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## Local, state, national leaders speak at Big Spring Rail ribbon-cutting



By **ROGER CLINE**  
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*"Railroad iron is a magician's rod, in its power to evoke the sleeping energies of land and water." - Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Big Spring is tapping into the vital energy of the railroad that Emerson spoke of with

the expansion of Big Spring Rail Systems Inc. The most recent expansion - Phase Four of the expansion project - invested an additional \$2.4 million into rail infrastructure in Big Spring. All told, the project has added approximately six miles of track inside Big Spring's

McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, allowing the park's businesses to service a greatly increased volume of rail cargo.

Thursday, community, state, and national leaders gathered on the tarmac at the Airpark to sing the

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HERALD photos/Roger Cline

Bottom left, Big Spring Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Terry Wegman introduces State Representative Drew Darby at the Big Spring Rail Systems Inc. Expansion Project Phase Four ribbon-cutting Thursday morning. Top, Wegman prepares to cut the ribbon as, from left, Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan, Darby, State Senator Kel Seliger, Big Spring Rail Systems Inc. President Dave Lee, Big Spring City Councilman Jim DePauw, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark Director Jim Little, Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman, and U.S. Representative Jodey Arrington look on. Bottom right, Arrington takes over the microphone to offer his remarks on Rail Project after being introduced by Wegman.



## CASA of West Texas lunch and learn



HERALD photo/Tyler Schellie

Coordinators and staff members of CASA of West Texas share important information over lunch regarding foster care to potential up and coming Court Appointed Special Advocates for foster children in Big Spring Thursday, October 4. Local advocates are always needed. For information on how you can become an advocate for our local children, please call the CASA of West Texas Big Spring office at 432-263-4162.

## BSAA Art Show

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**  
 Staff Writer

One of the greatest authors of all time, Leo Tolstoy, once said, "Art is the activity by which a person, having experienced an emotion, intentionally transmits it to others." The dictionary definition of art says that it is "the conscious use of skill and creative imagination, especially in the production of aesthetic objects" (Merriam-Webster)

The thing about art is that it's so diverse. There are as many ways to understand it as there are people. That's why there are scholars who give their own special definition



Courtesy photo

Michelle Worthan, BSAA President, accepts an entry into the 64th annual Membership Show which will be on exhibit now through Oct. 25 in the Hall Center for The Arts at Howard College.

of the word.

If you are an art enthusiast, or even would like to learn more about it, then come out to the 64th Big Spring Art As-

sociation (BSAA) annual membership art show. Gorgeous works of art are on display at

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## Halloween Safe Spots

Editor's note: If you would like your business or organization placed on the Big Spring Herald's list of Halloween Safe Spots, please e-mail your business name, time, date, location and any additional information regarding your Safe Spot to Amber Mansfield at [life@bigspringherald.com](mailto:life@bigspringherald.com). Updated lists will be featured on Sunday, Oct. 21 and Sunday, Oct. 28.

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## It's ArttoberFest time!



HERALD file photo

Noah Flores and his dad Daniel practice their sidewalk chalk drawing skills at the 2016 Arttober festival in downtown Big Spring.

By **TYLER SCHELLIE**  
 Staff Writer

The Desert Flower Art Bar will be hosting their third annual ArttoberFest, and with stellar turnouts the past two previous years, they continue to brainstorm and find ways to improve the event.

This year, be sure to check out the live music, food, refreshments, street performers and a large variety of activities for the children and parents to take part in. ArttoberFest kicks off

Saturday, October 6th at 3 p.m., and event organizers are still looking for volunteers to help set up and maintain a variety of booths and games.

"There are tons of activities for the kids to get into," said Desert Flower Owner Jeannine Thibault "Also it is a good way to show the fun side of art as children, parents and locals gather and try their hands at pottery, painting on canvas, rocks, and much more."

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## Military Informed Care

By **TYLER SCHELLIE**  
 Staff Writer

The Military Veteran Peer Network (MVPN) - West Texas Centers will be hosting the Military Informed care event on Wednesday, October 17 at 9 a.m.

The MVPN is a group of veterans and veteran family members committed to supporting active and former service members by offering mentorship and guidance, as well as helping veterans access the services and resources

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