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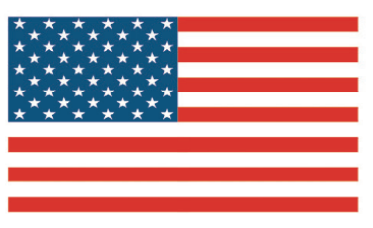
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## HealthyYOU gearing up for 2020 Annual health fair set for March 28, Dorothy Garrett

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
Managing Editor

The new year has arrived and health is at the forefront of most people's mind, including the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Planning for the 2020 annual Health Fair has kicked off, vendors and sponsors are being sought.

"Every year we aim to make the health fair bigger and more beneficial than the year before, and each year through the support of our community health care service providers and sponsors we are able to achieve that goal," Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Debbye ValVerde, said. "This year is no different and we are looking once again to our providers, businesses and organizations to join with us and make 2020 healthy."

The 2020 health fair is set for March 28, 2020 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, and will run from 8 a.m. until

Noon. The Bike Rodeo will be returning with Star Dodge once again sponsoring the safety course. The Big Spring Police Department will once again be providing the street signs and crosswalk for the course.

"The Bike Rodeo is one of the interactive features of the health fair and we are excited to be able to bring it back," ValVerde said. "This course allows our youth to learn about bike safety, the importance of wearing a helmet and even have the opportunity to take home a new bike."

Our vendors will have information regarding services offered locally, health screenings, and a few local businesses will be providing a demo during the health fair.

"We are still working on lining up demos, but we are trying to focus on gathering some healthy cooking demonstrations or even some quick workout presentations," she said. "We want to feature the services that are offered right here in our community, but we

want to provide the community with resources that they can utilize at home as well."

For local businesses who want to have a booth, registration is \$125 per spot, until Feb. 10, with late registration at \$150 until Feb. 28. Booth registration includes table and two chairs in the assigned space.

"For those businesses who want to have a presence at the health fair, but don't feel their business fits into the health care services category, there is an opportunity to sponsor a non-profit booth or even serve as an event sponsor, which will still allow their banners and promotional materials to be placed at the event," ValVerde said.

Corporate sponsorship is also available for \$500 and will include business logo in promotional materials and local media advertising. No registration will be accepted after Feb. 28 in order to allow time for layout design.

"We are looking forward to this year's health fair and encourage the



**Debbye ValVerde**

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### Upcoming Events

Submit your holiday festivities photos to be featured in the Big Spring Herald. Email editor@bigspringherald.com.

Jan. 25

Silver Wings Ball  
Tickets now available

Feb. 1

Big Spring's Got Talent  
Applications being accepted.

Feb. 7

Chamber Extravaganza  
Howard Co. Fairgrounds  
Nominations for 5 under 55 being accepted.

Submit upcoming events, fundraisers and more with us for our Take Note section. Email editor@bigspringherald.com.

Feb. 8

Big Spring Symphony presents:  
Beethoven is 250

March 7-8

Cowboys and Heels  
Dorothy Garrett Coliseum

## Feast of Sharing gives back to local organizations



Courtesy photos

H-E-B Feast of Sharing 2019 gave back to the community in more ways than one. In addition to serving the free meals to hundreds of attendees, this year, in celebration of their 5th annual Feast of Sharing, donations were made to local non-profit organizations. Food2Kids, Howard College Foundation and Isaiah 58 received a \$2,500 donation.



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## Heritage Museum unveils first exhibit of 2020 Caboose Watercolor Society opens up art exhibit Jan. 7

By **CINDY PINCH**  
Staff Writer

Art has the ability to move and inspire. Big Spring has a unique opportunity to experience the artwork of the Caboose Watercolor Society, whose paintings will be on display at the Heritage Museum through the end of the month. The art show exhibit begins Jan. 7.

"The paintings will be no larger than nine inches by 12 inches," Tammy Schreengost Curator/Director of the Heritage Museum said. "Usually our art shows consist of larger pieces of work."

The exhibit is comprised entirely of watercolor paintings created by the Caboose Watercolor Society. The 'do small things.' art show features small paintings, but size doesn't diminish the beauty of the pieces.

"It can be a large impact with such a small painting," Schreengost said. "It can still include all the features from a large painting, but it's going to be compact."



Courtesy photo

The Heritage Museum has announced the first exhibit of 2020 - Caboose Watercolor Society - which will open Jan. 7 and run through the end of the month. The community is encouraged to stop by and view the artwork, along with other standing exhibits at the museum. Pictured above is one of the featured pieces of artwork.

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## Obituaries

### Julian Newton Kelly



Julian Newton Kelly of Uvalde passed away on Dec. 22, 2019, in Uvalde at the age of 78.

He was born Dec. 31, 1940, in Electra, Texas, to Ollie (Frazier) and Joseph Newton Kelly, Jr.

He is survived by two children, Alice Kay Kelly of Uval-

de, and Joe Henry Kelly and wife, Jerri Lynn of Weatherford; sister, Karen Kay Kelly Dvorak and husband, Dudley of Tacoma, WA; brother, Robert "Mickey" Michael Kelly of Lubbock; several grandchildren and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister-in-law.

Cremation is under the direction of Rushing-Estes-Knowles Mortuary. A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

### Noemi Marie Gonzalez

Noemi Marie Gonzalez, infant daughter of Laura Herrera and Steven Gonzalez of Big Spring, died Dec. 30, 2019, at Odessa Regional Medical Center. Noemi only spent eight days here on Earth, but she felt all of our love.

Visitation will be Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020, and Friday, Jan. 3, 2020, from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. A rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Noemi is survived by her parents as well as three siblings: Grayson Herrera of Big Spring, Steven

Gonzalez, Jr. and Christina Gonzalez of the Bronx, New York. Other survivors include grandparents, Irene and Mike Herrera of Big Spring, Denise M. Catala of the Bronx, and Angel L. Gonzalez of Tampa, Florida. Noemi was also blessed by a loving group of aunts and uncles: Brandi and William McClenney, Brandon and Jordan Williams, Shanna Lopez, Crystal DeJesus, Gilbert Valentine, Jr., and Angel Gonzalez, Jr.

The family appreciates the outpouring of love and support during these incredibly difficult days. We know our angel is resting in peace in God's heavenly arms.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

*Paid Obituary*

## 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.

### MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees It, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible?

There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. The next session being Sept. 3, 2019. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

### WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 432-517-9207 for more information.

## Police

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **DON LLOYD BROOKS**, 53, of 1212 E. 17<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested on possession of a controlled substance less than one gram.
- **PETER ANOULUCK PHOM-**

**MASOUK**, 33, of 760 Pebble Beach Dr., San Marcos, CA, was arrested on a charge of burglary of habitation.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 2000 block of S. Monticello St.; 2500 block of March Circle.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was re-

ported in the 1200 block of S. Benton St., and 3600 block W. Hwy 80.

• **ACCIDENT MAJOR** was reported in the 3100 block of S. Hwy 87.

• **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported at South 87 and Johansen.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 68 inmates at the time of this report.

• **JOHNNY BARRAZA**, 51, was arrested by BSPD, on driving while license invalid (DWLI) and driving while intoxicated (2nd).

• **MAUREEN BALCAZAR**, 31, was arrested by DPS, on a charge of driving while intoxicated with child.

• **DON LLOYD BROOKS**, 53, was arrested by BSPD, on possession of a controlled substance less than one gram.

• **CECIL ANTHONY CARSON**, 27, was arrested by BSPD, on a charge of bail jumping and fail to appear.

• **CAREY NATHANIEL CULLISON**, 26, was arrested by BSPD, on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **QUINCY LAMAR HENRY**, 30, was arrested by HCSO, on aggravated assault causes serious bodily injury.

• **OCTAVIO JIMENEZ**, 38, was arrested by DPS, on a charge of assault family household member and interfer with emergency request for assistance.

• **CAREY MACK LOYA**, 53, was arrested by BSPD, on a charge of

public intoxication.

• **ROBERT NAVARRETTE LUJAN**, 46, was arrested by BSPD, on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension.

• **PETER ANOULUCK PHOM-MASOUK**, 33, was arrested by BSPD, on a charge of burglary of habitation.

• **CODY ROBERTS**, 38, was arrested by HCSO, on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ALEXIS JANELL SCAGGS**, 24, was arrested by DPS, on a charge of theft of property between \$2,500 and \$30,000 and ran stop sign.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Kiowa. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Lamar Ave. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the MM 192 I-20 One

person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 3100 block of S. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of FM 700. No transport was required.

• **FIRE** was reported in the 3100 block of S. Hwy 97. Contained.

## Take Note

• VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.

• Food2Kids will again be providing sack lunches to children in the Big Spring area who do not re-

ceive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It takes just a couple of hours of your time, and the work is very rewarding.



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**HEALTH**

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community to come out and see the changes we have incorporated," ValVerde said. "We are ready to focus on healthy year, healthy you."

To sign up for a booth, contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce office at 432-263-7641. The first 10 to sign up in the new year will receive a booth at the special rate of \$100. Registration must be received by Jan. 15 and paid in advance, for the special price to be received.

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*Courtesy photo*

During the Feast of Sharing, held Dec. 8, 2019, H-E-B donated \$2,500 to three local organizations. Pictured left are representatives with Isaiah 58 Food Pantry accepting the donation. Other organizations included Howard College Foundation and Food2Kids (pictured on Page 1). Each of the organizations will use the funds to continue their local services.

**Weather**



**Today:** Sunny, with a high near 55. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Tonight:** Clear, with a low around 30. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming south after midnight.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 64.

**Saturday Night:** Clear, with a low around 39.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 65.

**Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 35.

**Monday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 61.

**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 32.

**Tuesday :** Sunny, with a high near 57.

**Tuesday Night:** Clear, with a low around 32.

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 60.

*(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via [forecast.weather.gov](http://forecast.weather.gov))*

**Take Note**

- O'Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Norman Witcher at 432-413-6663.

- Senior and/or mature adults are invited to come to a dance every first and third Friday each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center, located at 100 Whipkey Drive. Come two-step the evening away, or just mingle with old friends and make new friends. Dances are from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live entertainment. No alcohol or smoking permitted. Cost is \$5 per person.

- Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month. We meet at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057.

- The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you.

- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law

enforcement agencies, as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Balsaquia at 1-877-316-8346 or visit [www.BecomeACASA.org](http://www.BecomeACASA.org) or [www.casawtx.org](http://www.casawtx.org).

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more.

To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

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Maria Franco, 82, died Tuesday. Funeral service was at 11 AM today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Noemi Marie Gonzalez, infant, died December 30, 2019. Vigil Services will be at 7 PM tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 10:00 AM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Jesus "Jessie" Tarin, 59, died Sunday. Vigil services will be at 7 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 11 AM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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The exhibit will be on display for the month of January. The community is invited to stop by the Heritage Museum to view the art-

work and check out the other pieces of Big Spring history that the museum has to offer.

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- February 8:  
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# Reflections: Keeping our focus in 2020

We will soon turn the page to 2020. It seems like such a perfect number, so much better than 2019, an odd number that always seemed to fall just a little short. 2020 rings with the hope of perfect vision and a perfect year.

But we already know 2020 will have its challenges. It is likely to open with a Presidential impeachment trial in the Senate and conclude with a bitter political battle for another Presidential term. 2020 will not be easy. It certainly will not be perfect, but it can be better.

Evangelicals seem to be in the forefront of the early political discussions. I have considered myself an Evangelical since my youth. When I was a young pastor in Texas I considered myself Evangelical because I was evangelistic. I wanted to introduce others to faith in Jesus Christ. When I moved to Minnesota in the 1990s I discovered that Evangelicals include a broad swath of denominations interconnected through a movement largely defined by Billy Graham whose offices were in Minneapolis. ("That's all the address you need.")

I admired Mr. Graham then and still do.

In 1956, Billy Graham launched Christianity today as the flagship publication for Evangelicals.



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Recently Mark Galli, the current editor, rattled the Evangelical world with his editorial calling for President Trump's removal from office.

He wrote, "The impeachment hearings have illuminated the president's moral deficiencies for all to see. This damages the institution of the presidency, damages the reputation of our country, and damages both the spirit and the future of our people. None of the president's positives can balance the moral and political danger we face under a leader of such grossly immoral character."

In response to the fire storm that followed, Timothy Dalrymple, Christianity Today's president wrote, "The problem is not that we as evangelicals are associated with the Trump administration's judicial appointments or its advocacy of life, family, and religious liberty. We are happy to celebrate the positive things the administration has accomplished. The problem is that we as evangelicals are also associated with President Trump's rampant immorality, greed, and corruption; his divisiveness and race-baiting; his cruelty and hostility to immigrants and refugees; and more. In other words, the problem is the whole-heartedness of the embrace."

I remember when Billy Graham endorsed Richard Nixon in 1972. He had never endorsed a politi-

cal candidate before. After Watergate he vowed he would never endorse a candidate again. In 2011 Graham said, "Looking back, I know I sometimes crossed the line, and I wouldn't do that now." "I... would have steered clear of politics."

As we enter 2020, we can only have a clear vision for our actions within our families, our businesses our churches and the world by keeping our focus on Jesus and the conduct he demonstrated. That conduct is best explained in the Sermon On the Mount and 1 Corinthians 13, "Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things. Love never fails" (1 Cor. 13:4-8).

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## And in the morning, then shall you see the Glory of the Lord

"And in the morning, then shall you see the glory of the Lord" (Exodus 16:7).

This week let's pass on to consider how true these words are of the Lord's day in particular. Then also in the fact that in the morning the New Year starts. 2020 has arrived.

When the Romans built their great wall across the north of England, they placed, at intervals of a mile apart, towers rising above the ordinary level of the wall; and there the sentinels were set to stand and watch. And when God built the battlements of our spiritual life He placed at every seventh day a tower, a day, the first day, thrust up above life's common levels, for safeguarding our souls.

Hence we can take this text and make it read: In the morning God's own day, in the morning the church is summoned to worship, then shall you see the glory of the Lord!

What underlies the church - going habit, if not

the wistful hope that His promise may indeed come true?

It is not mere custom, or sentiment, or gregariousness, or routine that turns the steps of men and women week by week towards the church house. It is the deep, unspoken longing that somehow in the service of the day a vital contact with God may be achieved. That somehow, incredible as it may often seem, Christ will be able to use these services - with all the glaring, lamentable deficiencies, their human bungling and inadequacy - for fulfillment of His promise.

As a rule, people do not say in so many words what the Greeks said to Philip long ago, "Sir, we would see Jesus," but whether they say it or not, it is what they mean. Some turn in to the assembly, scarcely knowing what has drawn them there. Some have never done much self-analysis in these matters at all.

Some leave their motives quite inarticulate. Yet if their deep, innermost hearts could speak the truth aloud, this is what we should hear them say:



RALPH  
ANDERSON

## Dick Tracy

When I was a small girl, I saw on tv a Dick Tracy movie. Mr. Dick had a watch phone strapped to his wrist. He would push a button and talk to headquarters on that watch. I thought it was just about the coolest thing I had ever seen.

I casually mentioned a desire to my son for a watch for Christmas. He got me one that has an interchangeable, adjustable white band and blue band.

It talks to me. It tells me the weather outside, no matter how frightful. It tells me when to stand up, that I've been resting too long. It tells me when to breathe and how long I'm supposed to do that. It tells me what my heart rate is. It tells me what time it is, and has alarms that go off at the weirdest times. It tells me everything my smart phone tells me.

I found it dead two days after my son left after Christmas celebrations here. Then I discovered a battery charger I could bring it back to life again. I am amazed at my new Dick Tracy smart watch.

I am so thankful that my God created me to breathe without having to tell me to do so. He created my heart to supply the blood within and even regulated it to last a lifetime. I am recharged nightly as I sleep.

He renews my strength when I am weary of the days activities. He sustains my life with His breath I breathe every second.

When I think of this life and all the inventions of man, my mind goes back to the manger and Calvary and what Jesus did for me. He stepped out of His beautiful Heavenly Home to pay my sin debt on that cruel cross.

As I accept what He did and live for Him, He promises a complete renewal in His Home.

I won't ever have to recharge my battery up there. Lord, we sure do thank You for Heaven.



LILLIAN  
BOHANNAN

"I have come hoping, longing, desperately needing to meet God. This is what has brought me - nothing formal or superficial or trite or sentimental, but only this, that 'as the heart panteth after the water-brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God,'"

For man cannot live by bread alone, no matter how hard he tries. He needs God. He needs the resources of the Spirit. He needs the width and sweep of the eternal. And when the morning of the Lord's day brings him to the place of worship he is longing that every barrier should go down, and every well-meaning, blundering intermediary should stand out of the way, that Christ and his own soul may meet. "Sir, I would see Jesus!"

The thrill and romance of it is that, because Christ is as good as His word - because, even as He promised, He is here - this vital contact with the divine can and does most surely happen. For He still comes to meet His own.

"In the morning" - the morning of the Lord's day - "Then you shall see the glory of the Lord."

May God walk with you through the year of our Lord 2020.

## Something to think about...

I wanted to share a powerful prayer from Glenn Mitchell as we begin a new year:

*"O Star-flinging God,  
whose light dances across eternity,  
dazzle us into your presence  
this new year.*

*Open our hearts to the mystery of your love.*

*Awaken us to your presence,  
knit to the ordinary.*

*Reveal to us what is possible, but not yet present.*

*Heal us, that we might be healers.*

*Reconcile us to you and to ourselves,  
that our living might be reconciling.*

*Stop us often, we pray*

*with news that is good*

*with hope that holds*

*with truth that transforms with a*



RICHARD  
SCHNEBERGER

*Word*

*tailored to this trail we're on.*

*May the word of your grace guide*

*our steps*

*like the sun by day*

*and the north star by night,*

*as we travel into the gift of a new year. Amen."*

As we stand at the beginning of a new year, there

are many unknowns that await us; many "what ifs."

Some fill us with excitement, others that may cause

some anxiety. And yet, as

Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Faith is taking

the first step, even when you can't see the whole staircase."

We walk by faith into

this new year knowing

that God-with-us will never

leave us, nor forsake us

even to the very end of the

age.

May we renew our commitment

to keep the pursuit of God's Kingdom

our first priority as we

journey through this new

year.

## A silent worship revival at an Episcopal church for the deaf

NEW YORK (AP) — The Lord's Prayer ended with the bang of dozens of fists that landed on open palms after a circular motion and a thumbs up in a joint "Amen!"

Not a voice could be heard inside the cavernous sanctuary of Holyhood Episcopal Church-Iglesia Santa Cruz in Manhattan. There was no need for words: From the altar, the deaf congregants led the hearing ones, who from the wooden pews repeated the silent movement of their hands.

Music, sermons, prayers, even confessions make up much of the experience of a typical religious service. So, for the deaf, how does faith flourish in

an environment that so revolves around sound?

The deaf worshippers at Holyhood in the northern edge of Manhattan, say that what might be considered a limitation has strengthened their sense of community, and expanded their understanding of God, and the sacred gift of silence in a noisy world.

During a recent Sunday service, deaf and hearing worshippers sung and signed hymns, offered the sign of peace bringing palms together with a twisting motion - and joyfully waved their hands high in the air in a sign-language equivalent of applause.

"When I sign the music and the hymns to God, I actually feel the Holy spirit with me. I give my all to him," said Lidia Martinez, 54, who spoke to the AP through her daughter, who is a sign language interpreter.

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## Church News

### First Christian Church

Starting Jan. 6, we will be entering The Epiphany Season! Next to Easter, Epiphany is the oldest season of the Church year. In Asia Minor and Egypt, Epiphany was observed as early as the second century. The Festival of the Epiphany fell and still falls on Jan. 6. It was observed as a unitive festival-both the birth and baptism of Jesus were celebrated this time. We at First Christian Church would like for you to join us Sunday, Jan. 5 at 10:50 a.m. Fellowship Social Time in the Sitting Room is at 9:15 a.m. with coffee and donuts. Guest Speaker is Chaplain Joel Miller. Worship Leader is Dennis Stapel and serving is Laura and Dennis Stapel. First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad.

### First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study meets at 5 p.m. in the library, and the Chancel Choir rehearsal is at 6 p.m. The Thursday Lunch Bunch will not meet again until Jan. 9.

Ushers last Sunday were Jim Little, Helen Glass, Vicki and Mark McLean. Kay Kennemur will be in charge of Take Ten on Sunday.

The lectionary passages for the Second Sunday of Christmas are Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 131-14; John 1:1-9) 10-18. The Choral Introit is "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright." Rev. Taylor Todd will deliver the sermon and officiate at Communion. The offertory will be "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne," arranged by Douglas E. Wagner on the organ by Gabe Martinez, organist and choir director.

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

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](http://www.fpcbs.org) We would be pleased for you to Like us on Facebook.

### First Baptist Church

"Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:18-19 It's 2020, and a new year is always a great time to join in praising God as a member of a church family. The people of First Baptist Church extend a warm welcome to come together with them Sunday at 10:50 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a blend of both contemporary praise music and classic hymns of the faith. Pastor Mark Lindsey will bring the message from Scripture, and listeners will reflect on God's gift of a new year to each of us, and how we can honor Him as we go forward into 2020. FBC offers Deaf Interpretation in the morning worship service. 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: [fcbigspring.org](http://fcbigspring.org). (Click on 'MORE' tab, then 'SERMONS' ).

Following the morning worship service there will be a luncheon in the Family Life Center in appreciation of Music Minister Alan Schantz's 5 years of service to our Lord at FBC, and Administrator/Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini's 9 years of service to our Lord at a FBC.

Everyone's invited to this special time of fellowship. At 9 a.m., The Gathering Place (FBC coffee shop) is open, and you're invited to have some coffee, and a sweet treat while enjoying a time of fellowship. Greeters are happy to direct you to The Gathering Place which is located in the former library space.

At 9:30 a.m. Bible Study/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 happy to help you find your class.

At 5 p.m., you're invited to gather in the parlor (across the hall from the chapel) for a time of prayer. This is a special time of focused prayer for our community, and church body.

Don't miss the blessing.

Evening worship service begins at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel, and is a wonderful opportunity to prepare one's heart for the upcoming week. Tuesday Jan. 7, the Triple LLL (Living Longer & Loving It) group invites everyone to join them at noon in the church dining room for a delicious lunch and some great fellowship. Bring some friends and enter through the east kitchen doors.

Thursday, Jan. 9, the Mission Center/Food Pantry will be open at 9 a.m. It is located on Lancaster one block behind H-E-B at Iglesias Central. Saturday Jan. 11, the Men's Breakfast is at 8 a.m. in the church dining room. All area men are welcome; invite your friends and neighbors today. Wednesday night meals are served from 5-6 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Reservations are required by Monday noon to assist with planning; call 432-267-8223 or go to [fcbigspring.org](http://fcbigspring.org) to save your place and learn more.

Wednesday evening schedule includes: 5:45 p.m. Children's Activities; 6 p.m. Adult Bible Study, and Worship Choir practice. 6:15 p.m.

Youth Activities; contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 432-270-8332 for details about teen events, or just come to the second floor Youth room at 6:15

p.m., and join the fun.

At 7:30 p.m., the Worship Band rehearses, and there's room for you if you play an instrument. Contact Music Minister Alan Schantz at 432-267-8223 or just stop by Wednesday evening if you're interested in being part of praising God through participation in the Worship Band. Church offices will be closed on Jan. 1st, New Year's Day, and there will be no evening activities. Mother's Day Out is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Contact Tracy Boeker at 432-267-8223 to hear about available openings for your little ones. To learn more about what's happening at FBC, go to the website, [fcbigspring.org](http://fcbigspring.org) or call 432-267-8223. 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

May God draw you ever closer to Him each day of 2020.

### Blessed Hands Deaf Church

The congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invites you to worship with them Sunday at 10:50 a.m. Currently, they are joining with the First Baptist Church family in the main sanctuary with interpreters provided. First Baptist Church is located at 705 W FM 700. For information about additional activities or to learn more about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, contact Pastor Jim Walterhouse at: [jwalterhouse@gmail.com](mailto:jwalterhouse@gmail.com). Happy New Year.

### Crestview Baptist Church

We at Crestview Baptist Church want to 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. On Sunday and Wednesday nights, at 6:30 p.m., the pastor is teaching through the Book of Acts, verse by verse.

Please come 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.

### College Baptist Church

Wow!

The year is winding down quickly!

What a great time of year to make resolutions you can keep! Try coming to our church. We will welcome you with the loving arms of our Lord. The end-year parties and activities are over. Time to renew your commitment? How is your vision? Is it 2020? What a unique opportunity we have to increase our eyesight as we dive into a brand new year.

Women of the Word meets this Tuesday at Pizza Inn for food and fellowship, and send, First Priority, Bible Teaching, Preaching from God's Word, Back Pack Ministry—all ongoing ministries at College Baptist Church located at the southeast corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane.

We invite you to come join us on Sundays for: Sunday School, Sunday morning at 9:15a.m. for all ages, followed by worship at 10:45 a.m. in the auditorium; GA's at 5 p.m. for grades first through fifth girls' missions. Then Bible study for youth and adults at 6 p.m. Wednesday we have a Craft time, King's Kids, and prayer and Bible study for youth and adults all beginning at 7 p.m.

Come worship with us as we celebrate the God of all seasons. No matter the program, we enjoy the worship time. Our pastor, Bro. Ken McMeans, helps us as we delve into God's Word, which inspires us to live as Jesus lives through us.

Get your spiritual 2020 Vision on and come and be a part in the joyful activities with us in exciting worship as we praise the Mighty God we serve. Please call: 432-267-7429, for more information about this exciting, loving Church.

### St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Episcopal Church welcomes all to participate in our services. We are located North of the High School on Goliad Street at 1001 S. Goliad, and would love to have you visit.

Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by brunch in the Parish Hall.

On Wednesday's we have Bible study and coffee in the morning at 10:30 a.m. and in the evening we have evening prayer, dinner, and book study starting at 5:30 p.m. What a great opportunity to have meaningful fellowship and develop relationships with people who have a common interest, following the steps of Christ.

Please come and join us for a time of worship and fellowship in a place that welcomes all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### First Church of the Nazarene

20/20 Vision: "You are here!"

A few years ago we took our kids to Silver Dollar City in Branson, MO. While wandering through the park looking for specific rides and attractions, it was extremely helpful to stumble upon those massive maps that offer those three simple words 'You are here!'

I remember as a Boy Scout learning to use a map

and compass to navigate through the woods. There are two fundamental things one has to determine to successfully navigate their journey;

1.) where you are and 2.) where you are going.

How is your journey going? Can you clearly see where you're headed? You won't want to miss this Sunday as Pastor Richard begins a new series 20/20 Vision.

Child Sponsorship: You can make a difference in the life of a child!

For far too many children, the only future they see is one that's dimmed by poverty. But Nazarene Compassionate Ministries' child sponsorship program gives children a chance to create a future bright with possibility. Sponsorship has brought the future into focus for thousands of children living in poverty, but there are thousands more still waiting for a sponsor. You can have an eternal impact in the life of a child for \$30 per month and help us reach our goal of sponsoring 20,000 children by 2020.

To sign up as a sponsor or learn more go to [www.ncm.org](http://www.ncm.org).

### 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:

- Tuesday, Jan. 7 - Join us at 7 p.m. as 50 and Wiser small group will be gathering for a night of games, food and fun. Bring a side dish to share and your "A game" for some friendly competition. We will see you at Steve and Faye's. For more information please contact Faye at 432213-3883.

- Saturday, Jan. 11 - Hurting Moms, Mending Hearts is a 10 week support group for moms who are experiencing heartache and pain because their child is rebellious, out of control and making choices that may cause serious damage and even destruction. Contact April Gutierrez at 816-5431 and find out more about times, books and how God's promises through the scripture can help you surrender your child to God.

- Monday, Jan 13 - Let's hear it for the girls! Join Women's Far Above Rubies for an evening of laughter, fun and fellowship. We welcome women of all ages and ask that you bring your favorite dish to share. We will gather in the ARC from 6 to 8 p.m.. For more information, contact Debbie Rieger at 432-935-1257.

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 a.m., 11 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. for worship services.

CCC is located at 706 E. 12th St. For office hours or other questions, please contact our administrative office at 432-264-0015, or email us at [info@cccbigspring.org](mailto:info@cccbigspring.org). You can also find us at [facebook.com/CCCBigSpring](http://facebook.com/CCCBigSpring), or visit us at [www.cccbigspring.org](http://www.cccbigspring.org) if you would like more information.

### Spring Creek Fellowship

"Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry will be open and the second and third Saturday in December from 9 to 11 a.m. to help anyone who needs food. We are in the mall. Go in the door where the movie theater is located, and we are in the first spot on the left. Volunteers are needed to unload trucks on Wednesdays before they are open on the weekend. If you are interested in volunteering with the "Our Daily Bread Food Pantry" ministry, please contact Kay Elder.

All men are invited to the weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. at Evita's Restaurant in the mall. Please join us.

Children's Church is a great place for your child to learn and play while you enjoy worship. This ministry is for children ages kindergarten through fourth grade. We will be building on our Kid Connect lessons. Please bring your children for the fun and learning.

"PUP", which stands for "Picking Up Pieces", is a new sisterhood for widows in our community. All widows in Big Spring and the surrounding areas are welcome. Meetings will be held the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6 p.m., and dinner will be served. We would love to see you there. For address or more info, please contact the church office.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Funeral Meal Team
- Nursery
- Children's Church
- Van Ministry
- "People Helping People" Ministry
- "Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry

The Signal Mountain Quilters Group meets on the second Friday of each month. This group is open to all in the community who are interested. The proceeds from the quilt they are making this year will be donated to The Life Center. You may see the quilt in the foyer.

The Pain Management Class meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m. If you have chronic pain and would like to learn how to manage it, please attend this class. It meets in Room 4 of the Adult Connections Classroom in the mall.

The Taylor School of Ministry is now in session. This session will address "How to Study the Bible". If you are interested, please contact the church



# CHURCH

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office. "People Caring for People" is a ministry serving widows in our area with small projects and "honey do" kinds of things.

This ministry operates through donations. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, either in a "hands on" way or by donation, please contact the church office.

We have an "App" for your convenience. It is easy to work with and has many applications. Go to your App Store, search for "The Church App" and download. Then search for "Spring Creek Fellowship Texas". That should take you to our Home Page.

Weekly Happenings:

- Sunday
- 9:15-10:15 a.m.-Sunday School/Connection Groups
- 10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.- "Holy Grounds Café" is open with coffee, drinks and fellowship.
- 10:45 a.m.-12 p.m.-Worship Service
- 11 a.m.-12 p.m.-Children's Church
- 5 p.m. Prayer Meeting
- Tuesday
- 6 p.m.- Pain Management Class-Room 4
- 7 p.m.-Women's Bible Study
- Wednesday
- Community Groups-various times and places
- Thursday

7 p.m.-Men's Bible Study-Kingdom Disciples

• Saturday  
7:30 a.m.-Men's Prayer Breakfast. Breakfast at Evita's Restaurant in the mall.

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, please contact the church office or visit our website at [springcreekfellowship.org](http://springcreekfellowship.org)

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700 in Big Spring, Texas. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at [www.springcreekfellowship.org](http://www.springcreekfellowship.org)

"Every Member a Minister"-1 Peter 4:10 NKJV

## 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.

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".

The Wednesday noon Bible study takes a break for the holidays and resumes on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2020 in Garrett Hall.

The meal is served at 11:50 for \$5, followed by a Bible study of the Book of John.

Real Life Wednesdays include Celebrate Recovery, choir rehearsal, women's Bible study, children's choir, and youth meetings, which all meet at 6 p.m. The Praise team rehearsal is at 7 p.m. Those activities also resume on January 8. The College Ministry, Wesley Foundation, will resume later in January.

"Celebrate Recovery" sessions are offered every Wednesday in Youth Hall for anyone in the community seeking freedom and healing from hurts, habits, and hang-ups.

Worship and helpful Bible-based discussions begin at 6 p.m. The public is invited to drop by the north entrance of the building on Scurry Street any Wednesday.

Men's Step Studies meet at 8 a.m. on Sundays in Youth Hall.

Other events on the church calendar include:

- January 6: Worship Committee, 5:30 p.m.
- January 6 and 7: "Food2Kids" Sacking, 5:30 p.m., 1107 N.W. 7th St.

For more information on any activity, please visit the website at [www.fumcbs.com](http://www.fumcbs.com), or phone the church office at 432-267-6394.

# WORSHIP

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Growing up in the Dominican Republic, Martinez felt alienated from her faith because she was deaf. When she moved to the U.S. in 1993, she continued to feel like an outsider in a hearing church.

"I remember going to other churches and sitting in the benches and not knowing what they were saying because there were no interpreters available," she said. "It was really hard to follow the Mass with just the readings."

After visiting multiple churches, she walked into Holyhood last year. That's when she saw the Rev. Maria Santiviago signing from the pulpit.

"It was heartwarming to have her interpret the Mass," she said about Santiviago, a 77-year-old Paraguayan who came out of retirement to help lead the ministry for the deaf. "Before I wasn't understanding anything. This was like a Eureka moment."

Now, her whole family is part of the Holyhood community. They recently walked into the church past the Nativity scene and a brightly lit Christmas tree and sat in the front pews, illuminated by sunlight from colorful stained-glass windows. Her husband, Carlos Tirado, 54, who is also deaf, signed. Her daughter Leisha Martinez, 11, and her granddaughters, Arly Gordon, 8, and Lyann Gordon, 4, who can hear, sang along.

Facing them - and all the deaf worshippers - stood her eldest daughter, Diely Martinez, an American Sign Language/Spanish medical interpreter, who now volunteers at the Sunday Mass.

"I want (God) to touch their lives, she said. "So, it's more than interpreting. It's a calling."

During the service, the Rev. Luis Barrios asked the deaf and hearing worshippers to form a prayer chain around a congregant who fears that she's also losing her sight.

The Sunday service for the deaf and a weekday American Sign Language classes have helped once-dwindling attendance to rise at the Gothic Revival-style church.

"God can also be found in the silence," Santiviago said. "We're empowering their language."

Holyhood, which is located in the mostly Latino neighborhood of Washington Heights, also takes pride in being a sanctuary church for immigrants and fully trilingual in English, Spanish and ASL.

"We have revived this church. We wanted the church to support the people," Barrios, who is from Puerto Rico, said. "We need to find ways to make changes so the church remains relevant." He said that they still hope to reach out to more children and teenagers.

Technological advances, including apps for texting and talking, continue to help the deaf and hard of hearing worldwide. But, Diely Martinez said, a church for the deaf and hearing - like Holyhood - is vital.

"Every Sunday, we come here and we're a family. It can be deaf friends; it can be my immediate family. But not only that," she said. "I can see how the hearing people are more accepting of the deaf, and that's very touching. They come together."

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## Minister: Texas gunman grew angry in past over cash requests

DALLAS (AP) — The congregation at a Texas church where two people were fatally shot had repeatedly given food to the gunman, according to the pastor, but had declined to give money to him, angering a man who court records show was deemed mentally incompetent for trial in 2012.

It's unclear whether Keith Thomas Kinnunen's extensive criminal record and psychological history would have barred him from legally buying the shotgun he used during Sunday's attack at the West Freeway Church of Christ in the Fort Worth-area town of White Settlement.

Kinnunen, 43, shot worshippers Richard White and Anton "Tony" Wallace in the sanctuary before a member of the church's volunteer security team shot and killed him, according to police and witnesses.

Minister Britt Farmer told The Christian Chronicle that he recognized Kinnunen after seeing a photo of him without the fake beard, wig, hat and long coat he wore as a disguise to the service.

Kinnunen visited the congregation several other times this year and was given food but denied money, the minister said.

"We've helped him on several occasions with food," Farmer said in the interview. "He gets mad when we won't give him cash."

Farmer declined to speak to The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Authorities have said Kinnunen's motive remains under investigation and they declined to comment on how he obtained the gun he used, though a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives spokeswoman said it had successfully traced the weapon.

Court records portray Kinnunen as being deeply troubled long before Sunday's attack.

In 2012, a district judge in Oklahoma ruled him mentally incompetent to stand trial and ordered him committed to a psychiatric facility for treatment.

Kinnunen was charged with felony assault and battery with a dangerous weapon after he attacked the owner of a Chickasha, Oklahoma, doughnut shop in 2011, court records state. He was separately charged with arson that year after allegedly starting a fire in a cotton field by tying tampons soaked in lamp oil to the crop.

Earlier on the day of that fire, Kinnunen soaked a football in the accelerant, lit it on fire and threw it back and forth with his son, who was a minor, according to the arrest affidavit. The boy told police he was afraid his father would get mad if he asked to stop.

A forensic psychologist who examined Kinnunen in 2012 for both cases wrote that "Kinnunen currently evidences signs that are consistent with a substantial mental illness and that meet the inpatient criteria of a 'person requiring treatment.'"

Records show that Kinnunen was found competent to stand trial in February 2013. However, both criminal cases were ultimately reduced to misdemeanors, to which he pleaded guilty.

One of Kinnunen's ex-wives, Cynthia L. Glasgow-Voegle, also filed for a protective order against him in 2012, Oklahoma records show.

"Keith is a violent, paranoid person with a long line of assault and battery w/ and without firearms," Glasgow-Voegle said in the petition. She also wrote that Kinnunen was prone to religious fanaticism and "says he's battling a demon."

Kinnunen got "more and more" into drugs and "it messed with his head" during their marriage, Angela Holloway, whose divorce from him was finalized in 2011, told the AP.

Holloway, a 44-year-old Fort Worth resident, said she hadn't spoken to Kinnunen in years and learned from news reports that he was the church attacker. She said she and Kinnunen used to attend church together and that there were times he appeared to be off drugs, but that he was frightening by the end of their six-year marriage.

"He was really disturbed," Holloway said.

She said that she doesn't know whether Kinnunen was ever diagnosed with a mental illness and that she wasn't sure whether he could legally have guns, but that he consistently did.

"I don't know how he got them; I just know that he did have them," she said.

In 2016, Kinnunen was arrested in New Jersey and charged with unlawful possession of a firearm. He eventually pleaded guilty to the lesser crime of criminal trespass, court records show. In Texas, he was charged with aggravated assault in 2008 but pleaded down to misdemeanor deadly conduct.

Federal law defines nine categories that would prohibit someone from being legally allowed to own or possess a firearm. They include being convicted of any felony charge or misdemeanor domestic violence, being subject to a restraining order or active warrants, being addicted to drugs, and being involuntarily committed to a mental health institution or being found by a court to be "a mental defective." However, it remained unclear whether Kinnunen qualified under any of the categories.

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# Lady Buffs prevail over New Deal while Buffaloes fall to the Lions at Klondike ISD



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Pictured above left: Lady Buffs guard Kaeli Woodall looks for an open teammate to pass to during Forsan's big win on Thursday. Pictured above right: Head Coach Cory Richardson holds court with his squad during a time-out.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

The Forsan varsity girls and boys basketball teams took on the New Deal Lions at Klondike ISD on Thursday afternoon. In both teams first action in over a week, there was some rust to be knocked off during the hard-fought contests. As the girls' team prevailed, the boys' team struggled against the intensity that the New Deal defense possessed.

The Lady Buffs (9-9) were up first against the Lady Lions (12-10) in a game that was controlled by Forsan's perimeter shooting ability.

"When we move the ball laterly, we've been getting good shots," Lady Buffs Head Coach Lloyd Vedder said. "When we do that, good things happen for us."

After falling behind early and trailing by a score of 11-6 at the end of the first quarter, the Lady Buffs collectively took their game to the next level and did not allow the Lady Lions to score one point during the second quarter. Forsan went on a 7-0 run before halftime and led 13-11 at the break.

New Deal attempted to use their high-pressure defense to force Forsan into turnovers and bad shots. Instead, the Lady Buffs capitalized on the pressure and started the second half on a 11-3 run that would extend their lead to double-digits. Forsan would not allow New Deal to get back within 10 points for the rest of the game.

Starting Lady Buffs' point guard Rylee Evans has continued her hot streak of shooting on Thursday when she knocked down 5-of-8 from beyond the arc and finished with a game-high 21 points.

"I told her early in the year to relax, don't force things, and let it come to you," Vedder said. "She's got the confidence. She's drawing more and more now."

Forsan would prevail by a final score of 41-31 and would redeem themselves after an early-season loss to the same team. With the Lady Buffs beginning to

heat up at the right time of the season, it will be interesting to see how they perform now that they are a team playing some of their best basketball and are currently on a three-game winning streak.

Following the Lady Buffs game, the Buffaloes (8-11) took the court and were put to the test against the suffocating New Deal (12-7) defense. On several offensive possessions, it was impossible for Forsan to move the ball much farther than half-court as each ball-handler was met by a hoard of defenders as they tried to advance the ball.

"We just have to get in better spacing and be in the right spots," Buffaloes Head Coach Cory Richardson said. "We need to not panic and make stronger passes. I think we made too many lob passes today."

Turnovers plagued the Buffaloes during this matchup and it was a struggle throughout the game for the offense to get a shot on net. After keeping it close in the first half and only trailing 22-14 at halftime, the Lions began to pressure even more and extended their lead to double-digits in the blink of an eye at the end of the third quarter.

Forsan forward Ryan Buske led the Buffs with 10 points in the game, but the lack of consistent scoring prevented Forsan from coming back to win. After a rough fourth quarter filled with turnovers and sloppy passes, Forsan left Klondike with a 51-32 loss heading into their back-to-back against Snyder.

"Just a little more experience will help us," Richardson said. "That's why this game and Snyder tomorrow will be good for us for district."

UP NEXT: The Forsan Buffaloes will travel to Snyder on Friday afternoon to take on the Tigers. The Lady Buffs do not play again until next Tuesday when they will host the New Home Lady Leopards.

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## Outdoor hockey in Texas? Sure thang, and was a hoot to boot

By SCHUYLER DIXON

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DALLAS (AP) — Ryan Clare chewed on a turkey leg as he milled about the Texas state fairgrounds hours before another major sporting event inside historic Cotton Bowl Stadium.

No, this wasn't the Texas-Oklahoma football game, always held in October during the fair. Clare has never been to the annual Red River rivalry, but the Dallas resident has been a fan of hockey and the Stars for more than 20 years.

Getting tickets to the NHL's Winter Classic for Dallas' 4-2 win over Nashville was a no-brainer for Clare, and probably many others among the 85,630 who filled a venue that used to be famous for college football on New Year's Day.

"This is kind of a once-in-a-lifetime event and everything," said Clare, the bottom of the Dallas resident's green No. 4 Miro Heiskanen jersey covering the top of his black kilt. "When are you going to something like this in Texas ever again?"

Yes, outdoor hockey in Texas was as much the spectacle as that phrase sounds, with racing pigs just outside the rink on the stadium floor, and horses spooked by fireworks during "The Star-Spangled Banner."

At one end of the stadium, line dancers stepped to the beat of live country music in front of a stage that wasn't far from a mechanical bull.

"I understand Twitter is going nuts in a good way about the pig races," Commissioner Gary Bettman said. "We tried to blend Texas and hockey. Each year we try and learn something and do it a little bit better."

The midway on the fairgrounds was filled with thousands of fans several hours before the game, some riding the giant Ferris wheel just southwest of the stadium and others on the swinging pirate ship or the haunted house ride.

Some waited in line at least an hour for the other headliner alongside a turkey leg at the State Fair of Texas every fall: a corn dog. "It was worth it," one said. There were so many lines, some didn't know where one started and the other ended.

Others almost ended up on the sky tram that crisscrosses the fairgrounds, when all they wanted to do was get in the stadium.

"We didn't know," said Samantha Williams, a Nashville season ticket-holder visiting Dallas for the first time.

There was some impatience in a huge cluster of fans outside the main entrance to the Cotton Bowl about an hour and a half before the start, a standstill bad enough for some to think it was the only way into the stadium when there were actually plenty of other entrances.

"It's been sensational," Bettman said. "The only complaints that we've been getting is that it's been too crowded. And in this business, you'll take that."

Bettman said the weather was perfect in every way: a temperature in the mid-50s with overcast skies that blocked the sun to prevent glare without bringing rain, which would have been an even bigger problem for the ice.

The Predators took a 2-0 lead early in the first period before the Stars thrilled the huge crowd with four goals in less than eight minutes in the second and third periods.

"We're very fortunate to be a part of it, hockey

down in Texas and a couple of Southern teams, and fill the building the way we did," Nashville coach Peter Laviolette said. "It was an incredible day. You want the score to go in a different direction if you're part of the game. But the game overall, the ice, the atmosphere, it was excellent."

The biggest difference from the Texas-OU spectacle was the fairgrounds emptying out once the game started. When the Longhorns and Sooners play, there are still thousands of regular fan-goers to see in the aerial television shots.

Inside, there was a bunch of Dallas green rather than the 50-yard line split of burnt orange and crimson, and a strong contingent of yellow-clad Predators fans.

Among them was Sonya Baird, a lifelong resident of southeast Texas who can't really explain how she became a Nashville fan. Baird did say she liked the style and energy of Shea Weber, who spent his first 11 seasons with the Predators.

And Baird's never been to the state fair, so ... "I didn't know where this place was," she said. "It's pretty cool. I don't like crowds for some reason. It wasn't going to keep me away."

Same with Bryan Granstaff, who came from outside Nashville because his daughter wanted to attend. He wasn't much of a football fan, and couldn't say he'd seen a football game from the Cotton Bowl on TV.

"The only thing I keep up with is hockey," said Granstaff, a Predators fan for about five years. "Hockey and huntin'."

Well, at least half of that is quintessential Texas. As for the hockey half, it took quite a step to start 2020.

## Doncic helps Mavs pull away in 4th for 123-111 win over Nets

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — With Luka Doncic resting and Dallas' other two top scorers out with injuries, Seth Curry kept the Mavericks even with Brooklyn until the 20-year-old phenom could take over again.

Curry scored 15 of his 25 points with Doncic sitting the last half of the third quarter, before the 2019 Rookie of the Year had 15 of his 31 in the fourth as the Mavericks pulled away for a 123-111 victory over the Nets on Thursday night.

Dallas avoided its first three-game losing streak of the season in the second straight game without 7-foot-3 forward Kristaps Porzingis and shooting guard Tim Hardaway Jr., who together have been good for about 30 points a night.

Curry made all five of his 3-pointers and was 9 of 13 overall in the fourth game with at least 20 points this season for the younger brother of Stephen Curry.

"A lot of guys can make plays and we never know who's going to get the touches or the shots that night other than Luka," Curry said. "It's fun to play. Every night it seems like somebody different is making a big impact."