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PINK HEALS

The pink fire trucks are on the move again!!!! The Pink Heals Tour joined together again this year to raise awareness, educate and celebrate the efforts to fight and conquer cancer in women. Big Spring firefighter Jay Holt joined the tour this year for the opportunity to honor and support women in their battle against cancer.

As Dr. Lisa Benham with the Fresno County Office of Education stated, “the love, hope and support that Jay gives provides strength to the movement and celebrates the women who are battling cancer. Jay’s enthusiasm was a dynamic part of the Pink Heals Tour and he was a professional who demonstrated the courage of a warrior and the determination of a man undaunted by the tremendous challenges of being away from his job and family.” Participants in the tour have to be extremely dedicated and spend many hours attending events. Their mission is to provide support to many women with a focus on celebrating their health.

Jay utilized his speaking and coaching techniques and strategies to provide a model for those with less experience.

The support of Pink Heals dramatically and positively affects the lives of very deserving women. The tour’s founder, Dave Graybill, believes every woman deserves an opportunity to be celebrated.

The tour took Jay to California with stops in Hermosa Beach, Santa Clarita, Bakersfield, Wood, Fresno, Stockton and San Jose. The most memorable stop for Jay was at a children’s hospital in central California where he had the opportunity to visit with children battling cancer.

Dr. Benham added, “He (Jay) brings out the best in everyone and instills a courage that is necessary when we face some of our daily challenges. Jay’s disposition, sense of humor, and compassion for his work make knowing him a joy. There are few people who are talented or genuine enough to do Jay’s job as well as he does it.” We are very proud of you Jay and we are honored to have you as part of our team! For more information on the Pink Heals Tour log on to the website at www.pinkfiretrucks.org.



Photos: FAR LEFT: Big Spring Firefighter Jay Holt was appointed as the "Guardian of the Ribbon" for this year's Pink Heals Tour. LEFT: Firefighter Holt (middle) and two other firefighters are seen with the honorary pink fire truck that is covered with thousands of signatures of cancer survivors and their family members.

NEW OFFICERS SWORN IN
Big Spring POLICE

We are pleased to announce that the three newest members of the Big Spring Police Department were sworn in on June 1, 2011 by Police Chief Lonnie Smith. Officers Simon Elizondo, Patrick Gonzales and Kevin King were sworn in after their graduation from the Permian Basin Law Enforcement Academy in Midland on May 27, 2011. Each officer took a turn raising his right hand in solemn promise to uphold the laws of the commonwealth and serve the people of Big Spring.

The three officers successfully completed the rigorous, paramilitary sixteen week basic police training program that provided classroom lectures, physical fitness training, practical exercises and firearms and defensive tactics training. They will continue their training with Big Spring Police Department field training officers, working with experienced officers from the department and learning firsthand the intricacies of everyday police work. Upon successful completion of field training, each officer will be assigned to one of the three patrol shifts and assume the role of patrolman.

RETIREMENT News

On behalf of the City of Big Spring Administration and staff, we offer congratulations to Kenny Scott on his retirement after thirty five years of service with the City of Big Spring. Kenny began his employment with the city in 1976 as a maintenance worker. At the time of his retirement he was the Water and Wastewater Manager for the city.

We bid him a fond farewell but there is no doubt we will miss Kenny. He has been a great colleague to many during his years with the city. We have valued his work, his wisdom and his smile. We thank you, Kenny, for your years of exceptional service and wish you well in your retirement!

Photo: Kenny Scott (middle) is pictured at his retirement reception with his wife, Helen, and his two daughters.



PRAIRIE DOG FLY IN

The 6th Annual Prairie Dog Fly-In Breakfast, hosted by the City of Big Spring/McMahon-Wrinkle Airport was a great success! The fly-in offers area pilots a fun destination and this year's turnout brought in over 20 aircraft, including 9 vintage aircraft from the Midland CAF High Sky Wing. Volunteers served over 80 pancake breakfasts to pilots who came from several neighboring communities, some traveling from as far away as Pecos, Texas. Visitors enjoyed the new runway and terminal facilities. We wish to extend our thanks to all that helped make the event a success including Mayor Duncan for his support as well as the Big Spring Police and Fire Departments and EMS crews who were on stand-by for the duration of the event. The event wouldn't have been possible without the help of the Airport Board and Airpark staff.



News West 9 will be broadcasting "Under West Texas Skies" from Big Spring's Heart of the City Park (corner of 2nd and Main) on Friday, July 15th. The first broadcast will be at 4 pm. There will be food vendors, game booths, live music and the Big Spring Film Society will show "Ghostbusters" at dark. If you would like operate a booth at the fair, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641. Booths spaces are \$25 each. Come out and enjoy the festivities and support our community and local vendors!!!

CONGRATULATIONS

**Steve Bedell * Clarence Ross
Phil Whitten**

on successful completion of the 2010-2011 "Leadership Big Spring" program. These employees were sponsored in the program by the City of Big Spring. The Leadership Program allows participants to experience personal growth in leadership while allowing them to see the importance of economic and community development, the city and county government at work as well as the assets that our community offers through the various businesses that were visited throughout the program.

BIG SPRING FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

Hours of Operation

Tuesday through Friday 12 noon - 8 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Daily entrance fees

Age 2 & under - FREE
Age 3 & up - \$5.00

Punch Pass - \$50.00 (good for 12 entries)

Pavilions are available to rent for private parties. For information contact the Aquatic Center office at (432) 264/2484

City employees must pay all applicable entrance fees at the Big Spring Family Aquatic Center.



JULY

- Devoun Blount 7/4
- Aaron Mendoza 7/4
- Courtney Holdampf 7/5
- Nancy Jones 7/6
- Lt. Bob Fitzgibbons Jr. 7/8
- Becky Letz 7/8
- Kevin King 7/9
- Derwin Fry 7/12
- Lionel Perez 7/12
- Thomas Batterton 7/13
- Cpl. Mark Daily 7/13
- Vickie Cortez 7/14
- Orlando Chavez 7/15
- Jake Sparks 7/17
- Abel Pesina 7/18
- Colt Price 7/19
- DC Richard Grove 7/20
- Mark Compean 7/20
- Perry Hall 7/21
- Steven Fryar 7/23
- Jennifer Cloud 7/26
- Edward Gonzales 7/26
- Manuel Gonzales Jr. 7/29
- Col. James Little 7/30

AUGUST

- Jesse Baker 8/1
- Lt. Daniel Gibbs 8/5
- Eric Barber 8/5
- DC Glenn Graves 8/7
- Pamela Vinson 8/11
- Hector Granado 8/11
- Adolfo Salazar 8/11
- Juan Montelongo 8/12
- DC Steven Hedges 8/13
- Patrick Gonzales 8/13
- Brandon Hayes 8/14
- Jack Birdwell 8/15
- Casey Powell 8/16
- Steven Patterson 8/17
- David Martin 8/17
- Lt. Daniel Hendrickson 8/18
- Terri Telchik 8/24
- Joseph Roden 8/24
- Jana Murpree 8/25
- Cabell Mackie 8/26
- Samuel Nevils 8/27
- Michael Mahaney 8/29
- Gina Valencia 8/30
- Augustine Garcia Jr. 8/31

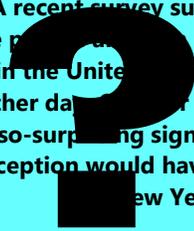


SEPTEMBER

- Thad Thomas 9/1
- Brian Jensen 9/4
- DC Alex Calvio 9/5
- Lt. Mark Heinis 9/7
- Lesa Coskey 9/7
- David Miramontes 9/9
- Lewis Hilario 9/11
- Robert Evans 9/12
- Chad Hoban 9/12
- Lt. Terry Chamness 9/13
- DC Steve Bedell 9/13
- Nancy Crenshaw 9/15
- Daniel Silen 9/15
- Cpl. Michael Moore 9/15
- Benjamin Bias 9/16
- Rosemarie Lopez 9/16
- James Taylor Jr. 9/17
- Robert Stapp Jr. 9/18
- Daniel Subia 9/18
- Leon Rodriquez 9/19
- Cpl. Travis Simmons 9/20
- Johnny Bedell 9/22
- Andrew Jones 9/22
- Peggy Walker 9/24
- Harley Taff 9/24
- Roy L. Spivey 9/25
- Joe Rios 9/25
- Sgt. Tony Everett 9/25
- Curtis Welch 9/26
- Michael Coffman 9/27
- Michelle Sanchez 9/28
- Rick Boiles 9/29

Did You Know?

A recent survey suggests that more people celebrate on October 5th in the United States than any other date. October 5th holds a not-so-surprising significance, as conception would have fallen on New Year's Eve. :-)





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Welcome New City Employees

Daylon Glover	Fire Department
Andrew Jones	Fire Department
Kevin Arant	Golf Course
David Alaman	Fire Department
Casey Powell	Sports Complex
Juan Montelongo	Golf Course
Crystal Rowe	Police Identification Tech
Dominique Gonzales	Utilities
Fredrick Rubio Jr.	Utilities
Matthew Hindman	Fire Department
Nadia Garcia	Water Billing Office
Willie Wright	Compost
Phillip Cummings	Seasonal Maintenance
Mackenzie Miles	Aquatic Center
Clifford Thompson	Aquatic Center
Derek Moseley	Sanitation

COMING SOON...OPEN ENROLLMENT

The open enrollment period for insurance is offered to all City of Big Spring employees in September. It is during open enrollment that employees can make changes to their health, dental and life insurance coverage. Employees are encouraged to look carefully at all of the available insurance plan options and determine what changes, if any, you want to make in your insurance benefits.

Benefits information is available in the Human Resources office in City Hall or by calling the Benefits Coordinator at 264-2347. All employees must attend Open Enrollment to complete their paperwork for the new plan year. A schedule of meeting times will be distributed with paychecks in August. All meetings will be open to all employees!



The drive will be at City Council Chambers. Please call Human Resources at 264-2346 to schedule an appointment. All City employees who donate are entered in a drawing for a FREE DAY OFF!!!

October 13, 2011 | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thank you to everyone who donated blood at the drive on June 10, 2011. Thanks to our donors, we collected a total of 45 units of blood for the blood bank! Congratulations to Brenda Garrett, winner of the certificate for a free day off!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The City of Big Spring Employee Appreciation Picnic will be held on Friday, September 2, 2011 at 12 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

All employees are invited to join us for lunch & the service awards presentation. Don't forget to cast your vote for the Employees and Supervisor of the Year. Those who attend will be eligible for door prizes to be awarded at the picnic.