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Community pays homage to fallen Marine Shawn Patrick Hefner

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The entire community of Hico turned out last week to honor U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Shawn Patrick Hefner, 22, who was killed in Afghanistan Nov. 13.

Hefner's body arrived by motorcade escort from Waco Thursday, Nov. 19. Hico school children were excused from class and joined townspeople lining both sides of Hwy. 6, standing silently at attention as the motorcade and hearse arrived at Rutledge Funeral Home. The Patriot Guard Riders motorcycle veterans group also provided escort and honors. People in many other towns along the route also turned out in salute as the procession passed.

A contingent of U.S. Marines accompanied the body and provided full military honors at the funeral on Friday, Nov. 20, including a 21-gun salute at Hico Cemetery. Hefner graduated from Hico High School in 2006 and joined the Marines in 2008. He was killed by an explosive device while on foot patrol in the Helmand province of Afghanistan. Lance Cpl. Hefner is the son of Patrick and Robin Hefner of Hico.

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Turn to our "Special Hico Holiday Shopping Guide" inside this issue to find all the reasons to patronize Hico merchants for your Christmas shopping this year. Something for everyone on your shopping list can be found right here in Hico while you support your local friends and businesses. Happy shopping and Merry Christmas from all your Hico shops and *The Hico News Review*.

Hico school administrators starring in leadership video



Hico Junior High principal Shelli Stegall faces the camera as a film crew from Hallmarks of Excellence in Education Leadership interviews her on her experiences since participating in the program this summer. Hico News Review photo by Anna Belew.

By **ANNA BELEW**
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Hico ISD administrators recently took part in an educational leadership program and then served as models for the program's promotional materials.

Superintendent Rod Townsend, Athletic Direc-

tor Keith Wood, High School Principal Steve James, Junior High Principal Shelli Stegall, and Elementary Principal Deborah McGavock were all interviewed on camera last Wednesday, Nov. 18, and their footage will be used for a promotional video for the program that is new to schools and the State of Texas.

The Hallmarks of Excellence® in Educational Leadership program has previously been used in the corporate world and this is the first time to be used in the school setting. Forty seven school administrators from eight Texas districts took part in the pilot program in August.

"We had our assessment

in August and had our first meeting on August 12," Stegall said. "We'll continue to meet once a month through January."

According to the Hallmarks website, www.ehallmarks.com, its purpose is to evaluate leadership com-

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Tournament winners...

The Lady Tigers varsity basketball team took home the championship from the Hico Tournament held on Nov. 19-21. The team defeated Zephyr in the first round by a score of 50-31. They next defeated Strawn, with a score of 74-37. For the championship game the Lady Tigers defeated the Meridian Lady Jackets by a score of 54-51 in overtime. Pictured back row left to right: Sierra Sklar, Stacey Underwood, Cristina Sanchez, Cheyenne Polk, Claudia Zuniga, Cassi Stegall. Front row: Cara Finstad, Shaylee Turner, Roxana Rocha, Tristan Till. Hico News Review photo by Traci Till.

COUNCIL CONTINUES RENOVATION PROJECT REVIEWS

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In a special called meeting of the Hico City Council Monday, Nov. 23., council members decided not to install 12 new electrical outlets to the front of the renovated City Hall building.

The outlets were disputed at previous council meetings, as to whether or not replacing the outlets should have been a part of the original bid for electrical service by contractor Duane Johnson. The council decided last Monday, Nov. 16, to pay Johnson an additional \$750 to replace the outlets, but decided against

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