



# Casey Brous wins \$1,000 Hico shopping spree

Tarleton State University student and Hico High School graduate Casey Brous was the big winner of a \$1,000 shopping spree given by Hico merchants during their "Spring Open House" event here Saturday, March 27. Brous is the daughter of Hico Justice of the Peace Laurie Brous-Jackson. Raffle tickets for the merchant prize were sold for \$5 each, with proceeds going to the Hico Parent/Teacher Organization to help purchase books for Hico students. Over \$1,000 in gift certificates were donated by local merchants for the prize drawing, which was held Saturday afternoon. Shown in photo are Casey Brous, left, with Petra Mowrey of the Hico PTO. Local shop owners termed the event a huge success with lots of downtown shoppers and participants over the weekend.



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## Fallen Marine honored in ceremony at Hico High School...



The Hico High School gymnasium was filled at a special assembly Friday morning, March 26, when the Cunningham American Legion Post 222 from Hamilton presented a Fallen Soldier Memorial Plaque and Gold Star Banner to the family of U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Shawn Hefner. The high school student body and dozens of members of the community looked on as several plaques and certificates of appreciation and tribute were presented to the Hefner family.

Lance Corporal Hefner, 22, a 2006 Hico High School graduate, was killed Nov. 13, 2009, in Afghanistan. He is the son of Patrick and Robin Hefner of Hico. Also on hand at the somber ceremony was a U.S. Marine

Color Guard and more than a dozen Marines, including three who had served with Hefner's unit in Afghanistan.

PHOTOS, TOP: The Marine Color Guard presents flags prior to the National Anthem played by the Hico High School Band; ABOVE RIGHT: Hamilton County Judge Randy Mills (standing at left) presents Patrick Hefner (father of Shawn) with a plaque and American flag which has flown at the State Capital on behalf of State Representative Sid Miller; ABOVE LEFT: Two Marines from Hefner's unit pause after the ceremony to gaze at a photo of their fallen comrade. Hico News Review photos by Jerry McAdams.



### Annual Billy The Kid celebration set for Saturday downtown

Hico's annual Billy The Kid Day celebration is set for Saturday, April 3, downtown. Sponsored by the Hico Chamber of Commerce, the event will include a full day of family activities starting at 9 a.m. with food and craft vendors.

This year, the Chamber is having a jam, jelly, relish and salsa contest. Ribbons and bragging rights will be awarded to the top three places in each category, along with a people's choice award. The top winner will also be able to auction off their specialty at the end of the contest.

Visitors will also want to stick around to watch the Karem Cowboys from Karem Shrine out of Waco do a spectacular old west gun fight reenactment.

### Tarleton cancels controversial play

Tarleton State University called off the controversial play "Corpus Christi" which had been scheduled to be performed in a class setting Saturday, March 27.

The play, selected and produced by students as a class project, reportedly involves comparison of Jesus Christ to a homosexual lifestyle.

Numerous complaints were lodged at Tarleton, including some reported threats. University officials had originally defended the play as an exercise in free speech, but cancelled the play late Friday, reportedly citing safety concerns and expected protesters on the campus.

## HHS One Act Play advances to Area competition

Hico High School One Act Play cast and crew members competed in the Zone competition on Tuesday, March 23, at Hamilton High School and advanced to the next level of competition. Best Actress honors went to Samantha Ballard and Best Actor was Mitchell Gilpin. All-Star Cast included Brittney Karasek and Cassi Stegall, Honorable Mention went to Kevon Mitchell and Lauren Bales. District competition was held at Lorena High School on Saturday, March 27. The play again advanced and will be competing next in Area at Hillsboro High School on April 10th. All-Star Cast included, Cassi Stegall, Kevon Mitchell, and Cody Collums. Honorable mention went to Samantha Ballard and Eric Heinrichs. Outstanding Crew honors went to Grant Johnson. The play, "SF The Rimers of Eldritch" is a drama written by Lanford Wilson. Pictured right are the cast and crew members. Back row (l-r): Clayton Redder, Eric Heinrichs, Josh Johnson, Bradley Stringer, Grant Johnson, Kevon Mitchell. Middle row: Shelby Gilson, Brittney Karasek, Cody Collums, Cassi Stegall, Lauren Bales, Samantha Ballard, Loryn Ensminger. Front row: Natalie Stringer, Taylor Cooper, Alyssa Matthews, Sierra Sklar, Morgan Oxley and Britney Mingus. (not pictured is Mitchell Gilpin.) Hico News Review photo by Traci Till.



### Hamilton County deputy dies in off duty wreck

Hamilton County Sheriff's Deputy Ryan Craig Isham was killed in a one-vehicle accident early Friday morning, March 26.

Isham, 26, was a new recruit to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department.

According to reports, Isham was about two miles north of Stephenville on US Hwy. 67 when the accident occurred around 3:30 a.m. Isham was driving a 2001

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