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West Texas VA gives Town Hall Meeting

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Larry Thompson, left, director of pharmacy at the Big Spring's West Texas VA Health Care System, addresses the concerns of a veteran, right, at the VA's Town Hall Meeting Thursday evening as WTVAHCS Director Kalautie JangDhari, center, looks on. About 45 people turned out to the event held in the facility's Clara Lewis Outpatient Waiting Room. JangDhari introduced her leadership team to those present and addressed several issues, including the recent renaming of the waiting room in honor of Lewis, a volunteer at the VA with 43 years of service; high turnover among healthcare providers the facility and steps the VA's leadership team is taking to address the issue; the VA's crisis support services including the National Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273-8255; the \$33 million of construction projects currently in the works at WTVAHCS, including the construction of home-style Community Living Centers in four 10-person buildings on the grounds of the VA; and VA staff's efforts to improve the facility's 1-star rating on the Veteran's Administrations Strategic Analytics for Improvement and Learning (SAIL) assessment. Following her talk, JangDhari fielded questions from the public on such topics as service costs for veterans with pensions and systems in place for sequencing of veterans for outpatient services.



SMMC Tree Lighting Ceremony

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**
 Staff Writer

Another local entity is getting into the Christmas spirit. Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC) is inviting the community out to their annual Tree Lighting Ceremony scheduled to take place at the front lawn of SMMC on Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 6:30 p.m., located at 1601 W 11th. The Tree Lighting Ceremony is open to the general public and serves as a way for SMMC to say thanks to the community and to show their appreciation.

"This year has included strengthening existing service lines, building trust in the community, enhancing health care services through improved processes and opening access for our community when it comes to healthcare. During this holiday season, we want to take

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HERALD file photo

The photo above shows the illuminated tree that was featured in last year's SMMC Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Finding their voice

Four CHS students return to State FFA LDE contest



Courtesy photo

Pictured from the left include Coahoma FFA Chapter members Micah Worley, Emilee Custer, Julia Cox, Aubrey Green and adviser Aaron Custer. The four CHS students are currently competing in the FFA LDE state contest.

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — Micah Worley, Julia Cox, Emilee Custer, and Aubrey Green are becoming quite used to performing at a high level in public speaking contests.

The four Coahoma FFA (Future Farmers of America) members are making a return appearance at the Texas FFA LDE (Leadership Development Events) contest set for this Friday and Saturday at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville.

Although experience public speakers, they all admitted to feeling a little jittery when it's time to perform in front of the judges, but a little pep talk from their chapter adviser, Aaron Custer, helps to settle their nerves, Emilee Custer said.

"He tells us to do it like we do it at home, so it's pretty easy for us to take a deep breath and think we're just at home, we're

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Big Spring Herald's Christmas Countdown



Carrie says
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(Carrie Harvel Asst. Circulation Manager)

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KBEST's Christmas Lights Contest

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**
 Staff Writer

It's the most wonderful time of the year! In an effort to help spread a little holiday cheer throughout Big Spring, KBEST Media started a new Christmas tradition last December with the KBEST inaugural Big Spring Christmas Lights Contest, and since it was such a success they are bringing it back. With the help from so many local businesses, they are able to extend the contest to all of Howard County!

"Last year was our first

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HERALD file photo

Winners of last year's KBEST Media Christmas Lights Contest pose with staff of KBEST at the prize presentation ceremony held at the Historic Spring Plaza in Comanche Trail Park. Kneeling in the front row include: News Director Adrienne Green, Operations Manager Mark Richardson, and Managing Partner Malinda Flenniken.



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Obituaries

Violet Amelia (Livaich) Mancill



Violet Amelia (Livaich) Mancill passed peacefully in her sleep Oct. 3, 2018, at the age of 89 at her home in Dallas, Texas. Her family will honor her life in a short service in the chapel of Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring, Texas, at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1, conducted by Father Christian Rabone of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. All are welcome. Her ashes will be interred shortly after.

Violet first shined her loving light into this world Jan. 28, 1929, in Cleveland, Ohio, the second child of Croatian immigrants Yuko and Marija Livaich.

With the family living in ethnic enclaves around downtown Cleveland, her father earned a hard-working living as a crane mechanic for Republic Steel.

Growing up, Violet loved literature and art, but most of all popular Big Band and Jazz music and singing. Around the age of 11, she entered and won a city-wide singing contest.

She graduated from John Adams High School in 1947 and worked in retail sales at the May Company and Higbee department stores, selling records and books. Later she also worked as a switchboard operator for Robert Heller and Associates.

Also during this time she began a career as a lead singer in Big Band and Jazz nightclubs around Cleveland. It is no exaggeration to say that Violet had matured into an exotically beautiful woman by this time, with brunette hair, entrancing eyes, and the features and figure of a Hollywood starlet.

In the summer of 1954, Violet embarked on a trip to Virginia Beach with some girlfriends. One evening she met a handsome Navy fighter pilot with a buzz cut from Texas. She married Jerry Mancill on Oct. 30 in Cleveland. They settled in his hometown of Big Spring, Texas.

Over 10 years they had four children. "Vi" devoted her life to her husband and growing family. She kept an immaculate home, learned Southern cooking from her kind mother-in-law, and tirelessly created a loving environment. She was unconditionally loving to her husband and her kids:

self-sacrificing, supportive, encouraging.

She was a life-long lover of reading, opera, and classical music. Her heavenly oatmeal chocolate chip cookies were the undisputed favorite of her family and neighborhood kids.

Vi was extremely active with St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Big Spring. She taught 6th grade Sunday school for years and vacation bible school in the summers, was a member of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW), and was especially involved in that organization's chief fund-raiser, the Bargain Box thrift store.

With her younger children in junior high, Vi went to work as a receptionist for Dr. James Tipton, then helped run her husband's insurance agency until they sold it in the early 90s. After almost 42 years of marriage, Jerry passed in 1996.

Vi continued living in Big Spring until 2006, when she moved to the Dallas area to be closer to two of her children. She remained there in the same modest apartment for the final 12 years of her life, enduring the replacement of both hips and open-heart surgery in her 80s.

All the while she kept a crystal bowl filled with a variety of candy on her coffee table, which became her magical instrument for connecting with anyone who visited, whether it be her 13 grandchildren, her caregivers, or the maintenance man. Until the day she passed, she touched every soul who took an offering out of that bowl with her welcoming demeanor and her uncanny ability to show a sincere interest in the life and happiness of one and all. To Violet, every human counted and was deserving of love and dignity.

She will be forever sorely missed and remembered fondly by her surviving family, Dana Talmadge and husband John, of Farmer's Branch, Texas; Vanessa Mancill of Ft. Collins, Colorado, Kirk Mancill and wife Monica of Austin, Texas, and Chris Mancill and wife Cathy of Denison, Texas; her ten grandchildren, Caitlin, Chelsea, Jeff, Madeleine, Matthew, Sutton, Meredith, Sam, Jake, and Logan; and three great-grandchildren, Jack, Caroline, and Audrey.

The family suggests memorials to, The Dallas Opera (<https://dallasopera.org>); The Salvation Army; and St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Big Spring, Texas, (<https://stmarystexas.org>).

Paid Obituary

Jacqueline "Jackie" Simpson

Jacqueline "Jackie" Simpson, 84, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2018, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Martin "Bub" Gutierrez



Martin "Bub" Gutierrez, 25, of Austin, formerly of Coahoma, died Monday, Nov. 26, 2018. Memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018, at the First Baptist Church in Big Spring, Texas. Nathan Teeters and John Lawdermilk will be the officiants.

Martin was born Saturday, Jan. 16, 1993, in Big Spring, Texas, to Margarita Garcia Gutierrez and Mitchell Gutierrez, Sr. He was a lifetime resident of Coahoma and graduated from Coahoma High School in 2011. He then attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas, and graduated Dec. 16, 2017. After graduation, he relocated to Austin, Texas, where he was a Loan Officer at a One Main Financial Branch.

Martin enjoyed playing in the "Rag Ball Tournaments" every year at Coahoma. He also enjoyed going to the gym and socializing with his friends. He had an infectious smile that attracted many friendships.

Martin is survived by his mother, Margarita Kowatch and husband, John of Big Spring; his father, Mitchell Gutierrez and wife, Delia of Coahoma; his siblings, Mitchell Gutierrez of Austin, Magun Smith and husband Mike of Big Spring, Melanie Henderson of Big Spring, Stephanie Gutierrez of College Station, Cassie Gutierrez, Patrick Gutierrez and Kevin Gutierrez, all of Coahoma; two nieces, Kinzlee Henderson and Falyn Smith and four nephews, Jayden Henderson, Ryker Smith, Kreed Smith and Andrew Gutierrez. He is also survived by his grandfathers, Fred Gutierrez of Coahoma and Tom Gutierrez of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his grandmothers, Elodia Gutierrez and Mary Gutierrez and his cousin Amanda Gutierrez.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com.

Paid Obituary

Jean Gleason



Jean Gleason, 86, of Big Spring, died Friday, Nov. 23, 2018, in a Midland hospital. Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born April 29, 1932 in Widnes, England and married Walter Gleason April 26, 1952, in England. He preceded her in death July 30, 2015.

Jean worked as a secretary for Robert H. Moore III and at Howard College. She loved taking care of her house plants, cooking for family and friends and was an avid reader.

Survivors include three daughters, Joanne Sayles and husband, Ronald, and Susan Williams and husband George all of Big Spring, and Sandra Crockett and husband, Donald of Midland; one brother, Ian McCaig and wife, Margaret of Canada; seven grandchildren; and fourteen great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Ida McCaig.

The family suggests memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

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Support Groups

FRIDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **DEVYNN RAY-DOUGLAS SMITH**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1300 block of Virginia Ave., and in the 900 block of S Aylesford St.
- **FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the 400 block of S 5th St.

- **BURGLARY OF BUILDING** was reported in the 2000 block of Perimeter Rd.
- **FOLLOW UP REPORT** was reported in the 500 block of E 3rd St., and in the 200 block of W FM 700.
- **FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the 400 block of S Gregg.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 300 block of S Gregg St., and on 19th and Gregg.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 75 inmates at the time of this report.

- **JORDAN LOUISE CONKLIN**, 30, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of intoxication assault with vehicle.
- **BOBBY LYNN DYKES JR.**, 38, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of resist arrest search or transport.
- **ALONSO MUNOZ FLORES JR.**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving with license invalid with previous conviction.

• **JOHN CHRISTOPHER HILARIO**, 19, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of bail jumping and failure to appear.

• **YARA JASMINE RAMIREZ**, 21, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of theft of property in between \$750 and \$2,500.

• **MICHAEL STEVEN SICKLER**, 42, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of driving with license invalid with previous conviction.

• **DEVYNN RAY-DOUGLAS SMITH**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ANTHONY EUGENE TREVINO**, 32, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of criminal mischief.

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10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

1. WORLD LEADERS GO SOUTH

The U.S.-China trade dispute and the conflict over Ukraine could overshadow the usual agenda of issues like development, infrastructure and investment at the Group of 20 summit in Buenos Aires.

2. LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

President Trump's former lawyer, Michael Cohen, confessed in a surprise guilty plea that he lied to Congress about a Moscow real estate deal he pursued on Trump's behalf during the 2016 Republican campaign.

3. WHITE HOUSE-KREMLIN DIA-LOGUE SCRATCHED

President Trump kicks off two days of diplomacy at the Group of 20 summit in Argentina after his abrupt decision to cancel a meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin eclipsed the proceedings before they even started.

4. BLACK SEA CONFLICT INTENSIFIES

Ukrainian officials have upped the ante in the growing confrontation with Russia, announcing a travel ban for most Russian males and searching the home of an influential cleric of the Russian Orthodox Church.

5. NO RELIEF FROM WEATHER IN GOLD-

EN STATE

Heavy rains and mudslides are afflicting some of the same California towns which just suffered through extended wildfires.

6. STRANGERS IN THE FAMILY

Over a million local government workers in China are infiltrating families of ethnic minorities spying on locations, events and occasions — from living rooms to weddings — once considered intimate and private.

7. A NEW KIND OF FARMHAND

Robot-making startups are working to transform agricultural production, a sector under economic strain due to market pressures to keep food cheap, a rising global population and the uncertainties of climate change.

8. THE DANGER FROM THE NORTH

Israeli officials have long warned the threat posed by Gaza's Hamas rulers pales in comparison to that of Lebanon's Iran-backed Hezbollah militant group.

9. TRAGIC BEACH DEATHS

Fifty-one pilot whales have died in a mass stranding in New Zealand, less than a week after 154 more whales perished in two other unrelated strandings.

10. DALLAS HOLDS 'EM

The Cowboys stifled Drew Brees and the Saints, ending New Orleans' 10-game winning streak with a 13-10 victory.



AP photo

President Donald Trump listens to the translation as Argentina's President Mauricio Macri speaks during their meeting at Casa Rosada, Friday, Nov. 30, 2018 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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SMMC

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the time and give back to the community who has supported us in all these efforts. This tree lighting is one of the small tokens of appreciation we can share with the community as we enter this holiday season,"

SMMC Marketing Mgr. Amanda Duforat, said. "We are excited about 2019 and look forward to improving local healthcare for the community."

SMMC encourages the people and families of Howard County to come and stop by to enjoy the Tree Lighting and partake in some traditional Christmas treats that the hospital will

provide during the ceremony. Santa Claus will make a special appearance during the event. After the ceremony, children will have a chance to visit and take pictures with the big man himself. According to Duforat, there will also be hot chocolate and cookies for guests to enjoy in the main lobby.

LIGHTS

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year for the contest, and during the month of December, some local residents participated in the KBEST inaugural Big Spring Christmas Lights Contest. We were only able to have the contest for anyone located within one of the six Big Spring city council districts," said Malinda Flenniken, Managing Partner of KBEST. "It was such a success last year, and the public responded back encouraging words of wanting to expand it. In effect, this year we have so many more sponsors that have wanted to help in our cause in bringing the holiday spirit to Howard County. Thanks to Big Mike's Farm Store, our title sponsor, and our other 19 sponsors, its because of them that it is even possible to expand the KBEST Christmas Lights Contest to all of Howard County."

Flenniken also stated that they have over \$10,000 in cash and prizes that will be awarded. To sign up, you can visit www.kbst.com or stop by the KBEST studio and Big Mike's Farm Store and get an entry form. Forms should then be turned back in to KBEST, located at 608 Johnson.

"In Howard County, there are seven city districts with 21 winners, four county precincts with 12 winners. There will be a grand prize that will include a stay at the San Antonio Holiday Inn: Hilton, Six Flags, RiverCruise, Alamo, Plus \$100 gas card," said Flenniken. "Nothing gets people motivated like money and prizes, and we really want the people and children of Howard County to really feel like it's Christmas and to have pride in our county."

Residential property owners or tenants must be over the age of 18 years old to enter. Christmas lights must include traditional bulbs, LED bulbs, or projected lights. Decorations can be in a yard or apartment balcony and participants can decorate alone or use the help of friends, relatives, or even a company if applicable.

"We will allow all types of residences, including apartments, to enter our contest," said Flenniken. "We want to encourage Christmas spirit across the board."

Contest applicants must abide by all city codes and rules and respect their neighbors' property

boundaries. Please see the official rules at kbst.com.

A panel of judges will judge Friday and Saturday, Dec. 14 and Dec. 15, so lights must be on during this time period. Judges will focus on four criteria: lights, creativity, design and overall presentation. Religious, non-traditional, and whimsical decorations are all welcome. There will even be bonus points that will be given to anyone who includes lighted poinsettias in their theme, since Big Spring is known as the "Lighted Poinsettia Capital of Texas."

Winners must be available to be contacted by phone by KBEST Media, LLC employees. KBEST will announce the first, second and third place winners on Monday, Dec. 17. All deadlines for entries and those who wish to sponsor will be Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 5 p.m.

"The more we have of both, the more the merrier, literally. For a little more incentive, a portion of the proceeds made will go back to the Comanche Trail Festival of lights so that they can continue to bring and spread Christmas in Howard County," said Flenniken. "It's all about the spirit of the season. When the lights go up, so does Christmas spirit."

The code of generosity, kindness and charity toward others is enforced by no one other than ourselves. There are places where this code is strong, and these places (or people) are said to have strong Christmas spirit, lets let Howard County be one of those places. So don't be a scrooge and join in on the KBEST inaugural Big Spring Christmas Lights Contest.

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VOICE

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just in the ag shop, but it's still pretty nerve-racking," she added.

Worley, Cox, Custer, and Green are competing as a team in public relations. Cox is competing individually in the senior creed division.

For the public relations contest, the team is tasked with creating an informational program about FFA for an audience with no previous knowledge about the program. Following the presentation, they answer questions from the judges.

Last year, Worley, Custer, and Green placed 7th in state in radio broadcasting. Cox was the state champion in the junior creed.

Over the years, Aaron Custer has watched the four girls grow their public speaking skills through these types of FFA sponsored contests.

"The biggest feather in their cap when they graduate here is they all can stand up in front of people and speak when that's probably the biggest fear any grown-up ever has," Aaron Custer said. "These kids are getting an advantage upfront because they're taking these nerves they've got now and learning how to face them, how to deal with them."

In addition to honing their public speaking skills, the students have taking what they've learned back to the chapter to disseminate among their fellow members, Aaron Custer added.

After winning the state junior creed division in 2017, Cox qualified to compete against the top students nationwide at the FFA national competition held this past October. The contest requires participants to recite by memory the FFA Creed, which outlines the organization's beliefs on the agriculture industry, and then answer questions directly related to the creed.

As part of her preparations for nationals, Cox worked with younger members to help them prepare for district contest.

"It was a lot of fun getting to see how they said it a little bit differently than how I would and working together to meet in the middle," she said. "It was also neat being asked questions from them. Honestly, it felt more accomplishing to help these kids than anything."

Cox landed in the top 16 competitors at nationals.

All four plan to put their public speaking skills to use after they graduate from high school. Cox is contemplating a career in law. Custer and Worley both plan to continue their agriculture studies in college. Custer wants to major in agricultural communications with a possible minor public relations and Worley plans to study animal science. Green has not decided on a career field.

"Whatever I do, I know this is helping me because I love speaking in front of people, and I love being able to be confident. So whatever job I pick, I want that to be a part of my job," Green said.

In order to qualify for state, competitors placed first or second in their events at area. The Coahoma FFA public relations team placed first at area contest held at Howard College on Nov. 17. Cox came in second in senior creed.

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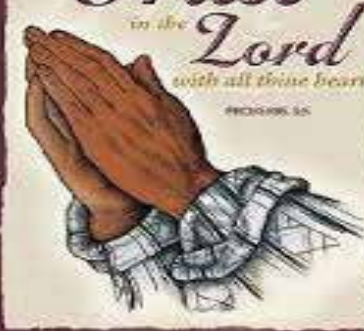
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Reflections: Celebrating the Season

Thanksgiving and Black Friday have come and gone. We have gathered with family, feasted on turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, sweet potato casserole, fruit salad and pecan pie, watched a few football games, played with the kids and enjoyed the sweet slumber that only tryptophan can provide. We survived Black Friday and celebrated a few bargains and did our part to fuel the American economy.

Today we unpacked Christmas decorations. When the children were growing up, we always celebrated with a live tree. In Minnesota we

climbed aboard a horse-drawn sleigh, bundled against the cold, our daughter holding a bunny in her lap as a hand-warmer, and personally picked out a tree from off the hillside. We hauled it home, stood it in the living room, showered it with lights and ornaments. But, a few years ago, we opted for an artificial tree. It loses something in the fragrance and the romance of it all but it is easier.

My wife loves Christmas. She starts watching Hallmark Christmas shows before Thanksgiving. And, once the turkey has surrendered its life to our gratitude, she decorates for the season.

I have to admit I enjoy seeing the old decorations taking their place throughout the house. They are more than plaster, plastic, wood and glue. They are charged with memories of Christmases past: the snowman knitted by my wife's mother, the hand-made ornaments when our children

were small, others far to numerous to list.

Metropolitan cities and small towns light up the land with Christmas lights. Neighborhoods are transformed. Shopping centers echo with the sounds of silver bells and Christmas carols. All of our decorations, along with The Nutcracker, It's a Wonderful Life, and Miracle on 34th Street make it a magical time of year. I think God takes pleasure when we enjoy the Christmas celebrations.

Beneath and behind all our treasured holiday traditions lies the simple message that changes everything. "God became flesh and dwelt among us." We are not disconnected from the Creator. In Jesus He chose to enter into our suffering, to show us a better way, to demonstrate His love, forgive our sins and give us eternal life. When Jesus was born, everything changed! There is good reason to celebrate!

All of the Christmas busy-ness can muffle the deeper message of the season. The birth of Jesus was not an escape from the burdens and realities that we all face. God became flesh to engage our humanity with all of our foibles, sufferings and sin. He sent His Son to overcome prejudice, pride, resentment and hate. He conquered the grave and lifted us to new heights of hope, joy, love and life.

"But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone." (Hebrews 2:9)

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.

Church News

College Baptist Church

We celebrate a very important birthday this month. It's the birthday of our King of kings and Lord of lords. His Name is Jesus. God is on the move at College Baptist Church, and we would love to meet with you as our visitors and friends on the corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane, Sunday Morning at 9:15 for Sunday School, 10:45 for Worship. Sunday evening from 5 p.m. 6:30 p.m. The ministry Staff is celebrating the church body with our first Christmas on the second. Just a note: Next Sunday emphasis will be Plentiful Harvest Prayer Day, and Sunday evening at 6 p.m. we will be praying for the Nations and talk about Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Our service Wednesday, King's Kids, Wee singers, and prayer and Bible study for Youth and Adults all meet at 7 p.m. As we move into the Christmas season, remember Jesus is the reason for ANY season. The choir will be presenting our musical on Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018, at 10:45 a.m. Also we have a SAVE THE DATE event on February 23rd and 24th. We are planning a College Baptist Church reunion. All former members are welcome to come and celebrate with us. Please continue in prayer so we can reach our "Jerusalem" and beyond for Jesus. As a church we are involved in many ministries that come together with those in Howard County to meet the needs of our community. Come celebrate the joy with us in worship as we praise the Mighty God we serve. Please call: 432-267-7429, for more information about this great Church.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

We at Cornerstone Covenant Church would love the opportunity to Connect with YOU! Please join us this week at one of the following events:

Sunday, December 2nd- Join us this Sunday as we enter the season of sharing and great expectations. We offer both a 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. worship service so come on out as you can expect biblical teaching & preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit filled praise & worship. We would love the opportunity this Sunday to share what God has for you, and get to know you better.

Monday, December 17th- Let's hear it for the girls! Join us for our Women's Far Above Rubies night. We will be gathering in the ARC from 6-8 p.m. for our 7th Annual Christmas Ornament Exchange. We welcome women of all ages to join us for an evening of laughter, fun and fellowship with sisters in Christ. Please bring an ornament to exchange and a dish or finger food to share. If you need more information, contact Debbie Reiger @432-935-1257

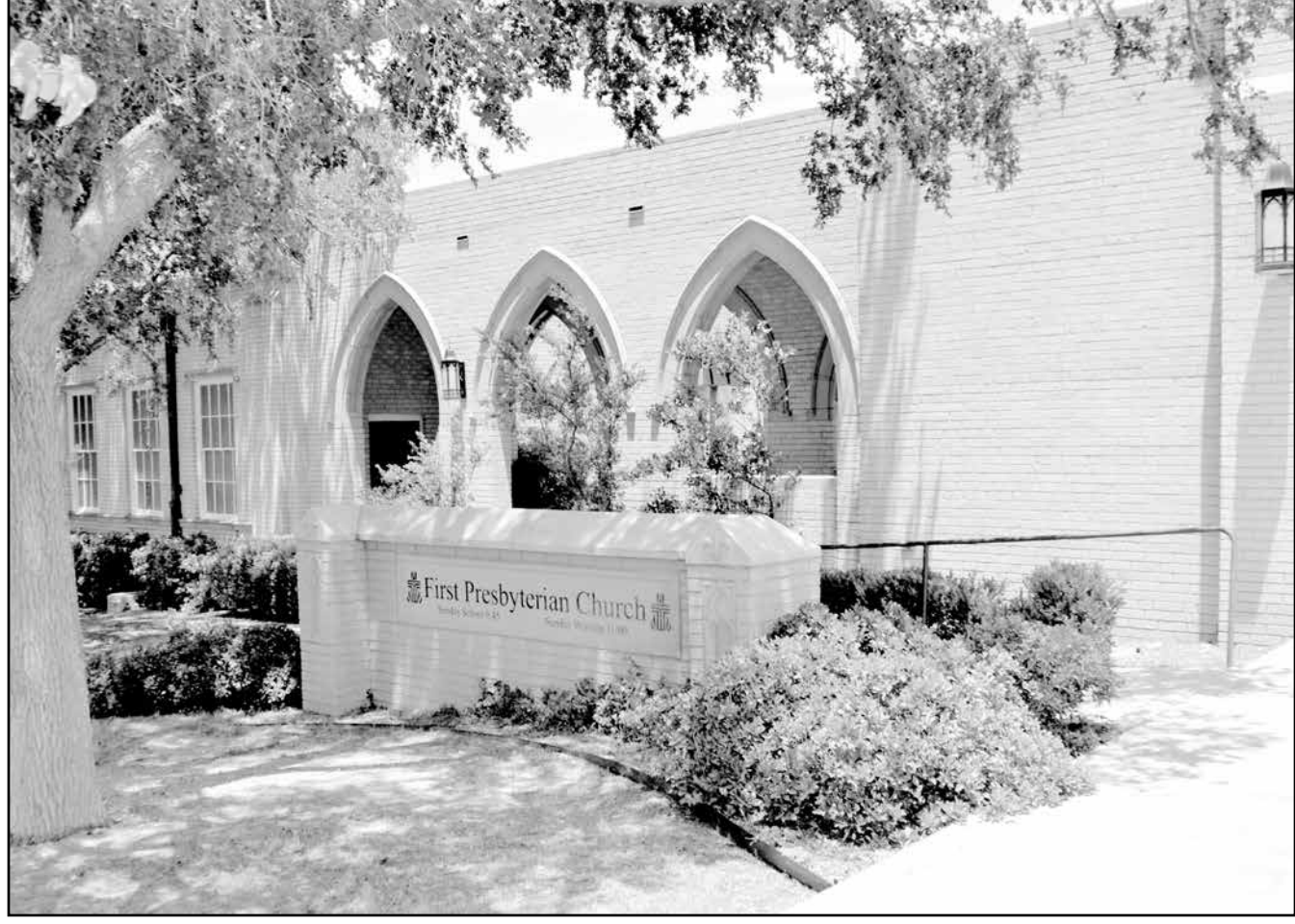
Fall Breakout Session- Join us each Wednesday for our Mid-Week Breakout Sessions. We will start at 6:00pm with our Fellowship Meal in our Misfits lounge. Praise & Worship will start promptly at 7:00pm in the Main Sanctuary followed by our Breakout sessions @7:20pm. Breakout session schedules can be picked up at the Front Office or Kiosk station.

Starfish Program- Our STARFISH program is a tutoring program that assists 3rd grade children by offering Christian character building principles; academic tutoring; and remedial & reinforcement assistance. We are still needing volunteers for tutoring. If you are interested in being a part and are willing and available to serve in this powerful ministry to our community we would love to hear from you. Contact Kathryn Lane 512-577-0132 or Stacey Munsell 432-935-1151

Van transportation- We have an active Van Ministry that picks-up on Sundays for our 11 a.m. Worship Service. If you are needing a ride please contact the church office.

Cornerstone Covenant Church (CCC) is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church, which cultivates an atmosphere of faith so that lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ. Please join us every Sunday at 9:00am, 11 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. for worship services.

CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street. For office hours or other questions please contact our Administrative Office at 432.264.0015 or email us at info@cccbigspring.org. You can also find us at facebook.com/CCCBigSpring or visit us at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.



First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church is pleased to announce that Rev. Taylor Todd, from Muscle Shoals, Alabama, has accepted a position as Interim Pastor and will begin his term Sunday, Dec. 2. His wife Abby comes to Big Spring also. There will be a Reception welcoming them to the church and to Big Spring on Sunday afternoon December 2, in the church parlor following worship. On Wednesday the Lectionary Bible Study, led by Tom Koger and Mike Robinson, meets at 5:00 p.m. in the church library. The Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Saturday, December 8, the Big Spring High School Choirs will present a concert in our Sanctuary at 7 p.m. We are pleased to welcome them in celebrating the Christmas season and invite everyone to come to hear these outstanding musicians, under the direction of Gershon Garcia, who was recently as a superlative choir director by his peers in Texas music.

It's time to purchase poinsettias to decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. These need to be ordered by November 28. Forms for ordering were in the bulletin last Sunday or may be picked up at the church office. The form has a space to list the person or persons to present them "in memory of" or "in honor of." Each plant is \$10.

Jennifer Patterson will provide refreshments for Take Ten this week. Lector is Danny Kennemur. Ushers last Sunday were Jim Little, Ellen Austin, Patti Horton, and Buddy Cochrane.

The Service Committee is requesting the congregation to donate turkeys for the Northside Community Center (which has been renamed Howard County Resource Center), Salvation Army, and for the PW Christmas baskets. They are also setting up a "Care Chain" for members of the church. Each month one person will visit any of the members who have been hospitalized. Those interested may sign the Care Chain List placed in the Narthex.

The lectionary passages for the first Sunday in Advent are Jeremiah 3:1-4; Psalm 25:1-10; I Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:35-36. Rev. Taylor Todd, our new interim pastor, will deliver the sermon. We welcome Gabe Martinez as our organist and choir director, who has graciously come to lead the music during this season and until we find a permanent music leader.

Please note that our worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before our radio broadcast starts at 11.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website www.fpcbs.org. Please Like us on Facebook.

Crestview Baptist Church

We at Crestview Baptist Church want extend a warm invitation for you and your family to come and join us for worship, discipleship, evangelism, and fellowship. At Crestview, we are all about the gospel of Jesus Christ and serving Him as we learn His Word together. Sunday School begins at 10 a.m., and Sunday Worship is at 11 a.m. Pastor Tom Lassiter will be preaching on Psalm 23 this Sunday morning. On Sunday and Wednesday nights, at 6:30 p.m., the pastor is teaching through the Book of Proverbs, verse by verse.

If you have any piano playing skills and feel led to use those skills we are in need of a piano player on Sunday morning. You can contact Pastor Tom Lassiter at (432) 213-4177.

Please come and join with us at Crestview if you are looking for a church home, where we believe that man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever! We are at 2305 Gatesville Rd. in Big Spring.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church

First Sunday in Advent Dec. 2, 2018 "Celebrating and Sharing God's Love and Grace in our lives".

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Neighborhood in Big Spring. If you would like to reach Pastor Lamb or the church office, please call (432) 264-7818, or e-mail us at aliveinchristtx@gmail.com.

Bible Study and Sunday School begin at 9:30 a.m. and our Sunday Service begins at 10:30 a.m. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday.

Our Wednesday Evening Advent Services begin this week. We are having a Soup Supper from 6 p.m.- 6:45 p.m. and the Advent Service begins at 7:00pm. Please come and join us.

Dolline Budke will present the scripture readings this week.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts". Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

First Baptist Church

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" I John 3:1

Join the First Baptist Church family Sunday at 10:50 am as they celebrate the season of Jesus Christ's birth. Sunday's service features 'The Hanging of the Green' in which the sanctuary is decorated in honor of The Messiah, with the green

Fallen From Grace

"Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace." Galatians 5:4



TOM
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The term "fallen from grace" is commonly used to make reference to those unfortunate ones who have committed some sort of ghastly sin. But this is not a Biblical definition or use of the term. And I will tell you why - where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.

When believers sin, they do not fall from grace, they fall upon

it. Let me put it this way - when we sin, we fall from the Law into grace. It is impossible for a sinner to fall from grace because of his own sin. Grace is God's unmerited favor, therefore,

there is nothing bad we can do to fall from it because grace is for sinners. Saying that we fall from grace when we sin is like saying that certain drops of water are too wet for the sea.

We do not fall from grace when we sin, but rather when we try to atone for our sin by doing something good. So, if we fall from grace by trusting our own works, we abide in grace by trusting Christ's all-sufficient sacrifice, even when we sin.

Walking in grace does not necessarily mean that we are sinless but rather that we have trusted the risen Christ who so freely clothes us with His own perfect righteousness. So, the next time you hear about someone "falling from grace", instead of investigating the status of their moral bank account, check to see who they are trusting to atone for their sin. True riches do not come by way of sinlessness, but by trusting the all-sufficiency of Christ because...

...Jesus paid it all.

CHURCH

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representing new life in Him. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a blend of classic hymns of the faith, and contemporary praise and worship songs. Pastor Mark Lindsey will bring the message titled "A Green Christmas". Drawn from Galatians 4:4-7, listeners will marvel at how God's gift of Jesus freed us from our own futile striving to establish our 'goodness' through behaviors and rule-keeping. Additionally, through faith in Jesus, God's grace extinguished the law's power, giving new life to all who believe in Him. If you need assistance accessing the sanctuary due to mobility issues, use the west circle drive, and someone will be glad to assist you inside and park your vehicle. If unable to attend, you may join the service through the live stream on the church website at: fbcbigspring.org. (Click on 'MORE' tab, then 'SERMONS')

At 9:30 Sunday School groups meet throughout the building with children gathering in the Good News Garage on the first floor, and teens, college students, and adults meeting in second floor classrooms. Greeters are available to help you find your class. Sunday evening is set aside for Sunday School class Christmas parties, so there will be no Sunday evening service. Everyone is welcome to attend one of these small group gatherings, even if you don't have a Sunday School class; call 267-8223 for locations.

Men's Bible study meets Saturday December 1 at 8 am in the Family Life Center. Plan now to attend, and to bring some friends to this special time of fellowship and encouragement. The study is "The Man God Uses" by Henry and Tim Blackaby. All area men are invited.

All area women are invited Monday December 3 at 6 pm to an evening of fellowship and fun. Bring some friends, (or come make some new ones), and make a Christmas craft while enjoying the time together. If possible, bring a salty or sweet snack food to share. RSVP to 267-8223 to assist with planning.

Tuesday December 4 at noon, join the Triple LLL(Living Longer & Loving It)group for a tasty lunch and some great fellowship. Bring some friends and enter through the east kitchen doors.

Save the date of December 9 for FBC's annual 'Jingle & Mingle'. At 6 pm in the church sanctuary the Worship Ministry presents 'The Greatest Story Ever Told', followed by a festive time of fellowship and food in the Family Life Center. The entire community is invited. Mother's Day Out is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 9-3. Contact Tracy Boeker at 267-8223 to find out about available openings for your little ones.

Wednesday evening activities begin at 6 pm, and include adult worship choir practice, adult Bible study and prayer time, children's activities, and youth group. Call 267-8223 or go to fbcbigspring.org for detailed information.

FBC is looking for a secretary/receptionist to work in the church office. If you are interested in applying, or know someone who might be interested, please call the church at 267-8223, or see Pastor

Mark for more information. To find out more about what's happening at FBC, go to the website: fbcbigspring.org or call 267-8223.

FBC is located at 705 W FM 700. There is always a place for you at First Baptist Church. "...may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, ...guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

The congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invites you to rejoice in The LORD with them Sunday at 2:00 pm. Pastor Jim Walterhouse welcomes you to be a part of this dynamic group as they worship and study God's Word. Currently, BHDC meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. For more information about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, including Wednesday night schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at: jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. The usual Sunday Morning Schedule includes the 9 a.m. Traditions Service featuring the pipe organ, Choir, trumpet, and hymns, followed by Sunday School, and then The Bridge service at 11 a.m., which features contemporary music led by a wonderful praise team.

On Sunday Dec. 2 Pastor Derrell's message, "Preparation For the Messiah", is from Matthew 3:1-8. The Old Testament sheds light on John the Baptist's message to prepare the way of the Lord. Worship services are broadcast live each Sunday at 11 a.m. on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM. You can also find the service live streamed on our Facebook page at First United Methodist Church Big Spring. You can watch previous worship service videos on that Facebook page including recordings of our Christmas program, "Our Savior."

"Our Savior" will be presented on Saturday, December 1 at 8:00 PM, and Sunday December 2 at 6:00 PM. The choirs, orchestra, drama, dancers, and children combine to present the story of why Jesus was born in Bethlehem and what it means to people today. Everyone is invited.

The Wednesday Noon Bible Study meets for lunch and a study in Garrett Hall on Wednesdays. The meal is served at 11:50 a.m. for \$5. The group is currently studying the references to Christ in the Old Testament. Real Life Wednesday night sessions include All Church Christmas Caroling from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on December 5. Two groups will visit homes and retirement centers to sing for others. The Youth Christmas Party is scheduled for December 12 at 6 p.m. There is a Family Movie Night

Why We Celebrate

By Dr. Lillian Bohannon

Growing up in my hometown in a mountain-valley community, there were so many special days, it's hard to pick just one. We celebrated when babies were born, when birthdays came around, when it was Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter, just to name a few.

Every day we celebrated was a big deal. Mother and Dad were big on birthdays and Christmas. I think they must have saved all year long for those events. As children we got new shoes, new clothes, new games, and something sweet to eat. That meant I got a new pair of shoes on my birthday and at Christmas. (They were white saddle oxfords.) Since there were six children, we got new shoes twice a year. I never could figure out when my mom and dad got their new shoes.

Now in my later years I try to help others close to me have a good birthday and a great Christmas. Mother told me in third grade that Santa was the spirit of giving. So I tried to follow that with my own family.

But Christmas and Easter and even birthdays took on a brand new meaning of celebration when at age 24, I met Jesus Christ as my Saviour. He gave me a different birthday, Jan. 28,

1969. I was born again to His Spiritual Family. I get a place in Heaven, sins forgiven, and peace on earth while I wait for His Return. That's something to celebrate!

Christmas not just the spirit of giving, but is now a celebration of His birth when He became "...flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth..." That's something to celebrate!

Easter is not about bunnies, egg hunts, and new Easter bonnets, but to me it is the celebration of His death on the cross and resurrection from the dead. It's about my penalty for my sin being taken care of, so that I can be made whole and fit for Heaven. That's something to celebrate.

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at 6 p.m. on Dec. 19; the movie is "The Star." During December the regular schedule for Wednesday evenings will vary depending holiday activities. A Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, December 24.

An "Open House" is scheduled for the Parsonage on Sunday, Dec. 16 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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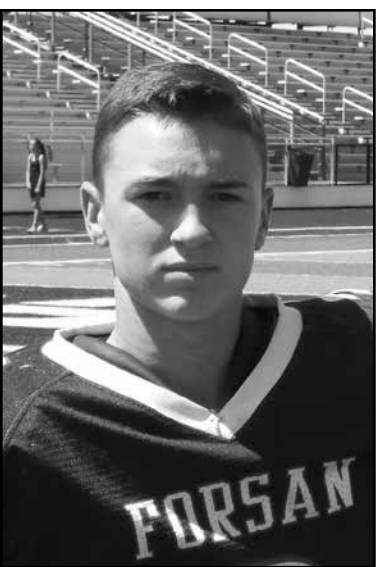
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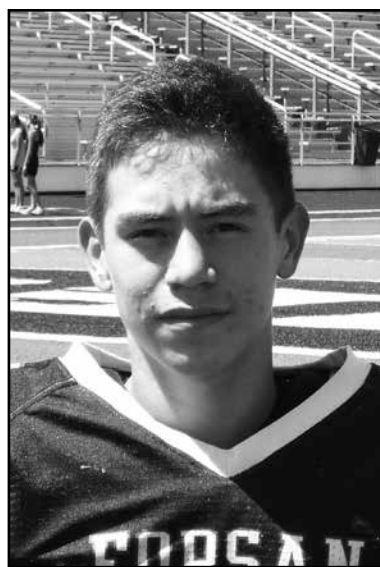
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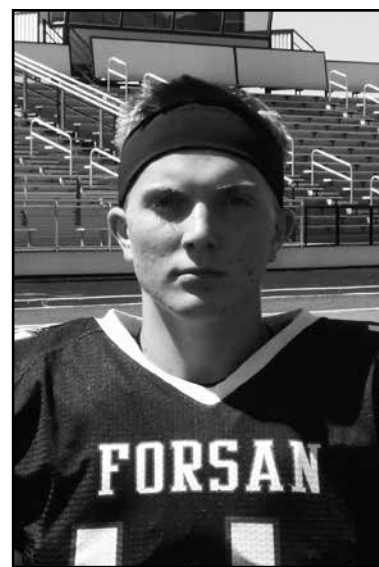
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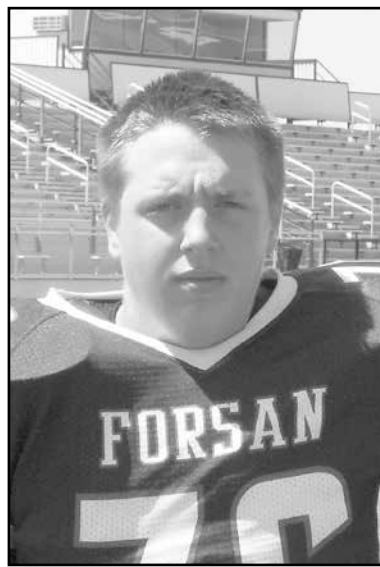
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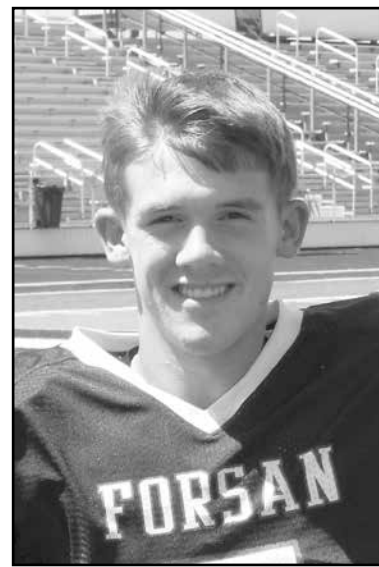
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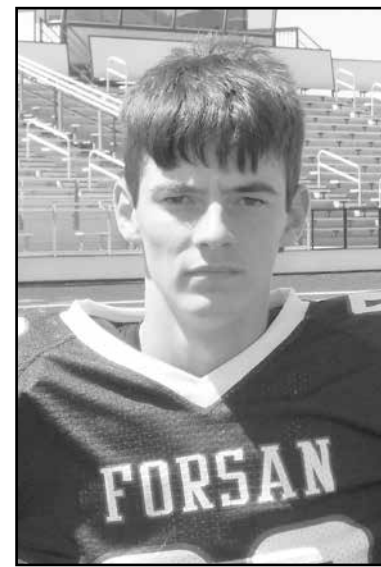
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Texas Tech hires Wells after success at alma mater Utah St

Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — Texas Tech hired Matt Wells as its new football coach Thursday night after he was part of an impressive turnaround at Utah State, his alma mater.

Wells had a 44-34 record in six seasons as coach of the Aggies, who are 10-2 this year and headed to their fifth bowl in that span. He was an assistant at Utah State the previous two years, going to bowls both times, including a school-record 11 wins in 2012 when he was offensive coordinator.

"Quickly in the interview process, it became clear Matt Wells and his leadership style were a perfect fit to lead our football program," athletic director Kirby Hocutt said. "We have a great future in store under Coach Wells, and I firmly believe he is the right coach to take us to an elite level."

The 45-year-old Wells replaces Kliff Kingsbury, the former Texas Tech quarterback who was fired after his third consecutive losing season and a 35-40 overall record in six seasons as head coach.

The Red Raiders were 5-7 this year, losing their finale 35-24 to Baylor last Saturday with a chance to become bowl eligible.

"My family and I are excited to join the Red Raider family," Wells said. "I



AP photo

Utah State coach Matt Wells gestures to officials during the first half of the team's NCAA college football game against Hawaii in Honolulu. Texas Tech has hired Wells as its new football coach after he was part of an impressive turnaround at Utah State, his alma mater. The hiring was announced by Texas Tech on Thursday night, Nov. 29.

am excited to meet the team and get to work on building an elite program that Red Raider fans will enjoy every Saturday."

Texas Tech said Wells is bringing offensive coordinator David Yost and defensive coordinator Keith Patterson with him from Utah State.

For Texas Tech fans used to big-scoring offenses, the Aggies this season are third nationally with 47.2 points a game to trail only Oklahoma and Alabama. They have an NCAA-best 24 scoring drives of under a minute.

Utah State also is solid on defense, allowing only 23 points a game. The Aggies have allowed at least 30 points only three times, including their losses to then-No. 11 Michigan State in the season opener and 33-24 at then-No. 21 Boise State last week in a game for a spot in the Mountain West Conference championship game. That ended the Aggies' 10-game winning streak.

The Aggies have an NCAA-best 18 interceptions, six of them returned for touchdowns. They have also recovered 10 fumbles, and their plus-11 turnover margin is among the best in the country.

Earlier this week, Wells was voted Mountain West Conference coach of the year for the second time.

Wells has been a player (1993) or coach (2012-14) for all four of Utah State's bowl wins. He was a Utah State quarterback from 1993-96.

His coaching career started at Navy from 1997-01, before going to Tulsa (2002-06), New Mexico (2007-08, 2010) and Louisville (2009) until joining former head coach Gary Andersen's staff at Utah State in 2011.

Red River rematch: No. 5 Oklahoma, No. 9 Texas for Big 12

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Texas players celebrated on the field at the State Fair of Texas, flashing "Hook 'Em Horns" signs and posing for pictures with the "Golden Hat" trophy that goes to the winner of their Red River rivalry against Oklahoma.

Soon after leaving the field, though, the Longhorns were already thinking about the possibility of another meeting this season against the three-time defending Big 12 champion Sooners — for a different trophy in a different location.

"Absolutely. It was one of the first things we said after we got back to the locker room," Texas tight end Andrew Beck said. "Some of the senior guys who walked in front of the team said, be smart with what you say because we're going to see those guys again."

Eight weeks after Texas won 48-45, they do meet again. Fifth-ranked Oklahoma (11-1, 8-1 Big 12, No.

5 CFP) plays the ninth-ranked Longhorns (9-3, 7-2, No. 14 CFP) in the Big 12 championship game Saturday.

For the Sooners, this unusual rematch is about more than avenging its only loss. They can become the first Power Five team since Florida in the mid-1990s to win four consecutive outright conference championships, and a win could get them into the College Football Playoff for the third time.

"It's one of the greatest rivalries in college football, but this week is about winning a championship and that's what we're focused on," said Oklahoma linebacker Kenneth Murray, no relation to the Sooners' Heisman Trophy-contending quarterback Tyler Murray.

"There's always a lot riding on this game when you play it in October, no question about it, but there's a lot of season left," Sooners coach Lincoln Riley said. "This one, I think, I'm sure it's gonna be heated. But I think it would have been heated no matter who the two teams were in there. just be-

cause of what you're playing for."

This is only the third time in the series that started in 1900 that the bitter border state rivalry will be played twice in the same season. The last time was 115 years ago. Every game in the series since 1929 has been played near the midway at the State Fair of Texas.

The Big 12 title game will be about 20 miles away at AT&T Stadium, the home of the NFL's Dallas Cowboys where the Sooners could play again if they make the playoff. That is also the home of the Cotton Bowl, one of the national semifinal games Dec. 29.

To win their first Big 12 title since 2009, the Longhorns have to beat their biggest rival for the second time.

"It is a bit odd ... the Red River Showdown happened in October, and we've got our Golden Hat.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



say, get immersed in the
world of a movie or un-
derstand the finer points
of an argument you do
not agree with.

**GEMINI (May 21-
June 21).** You have the
strength, guts and initia-
tive to do things your way,
which flies in the face of
convention and is sure to
evoke bewilderment from
most onlookers. In time,
bewilderment will turn to
admiration.

**CANCER (June
22-July 22).** Endings do
not have to be failures;
they don't even have to
be losses. Things end
because it's time for them
to. Then the graceful thing
is to acknowledge the
crowd with a bow and get
off the stage.

**LEO (July 23-Aug.
22).** Remember when
you thought you needed
a Frappuccino but really
needed an apple? Or
you thought you needed
a cookie and what you

really
needed
was a
support
system?
Today
is differ-
ent. You
know
exactly
what
you
need.

**VIRGO (Aug.
23-
Sept.
22).**
Groups
have
personalities. No single
person in the group is
responsible for the entire
personality of the group,
but everyone contributes,
and not equally. Pay
attention to tone of the
group on the whole. Is it
for you?

**LIBRA (Sept.
23-Oct. 23).** Some feel-

ings are
hard to
name --
combo
platters
of emo-
tion with
spice
levels of
varying
intensity.
Try to
put
words
to it, if
only for
your
own ed-
ification.
The
words
will
make

the feelings more palat-
able.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-
Nov. 21).** Anyone can
click with someone who
shares interests and gen-
eral worldviews. It takes
a superstar to find ways
to connect with people
when such things are not
readily apparent.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov.
22-Dec. 21).** Relation-
ships are worth it no
matter how short or long
they turn out to be, no
matter how lucrative or
not the arrangement is, or
how frustrating or easy or
fun or painful or thrilling.
You're better for it. That's
the takeaway.

**CAPRICORN (Dec.
22-Jan. 19).** Get the right
tools for the job, even if
it costs more or pushes
back your start time. You'll
go in with higher enthu-
siasm and morale and
avoid much frustration
throughout the life of the
project.

**AQUARIUS (Jan.
20-Feb. 18).** The same
location can represent
"vacation and freedom"
to one person and "work
and obligation" to another.
When you're there
because you want to
be there, it's an entirely
different place.

**PISCES (Feb.
19-March 20).** Here's an
approach to try that you
just might find liberating
because decision-mak-
ing gets easier; instead
of right or wrong, true or
false, good or terrible,
think of things as "for me"
or "not for me."

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(Nov. 30).** Realizing that
you're the only one who
can decide if life is match-
ing up to your vision, if
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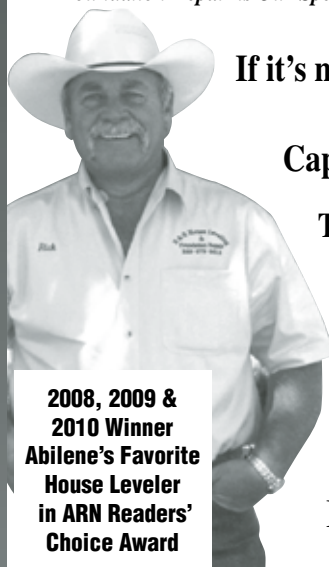
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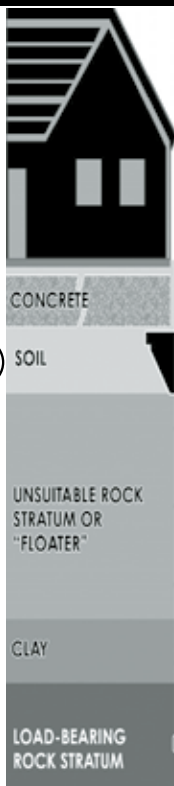
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By Steve Becker

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1. Pass. The primary objective of a pre-emptive bid is to make it difficult for the opponents to enter the bidding safely and accurately, and that is what has happened to you here.

After your opponent's opening four-heart bid, there is certainly a temptation to bid four spades. If you are by nature fearless, you bid four spades and hope the roof doesn't cave in on you. But if you are more cautious by nature, you pass and hope partner has the proper values to enter the fray in one way or another.

Actually, if you were to take a poll of the several hundred 10-best players in the world, probably 60 percent of them would pass, while a respectable 40 percent would step into the unknown by bidding four spades.

2. Double. There is a real possibility that partner will pass the double

(which is intended primarily as take-out), and though you might deem this undesirable, there is no better alternative to the double. The dilemma you face merely emphasizes how annoying a well-timed pre-emptive bid can be. However, it might well turn out that the best result your side can achieve is to let the opponent play in four hearts doubled.

3. Pass. This time you should expect to beat four hearts, but you can't afford to double because your partner will almost surely bid, and the wrong side might wind up playing the hand. It is true that a pass here might result in failing to punish your right-hand opponent to the fullest extent (if the next player and your partner both pass), but a far worse result might ensue if you doubled and partner took the double out.

4. Six clubs. Here you should bid what you think you can make. Of course, you might go down, but against that you should weigh the probability of making 12 (and perhaps all 13) tricks. The best you can do in these sticky situations is to make the bid you think will win most often in the long run, and in this context six clubs should be regarded as the best percentage bid.

Tomorrow: Necessary assumptions.

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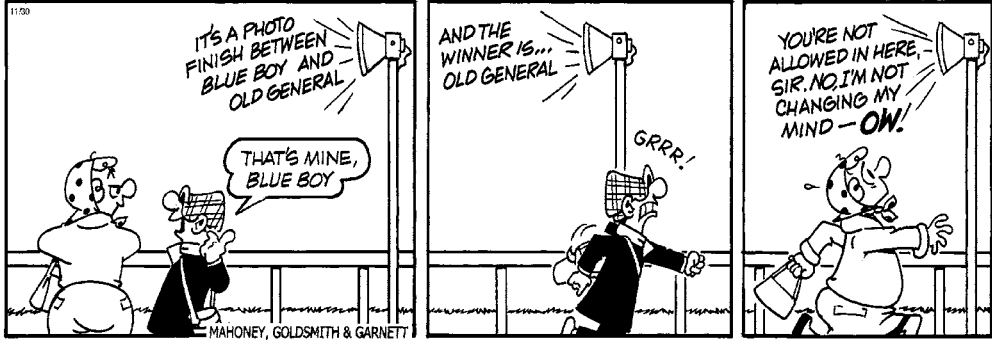
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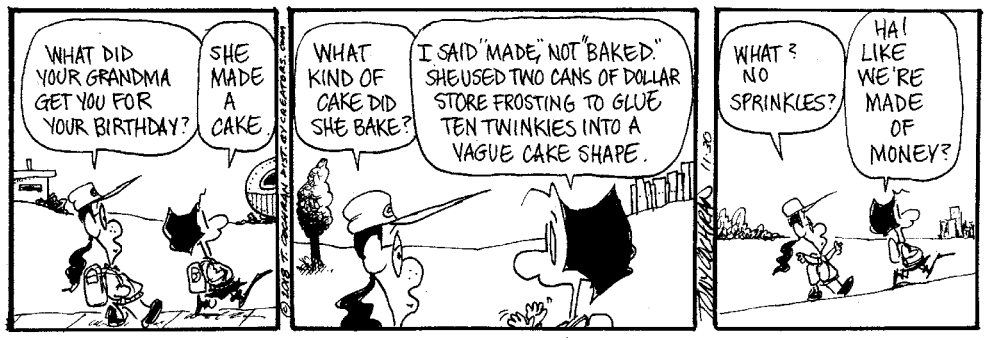
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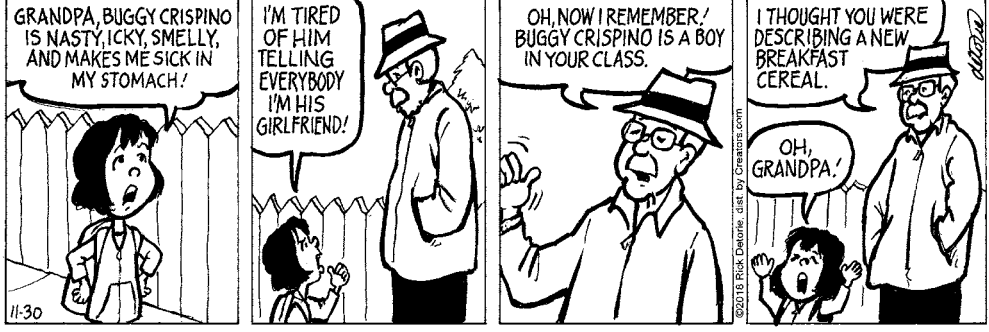
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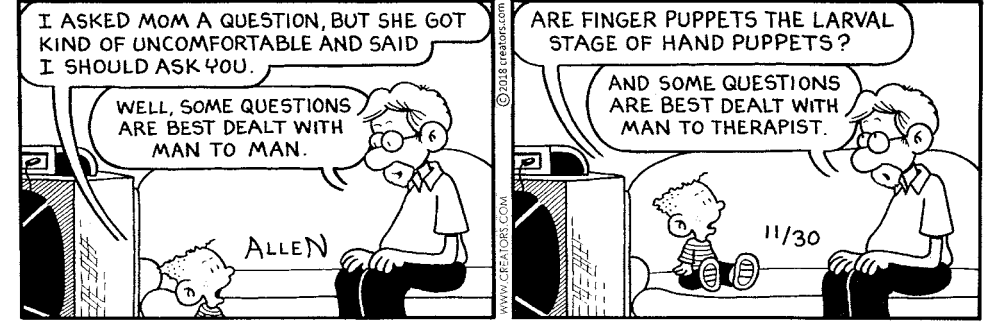
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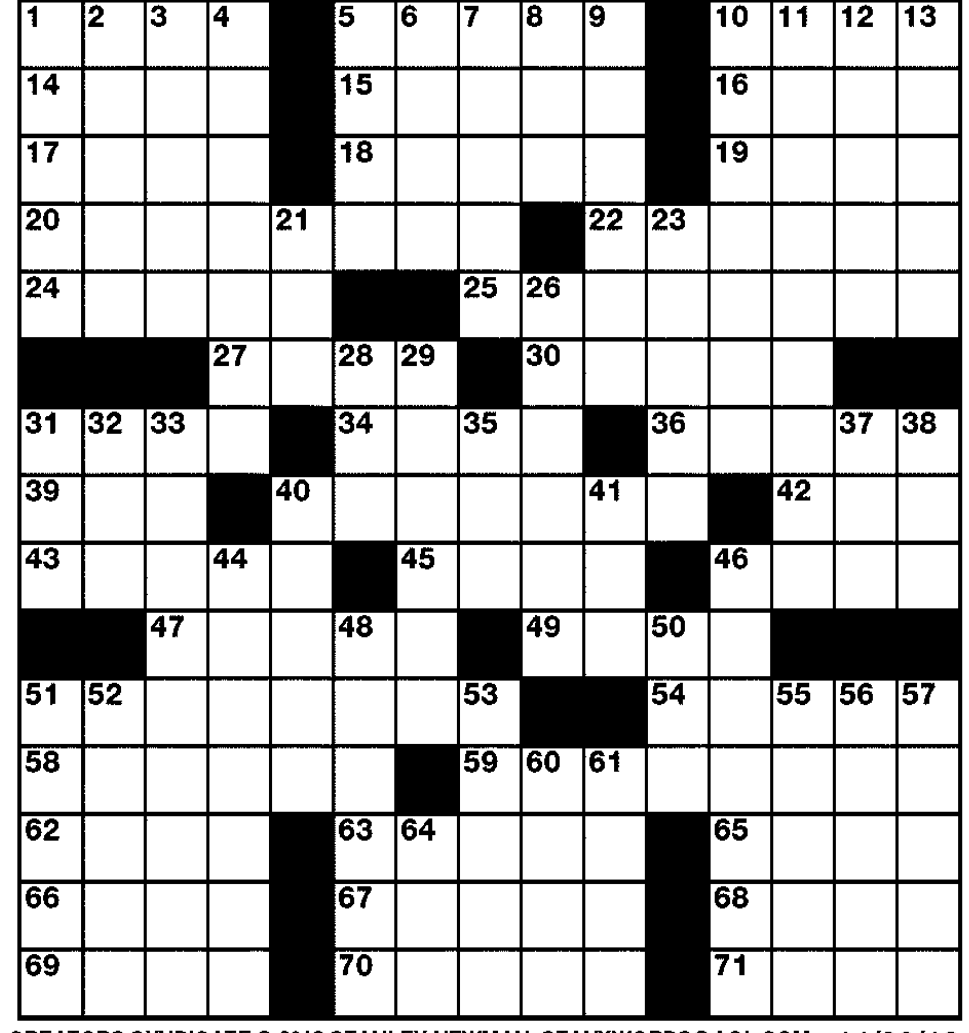
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Cowboys stifle Brees, end Saints' 10-game win streak, 13-10



Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott (21) celebrates his touchdown against the New Orleans Saints with quarterback Dak Prescott (4) in the first half of an NFL football game, in Arlington, Texas, Thursday, Nov. 29, 2018.

By **SCHUYLER DIXON**

AP Pro Football Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Dak Prescott desperately scrambled for a first down in a game of fourth-quarter keepaway, then took three knees starting from the New Orleans 1 to run out the clock by the narrowest possible margin.

Anything to keep Drew Brees and the NFL's highest-scoring offense on the sideline.

Ezekiel Elliott scored the only Dallas touchdown on a 16-yard screen pass and the Cowboys stifled Brees and the Saints, ending New Orleans' 10-game winning streak with a 13-10 victory Thursday night.

The Cowboys (7-5) won their fourth consecutive game and assured they will at least remain tied for the NFC East lead.

The Saints (10-2) were shut out in the first half, had their fewest points in three years and finished with a season-low 176 yards. They missed a chance to perfectly match Dallas from two years ago, when then-rookie sensations Elliott and Prescott won 11 straight after dropping the opener.

"Everybody knew it. We had to keep the ball away from Brees," Cowboys owner and general manager Jerry Jones said. "We needed to play this kind of game. I must tell you, the defense played beyond my expectations. They played like a championship defense."

Brees had his fewest yards passing in a first half since joining the Saints

in 2006 with 39, and couldn't get a potential winning drive going in the final minutes.

Instead, Jourdan Lewis' interception — just the third for Brees while he became the NFL's first with at least 30 TD passes in 10 seasons — gave the Cowboys a chance to run out the clock from the New Orleans 1 after an interference penalty in the end zone.

Brees said he was trying to throw the ball away behind pass-catching back Alvin Kamara, who cut outside just as Brees threw it and Lewis dove forward, barely keeping the ball off the ground.

"As an offense, we think complementary football," Brees said. "Let's put together a drive. Let's keep our defense off the field. Let's control the game, control the clock, control the ball. Just never felt like we really did that as an offense like we've done this year."

The Cowboys spent the fourth quarter trying to protect their three-point lead, with Prescott breaking several tackles on an 11-yard scramble on third-and-10 and Cole Beasley catching a third-down pass and diving for 5 yards on third-and-5.

But Prescott fumbled on his season-high seventh sack with Dallas in position for at least a field goal, giving Brees another chance from his 15 with more than two minutes remaining.

Brees' interception came two plays later, then Marshon Lattimore was called for interference against Amari Cooper in the end zone, giving Dallas

a first down at the 1 with 1:58 remaining.

The Cowboys had just enough time to end the game, with the play clock matching the game clock down to zero after Prescott took a knee for the third time.

Brees was 18 of 28 for 127 yards, actually the second straight game and third overall under 200 yards for the MVP contender. The running game didn't do much either, with Kamara getting 36 yards rushing while the Saints had 65 as a team after averaging 177 the previous four games.

The only touchdown drive for the Saints was aided by three first downs on Dallas penalties. The biggest was Randy Gregory's roughing-the-punter penalty on Thomas Morstead.

Two plays later, Brees dropped a deep throw to a backpedaling Keith Kirkwood in the end zone for a 30-yard score to get New Orleans within 13-10.

Prescott had 194 of his 248 yards passing while helping the Cowboys to a 13-0 halftime lead — the first scoreless first half for the Saints since 2014, also against the Cowboys, and their first deficit in five games.

Elliott had 136 scrimmage yards with 76 rushing and 60 receiving on six catches.

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After forcing and recovering a fumble by Cooper in the first half, Lattimore ran to one of the giant red Salvation Army kettles behind an end

zone, pulled \$23 out of his uniform and dropped it in. Lattimore is No. 23. In the Thanksgiving game a week earlier, Elliott (No. 21) dropped \$21 into the other kettle on the same end of the field.

GIL BRANDT IN RING OF HONOR

The Cowboys inducted former director of player personnel Gil Brandt into the team's ring of honor at halftime. The 85-year-old joins former coach Tom Landry and former general manager Tex Schramm, both deceased, in the 22-person group. Those three held their titles for the franchise's first 29 years before Jerry Jones bought the team.

Jones fired Landry immediately, and Schramm resigned less than two months later. Jones fired Brandt after the owner and general manager's first draft in 1989. Brandt has been nominated as a contributor for next year's voting for the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

THIS AND THAT

New Orleans DT David Onyemata had his first two sacks of the season in the first half. ... Kirkwood's TD was the second of his career, and second in as many weeks. ... Cooper had eight catches for 75 yards, and rookie Michael Gallup had five for 76, highlighted by a 40-yarder to set up the first of Brett Maher's two field goals.

UP NEXT

Saints: At Tampa Bay on Dec. 9 in second of three straight road games.

Cowboys: Philadelphia on Dec. 9 in last of three straight home games.

TEXAS

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"We've got our trophy for that, and nobody's taking that away from us," second-year Texas coach Tom Herman said. "We would be just as excited to play any opponent in the Big 12 championship game, but I do know that it adds a little intrigue, I guess, because it is our rival."

Some other things to know:

WORTH THE WAIT

Oklahoma dual-threat quarterback Kyler Murray has his title shot after first going to Texas A&M, then transferring to Oklahoma. He had to redshirt a year before backing up Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Baker Mayfield last year.

"Sitting for as long as I have, just hoping that I had the opportunity to do what I'm doing right now, I think it's all been worth it," Murray said.

A first-round MLB draft pick last summer, Murray is the first FBS player to finish the regular season averaging at least 300 yards passing and 60 yards rushing. His 4,527 total yards are more than about one-third of FBS teams, including four Top 25 teams.

SORE SHOULDER

Texas quarterback Sam Ehlinger hurt his shoulder Oct. 13 against Baylor, and took a shot just before halftime Nov.

17 against Iowa State that knocked him out of that game.

"This week I feel better than I have since the original injury," Ehlinger said. "It definitely isn't 100 percent but it's getting better."

Ehlinger has 2,774 yards passing and 23 TDs, plus 11 rushing scores. He set a Big 12 record with 308 consecutive passes without an interception before two last week at Kansas, his first picks since the opener.

FIRST MEETING

Both teams had more than 500 total yards, and both quarterbacks accounting for five touchdowns in the Oct. 6 game that was the highest-scoring of the 113-game series. Murray led to Sooners to 21 points in a six-minute span late to tie the game before Ehlinger had one of his late game-deciding drives — leading to a field goal.

EXTRA POINTS

The Sooners have allowed 449 yards per game this season — on pace for a school record. They've allowed at least 40 points in each of their last four games, all wins — three of those are by a combined

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Mayfield, Cleveland face big test with Houston's pass rush

By KRISTIE
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AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The Cleveland Browns have done a great job of protecting Baker Mayfield recently, and have the longest active streak in the NFL by not allowing a sack in 125 snaps.

Things will get more difficult for the Browns (4-6-1) on Sunday when they visit the Houston Texans (8-3) and their defense led by pass-rushing stars J.J. Watt and Jadeveon Clowney. Watt is tied for second in the NFL with 11 1/2 sacks and has 19 quarterback hits, and Clowney has seven sacks and 15 quarterback hits.

"I have a job to do and that's my job to go out there and hopefully end that streak," Watt said. "They've obviously been doing a good job. It's going to be a good battle."

Mayfield, who hasn't been sacked in two games, said he's watched Watt play since the quarterback was in high school and knows he'll have to account for him and Clowney on every play.

"I have to get it out very quick," Mayfield said. "They have two of the best defensive ends in the league. That is not discrediting any of the other guys, but they are talented. The emphasis has to be on getting the ball out, which we have been trying to do these past weeks. We have to keep doing it."

The Texans know the key to stretching their franchise-record winning streak to nine games will be slowing down Mayfield, the top overall pick in this year's draft. Mayfield has 17 touchdowns and seven interceptions in eight starts this season and is coming off a season-best four touchdown performance in Cleveland's 35-20 win at Cincinnati last week.

"Baker's a winner," Houston coach Bill O'Brien said. "He's a competitor, very accurate, has a great instinct for the game, excellent ability to keep plays alive. I can just tell you we hold him in very high regard."

While Houston attempts to contain Mayfield, the Browns will try and limit the Texans' young quarterback Deshaun Watson, who is also coming off a good game. Watson threw two touchdown passes and ran for a career-high 70 yards and a score in a



Houston Texans defensive end J.J. Watt (99) and linebacker Jadeveon Clowney (90) celebrate a stop against the Dallas Cowboys during the second half of an NFL football game in Houston. The Cleveland Browns have done a great job of protecting Baker Mayfield recently, and haven't allowed a sack in 125 snaps, the longest active streak in the NFL. Things will get more difficult for the Browns (4-6-1) on Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018 when they visit the Texans (8-3) and their defense led by Watt and Clowney. Watt is tied for second in the NFL with 11 1/2 sacks and Clowney has seven.

AP photo

34-17 win over Tennessee on Monday.

Cleveland interim coach Gregg Williams has been impressed with Watson's improvement in his second season after playing just seven games as a rookie before suffering a season-ending knee injury.

"I think the game's slowing down for him," Williams said. "You can see that he's more relaxed. He never did show any stress or panic, but you can see he's more comfortable in what he's doing ... you can see as the season's gone on, each week he's more and more comfortable with how he's playing physically (and) mentally."

Some things to look for when the Browns visit the Texans:

RUNNING WILD

The Texans are averaging the fourth-most yards rushing a game in the NFL after running for a franchise-record 281 yards on Monday night. Lamar Miller led the way with 162 yards rushing and a 97-yard touchdown against the Titans. The 27-year-old Miller is having a solid season after being slowed by minor injuries last year. He has three 100-yard rushing games after not rushing for more than 75 yards in a game last season.

"(Miller) is hitting the hole and he is hitting it fast and violent, and he is breaking arm tackles," Browns linebacker Joe Schobert said. "There

are linebackers and D-line are in the holes and just trying to reach out trying to bring him down. He is running through it, and you see he has the speed to take it all the way to the house like we saw the other day."

ROAD WOES

Cleveland's win at Cincinnati last week snapped a 25-game road losing streak and was its first victory away from Cleveland since Oct. 11, 2015. Now the Browns will try to win consecutive road games in a season for the first time since they beat San Francisco and Pittsburgh on Sept. 21 and Oct. 5, 2003.

While the Browns have been ter-

rible on the road, they haven't been much better at home. Sunday's victory marked the first time they'd won two straight games overall since 2014, when they won three in a row.

QB REUNIO

Once foes, Watson and Mayfield are now friends.

The quarterbacks will have an on-field reunion Sunday, meeting for the first time since the 2016 Orange Bowl when Watson led Clemson to a 37-17 win over Mayfield and the Oklahoma Sooners. Watson and Mayfield are part of the NFL's next wave of star quarterbacks, and the pair already shares a mutual respect.

"He's going to have a bright future, a bright career, win a lot of games, win championships and do a lot of things for himself and that organization," Watson said of Mayfield. "I'm a big Baker fan and everything that he has been doing for a long time. It's going to be very exciting to see him pregame and compete against him. I'll talk to him later this week and probably jersey swap with him."

The Browns passed on a chance to draft Watson in 2017. But if they had taken him, Mayfield would be elsewhere. As he develops, Cleveland's rookie QB has been impressed with what Watson has already accomplished.

"Deshaun is an incredible quarterback, incredible athlete, a great leader," Mayfield said. "He's been playing at a very high level. He's a huge reason why they've won eight in a row. It's always great to play great competition. You always look forward to that."

Thursday's Sports in Brief

NFL
ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Ezekiel Elliott scored the only Dallas touchdown and the Cowboys stifled Drew Brees and the Saints, ending New Orleans' 10-game winning streak with a 13-10 victory Thursday night.

The Cowboys (7-5) won their fourth consecutive game and assured they will at least remain tied for the NFC East lead.

The Saints (10-2) were shut out in the first half had a season low in points while missing on a chance to perfectly match Dallas from two years ago, when then-rookie sensations Elliott and quarterback Dak Prescott won 11 straight after dropping the opener.

Brees had his fewest yards passing in a half since joining the Saints in 2006 with 39, and couldn't get a potential winning drive going in the final minutes.

Instead, Jourdan Lewis' interception — just the third of the season for Brees — gave the Cowboys a chance to run out the clock from the New Orleans 1 after an interference penalty in the end zone.

NBA
CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cavaliers finalized their trade with Utah

and sent Kyle Korver to the Jazz.

The teams agreed to the deal on Wednesday and completed the transaction Thursday following a conference call with NBA officials. Cleveland shipped Korver to the Jazz for guard Alec Burks and second-round draft picks in 2020 and 2021.

Korver played in 124 games for the Cavs and was a valuable member of two Eastern Conference championship teams. One of the league's most accurate outside shooters, Korver had asked the rebuilding Cavs to send him to a contender.

Cavs general manager Koby Altman praised Korver for his contributions on and off the court, calling him "a great person and teammate. He sets an example in everything he does. His work ethic, character and dependability are all at a very

special level."

Korver joined the Cavs in 2017, coming over in a mid-season trade from Atlanta. He played for the Jazz from 2007-10.

BASEBALL

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The Los Angeles Angels have acquired infielder Tommy La Stella from the Chicago Cubs for \$100,000 or a player to be named.

La Stella has spent the past four seasons with the Cubs. He batted .266 in 2018 while appearing in a career-high 123 games this year. He led the major leagues in pinch hits (24) and batting average (.312) while his 11 RBIs tied for the big league high. He has .264 average in five seasons.

Atlanta drafted La Stella in the eighth round in 2011, he debuted with the Braves three years later, then was acquired by the Cubs that offseason.

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