short, finishing with an average of 13.5. Miller finished 10th in barrel racing, recording a time of 16.88 in the long round and a 22.17 in the finals.

Sophomore Delaney Kunau placed second in breakaway roping, after posting a 2.7 in the long round and a 2.8 in the finals, averaging 5.5. Freshman Carly Christian

placed sixth, posting a 6.0 in the long round and a 13.0 in the finals, averaging a 16.0.

For the Texans, Freshman Cooper Bennett placed fourth in bareback riding. He posted a score of 74 in the long round and a score of 67 in the finals, ending with an average of 141.

Sophomore Britt Bedke placed sixth in steer wrestling, posting a 5.7 in the long round and a 14.1 in the finals. Freshman Tucker Kindt finished seventh after posting a time of 4.7 in the long round, but was unable to score in the finals.

Hadley and Hayden Cloward placed second in team roping, with a 5.2 run in the long round and a 6.9 in the finals, averaging 12.1.

The teams returned to action on Oct. 11 - Oct. 13, competing in Amarillo at the West Texas A&M Rodeo. Results were not available at press time.

krainer1618@students.southplainscollege.edu

# Street Eats...

## Food trucks offer variety, unique aesthetics

by KAITLYN HYDE  
Photo Editor

**B**arbecue. Street tacos. Sweet treats. Among other options, food trucks offer a variety of choices that encourage individuals to try new foods that cannot be found anywhere else.

Food trucks and Badges non-profit organization to help benefit first responders and their families who experience traumatic events.

Early in the morning, despite the windy weather, long lines quickly began to form in front of the variety of trucks available to choose from. According to many attending the event, the favorite was of course, Barbeque.

Chopped and Sliced, a food truck that has been around for almost 10 years, has become even more popular during the past three years.

“Lubbock is finally catching on to all the good food that these trucks have to offer,” says Shawn Stevens, owner of Chopped and Sliced.

“You know, I think the people of Lubbock are getting more into food

are growing in popularity across the United States, creating a local and authentic vibe that people of all ages can enjoy. The mobile food industry is rapidly becoming a popular sensation that almost everyone is taking part in, especially in Lubbock.

Hungry college students and residents within the community are beginning to see that some of the best food in Lubbock lies in the up-and-coming food trucks.

Hundreds of people brought their appetites to the first West Texas Food Truck Championship on Oct. 7 in south Lubbock.

The event was hosted by Hub City Food Trucks at Cook’s Garage, with all proceeds going to the Boots



trucks because there is such a wide variety of choices, and it’s something to go out and do with your friends and family,” Stevens added. “Just walk around and enjoy all there is to be offered.”

According to Stevens, the best seller on their menu is the pulled pork grilled cheese sandwiches and frito pies.

From brisket sandwiches, smoked ribs, and a variety of sausage, the employees of Chopped and Sliced all agreed that the biggest complement they have been given would be attributed to their homemade barbeque sauce.

“We try to go to as many events like this as we can,” said Rachel Wills, who attended the event. “My favorite truck so far definitely has to be the street tacos. It’s convenient that they are super cheap, but the tacos are so good.”

Josh Gutierrez, owner of Now We Taco’N, ran one of the more popular

street trucks at the event. While attending a music festival in Michigan, Gutierrez waited in line for more than 30 minutes for a \$9 taco. He knew that he could make a better street taco for half the price.

After returning to

truck festivals. They have plans to expand all the way to Colorado in 2019 and bring their truck to ski resorts for the summer.

“We mainly serve tacos, burritos, and quesadillas,” Gutierrez said. “Although, we are trying to expand our menu and serve full plates

years, I have been trying to perfect my recipes for different waffles,” Bell said. “What I sent to the judges is one of my most popular items on the menu, the Mama Mia.”

It featured a waffle with a Nutella spread, layered with



Lubbock, he and his brother, Albert Gutierrez, began their business in 2014. For him, the taco business is a fulfilling way to positively impact people’s daily lives.

“I’m a person who enjoys cooking,” Gutierrez said. “Making people happy and seeing how much they enjoy your food is the best part.”

Gutierrez explains that they mostly sell their food at music festivals or food

with sides like beans and rice, or fajitas.”

Another food truck at the event had an interesting menu, as a crowd of people waited patiently in line to buy waffles that were mounted with sweets.

The truck was started by Texas Tech student Brandon Bell, who started experimenting with breakfast items one day with his sisters.

“I started the truck myself, and for the past three

strawberries, bananas, a scoop of ice cream, a sprinkle of crushed Frosted Flakes, and finally a drizzle of caramel and chocolate syrup.

Bell says that he normally caters to smaller events. However, this was his first competition and is excited to have the opportunity to share his creations with others.

His mother and sisters also drove out from San Antonio to support Bell during the event.

After a full day of food, live music, fun games and more, the judges announced this year’s winners at the first West Texas Food Truck Championship. They are: Best Drink, The Coffee Can; Best Dessert, Kurbside Sweets; Best Mexican / Street Taco, Dos Hermanas Restaurant & Food Truck; Best Barbeque, Lubbock Pacific Grub; and Best Main Dish, Angel Star Food Truck.

khyde6274@students.southplainscollege.edu

Photos by AUTUMN BIPPERT AND KAITLYN HYDE/ PLAINSMAN PRESS

