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Deaths:

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Vehicle pursuit through Big Spring ends with 1 suspect in custody

Herald Staff Report

According to a press release issued by the Big Spring Police Department early Tuesday morning, on July 20 at approximately 10 a.m. a green in color 1994 Jeep Cherokee and a 12' Silver single axel Tractor Supply trailer containing wood panels were reported stolen from the 1800 block of Donley. At approximately 11:20 a.m. the complaintant had located his trailer and wood panels aban-

doned in the 900 block of E. 9th Early Monday afternoon, around

2:45 p.m., a Howard County Sheriff's Deputy observed the vehicle traveling northbound in the 1200



Joshua **Spivey**

block of FM 700. The deputy turned behind the vehicle and followed it to S. Anderson Road where the vehicle turned eastbound. The deputy then attempted to stop the vehicle, but the driver refused at which time a pursuit was initiated. Howard

County deputies and Department of Public Safety troopers pursued the vehicle on multiple roads north east of Big

Spring. The vehicle entered into the city limits southbound from N. Highway 87. Big Spring Police Department officers then assisted

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COVID-19 update from City of Big Spring/ **Howard County**

Special to the Herald

On July 20, 2020, the City of Big Spring and Howard County officials were notified of four (4) new positive test results for COVID-19 over the weekend.

The individuals are from one family and are all isolated at home. These new cases have been determined to be community spread.

The demographic information of infected individuals are not available currently.

The Texas DSHS website is reporting the following numbers as of Monday July 20, 2020.

Total cases for Howard County 90. Recoveries 38. Active cases 50. Howard County and Big Spring emergency management has not received information from DSHS about these numbers.

CASA of West Texas serving the children of Howard County, providing voices for the voiceless

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

To recruit, train, and support, in the best interest of the child. Court Appointed Child Advocates are a volunteer based organization who are doing what needs to be done for the youth in the community who need a support system as they go through the foster care sys-

"A CASA, often times, is the only consistent adult in the child's life, which is why they are so crucial," Hope Stalder, Volunteer Recruitment and Marketing Specialist, said. "Without one, they are much more susceptible to fall through the cracks of an overburdened child welfare system."

Since 2000, CASA has been serving Howard County. A new building is being erected on Scurry Street, which will allow for much needed



HERALD file photo The new CASA of West Texas Big Spring office is nearing completion. The office is set to open soon and will be able to offer more space for services provided. Volunteers are constantly being searched for. Contact CASA of West Texas if you would like to become a volunteer.

and the services rendered. The main focus of CASA is to serve children who have been removed from their home due to severe child

space for the organization abuse and neglect. A judge will appoint one of the volunteers to serve as the child's guardian ad litem: they are tasked with advocating for the child's best interest. An

assignment can last from a year to 18 months and sometimes longer depending on the circumstances.

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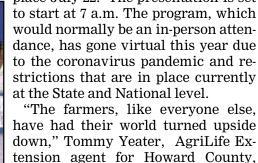
Ag Extension Grain Sorghum Program goes virtual, registration now open through July 21

Class date set for July 22 with program starting at 7 a.m. online

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor The Howard County Ag Extension Office has announced

the 2020 Virtual Grain Sorghum Program is set to take place July 22. The presentation is set



tension agent for Howard County, said. "This is an opportunity for our farmers to get a heads up on the market export situation." The Grain Sorghum Program will

be conducted over Zoom and will have three segments: Projected Grain Sorghum Production Costs presented by Bill Thompson, Assistant Professor and Extension Economist; Sorghum Market Outlooks presented by Dr. Mark Welch, Associate Professor

and extension Economist; and Exports and International

Markets presented by Wayne Cleveland, Executive Direc-

"This is a great way for our producers in the area to stay up to speed with the current market and possibly start planning for next year," Yeater said. "While the grain crop has already been planted for this year, and we normally don't have a lot of grain sorghum in this area, it's a good thing to be up to date on for when it's a bad year."

The virtual program is open to all producers in the Central Area and those in Howard County who are producing grain or are thinking about producing grain could join the meeting and benefit from the information presented.

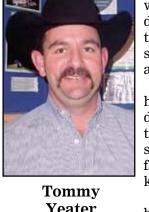
This is the second virtual program that has been presented by the Ag Extension Agency. The first program, which was also virtual, was held in April and focused on the wheat market. According to Yeater, there will be another program com-

ing up in September that will be geared towards the cotton producers. "These programs are great for our producers to gain some

knowledge and right now it's a form of stability and we need to get back to that," he said. To join the Zoom meeting go to https://agrilife.zoom.

us/j/96073695090. When the link comes up inpute the Member ID: 96073695090 or join by phone at 1-346-248-7799. To preregister, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Howard County at 432-264-2236.

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tor of Texas Sorghum Association.



Obituaries

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Cox of Midland; two sons, Lee Cox and wife, Heather of San

Angelo and Gene Cox and wife, Barbara of Midland;

Arrangements are under the direction of Gil-

breath Funeral Home in Stanton. Online condo-

lences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

two grandchildren; and a sister, Nina Thompson.

Roy Cox

Roy Cox, 72, of Midland, passed away Sunday, July 19, 2020.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at Evergreen Cemetery.

He was born May 29, 1948, in Stanton.

Lily Farrington
Lily Farrington, 74, of Big Spring, passed away Sunday, July 19, 2020. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Rebecca "Becky" Huitt Rebecca "Becky" Huitt, 80, died Thursday, July

16, 2020. Visitation was 9 a.m. Until 9 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Courtney Bal-

> lard, pastor of Circuit Riders Cowboy Church, officiating, with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. Rebecca was born April 11, 1940,

in Knox City to Martha and William

Carver. She was a homemaker, but she also worked in the cafeteria for B.S.I.S.D. and Forsan I.S.D. She lived most of her life in Howard County and was a member of Berea Baptist Church. She loved her Lord and church.

Rebecca did volunteer work, especially driving cancer patients to Midland for treatment.

Rebecca loved music, dancing, volleyball, garage

his wife Denise of Brady and Terry D. Huitt and his wife Oleta of Tyler; one brother; William "PeeWee" Carver of New Mexico; one brother in law: Bill Czernaiski of Brownville; six grandchildren: Clint Bingham, Brandon Bingham and his wife Ruby, Kara Bingham, Jeffery Huitt, Taylor Heckler, and Case Heckler; and three great grandchildren: Kaci Bingham, Mia Hicks, and Kyle Heckler.

death by her Husband Kenneth; one brother: Billy Ray Carver; and two sisters: Betty Czernaiski and Wanda Anderson. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral

Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

sales, and most of all friends and family. Rebecca is survived by two sons: Quert Huitt and

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in

Paid Obituary

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following ac-

- GARY WAYNE ELLETT III, 24, of 2210 Merily, was arrested on a charge of unauthorized use of motor vehicle and warrant from other agency (x3).
- TERRENCE ALI YOUNG, 31, of 1905 Wasson Road, was arrested on a charge of credit card or debit card abuse.
- JODY WAYNE DAWDY, 56, of 1511 Sycamore Street, was arrested on a charge of assault fam-

ily violence threat or offensive touch.

- THEFT was reported in the 3800 block of Dixon Street.
- FORGERY was reported in the 1200 block of S. Gregg Street.
- · ACCIDENT MINOR was reported in the area of 10th and Go-
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at 1400 block of S. Owens Street; 2500 block of Chanute
- •ASSAULT was reported in the 100 block of Collins Road; 1500

block of Sycamore Street.; 1600 block of Martin Luther King.

- Street. **CREDIT/DEBIT**
- block of S. Lancaster Street.
- was reported in the 2000 block of S. Gregg Street. FOUND PROPERTY was
- reported in the 2300 block of S. Gregg Street.

• STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 1200 block of Settles

- **CARD** ABUSE was reported in the 1400
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the How-

ard County Jail reported having 83 inmates at the time of this re-

- JODY WAYNE DAWDY, 56, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of assault family violence threat or offensive touch.
- MARCUS DELEON, 30, was modified conditions of commu- charge of public intoxication. nity.
- GARY WAYNE ELLETT III,
- 24, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of bail jumping fail to appear (x3) and unauthorized use of
- MICHAEL PAUL JONES, 30, was arrested by HCSO, on a charge of public intoxication.
- AKKEY MCVAE, 22, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of criminal trespass.
- VINCENT MICHAEL PINO, arrested by HCSO on a charge of 29, was arrested by by BSPD on a
 - TYLER DAVID TOLLEY,
- 29, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated 2nd offense. ZAKKERY WAYNE TURN-
- ER, 30, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of evading arrest deten-
- MARC ANTHONY YBAR-**RA**, 23, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated 2nd offense.
- TERRENCE ALI YOUNG, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of credit card or debit card abuse.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

- 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 • Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support 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.

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Silva Juana

Silva Juana, 62, of Big Spring died July 20, 2020. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home with Vigil service at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 700 block of W I-20. No transport was required.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. No transport was required. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2100
- block of Cecilia. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1700
- block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 300
- block of E. Third Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1100
- block of Birdwell. No transport was required. **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 50 block of Lancaster. No transport was required. MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1800
- block of S. Main. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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"Howard County is the second largest county served by CASA of West Texas, out of the seven county area," she said. "Our organization provided advocacy to 130 children last year (2019) in Howard County alone. We need a strong presence in this community for these victims."

Volunteers are the foundation of CASA, but there are other ways to support the organization. Donations are appreciated and accepted, from monetary to items such as snacks, new stuffed animals, and more. According to Stalder, the best form of support is to help spread the word. The more people who know about the services provided through CASA the more of an awareness is raised and the more youth that can be supported in their journey.

The new CASA building is a rep-

Weather

Tonight: Isolated showers and

thunderstorms between 7 p.m.

and 10 p.m. Mostly clear, with a

low around 73. East wind 10 to

is 10%.

30%.

20%.

15 mph. Chance of precipitation

Wednesday: Scattered showers

and thunderstorms, mainly after

1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high

near 95. Southeast wind 5 to 10

mph. Chance of precipitation is

Wednesday Night: Isolated

showers and thunderstorms.

Mostly cloudy, with a low around

73. Southeast wind around 10

mph. Chance of precipitation is

resentation of community and a testament to what can happen when community comes together and how donations are utilized. According to Stalder, a few of the big contributors included the FMH Foundation, Mabee Foundation, Scharbauer Foundation and Permian Basin Area Foundation. There were also numerous individual and business donations that helped fund this project. "We have seen an increase in the

number of abuse and neglect cases during COVID-19. The increase is not as drastic as we fear it will continue to be once more children start making more appearances back out into the public," Stalder said. "The removals we have had are much more severe than they have been in years past."

When Stalder compared numbers from this year to previous years, there is an increase. In Howard County alone, there are nine removals that took place in 2019 and in 2020 there have been 18 children removed. In 2019, for the seven counties, there were a total of 30 removals and this year, in that same area, there have been 48.

"In order for a CASA to be involved there does have to be an open court case and if available one will be appointed from the beginning," she said. "We are a volunteer driven organization so unfortunately, if we do not have a volunteer that is able to accept the case, we have to decline it and a CASA will not be assigned at that time. However, one can be requested at any point throughout the duration of the case and can be appointed if we had one become available."

She continued, "We need to keep our community safe and protect these children who are so defenseless more often than not. Volunteers are always needed and extremely vital for each case. These children are often not able to speak up for themselves. CASA volunteers can provide a voice to the

court on what is in the best interest of the child and help them navigate through this very traumatic time in their life. One person can really make the greatest impact for these children and their families."

Anyone in the community can report suspected abuse by calling the Child Protective Services hotline at 1-800-252-5400.

To find out more information about CASA visit www.casawtx.org or the West Texas Facebook and Instagram for resources and tips for parenting during these difficult times or reach out to Stadler at hopes@casawtx.org or call 432-683-1114 ext. 16.

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Freddie D. Green, 68, died Thursday. Funeral service will at 10:00 AM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Ackerly Cemetery.

Frances Lynn "Fran" Trotter, 74, died Friday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Wednesday at 10:00 AM at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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Silva Juana, 62, died Monday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home with Vigil service at 7:00 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10:00 Thursday AMMyers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park

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with the pursuit in an attempt to stop the driver of the stolen Jeep.

The pursuit traveled through town past the Big Spring Herald office on 8th Street east bound, eventually traveled to Birdwell Lane, down FM 700 and eventually onto the service road out by the refinery.

The driver of the stolen Jeep made his way to E. FM 700 traveling northbound and turning eastbound onto the south service road of IH-20. Officers pursued the driver and stolen vehicle to Sand Springs where the driver finally crashed the stolen vehicle into a small chain length fence in the 100 block of Croze Road.

Monday

vehicle

chase

Community report/Alisa Dickerson Matteson

the chase

The driver was taken into custody and was identified as Joshua Nathaniel Spivey, a white male, 24 years of age.

Spivey has been charged with Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, evading arrest/detention with a vehicle and a warrant for parole violation original charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Take Note

• 2020 Virtual Grain Sorghum Program is set for July 22 at 7 a.m. This is a Zoom based meeting and producers in the Howard County area are welcome to sign up for the program. To sign up for the program, contact your local County Extension Office at 432-264-2236.

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Son of US District Judge Esther Salas killed, husband shot

By MARYCLAIRE DALE

Associated Press

A gunman posing as a delivery person shot and killed the 20-year-old son of a federal judge and wounded her husband at their New Jersey home before fleeing, according to judiciary officials.

The shooting occurred Sunday evening at the North Brunswick home of U.S. District Judge Esther Salas, and killed her son, Daniel, Chief District Judge Freda Wolfson told The Associated Press. Her husband, defense lawyer Mark Anderl, was injured in the attack, Wolfson said.

Salas was in the basement at the time and wasn't injured, according to a judiciary official who wasn't authorized to comment and spoke anonymously to

The perpetrator, believed to be a lone gunman posing as a FedEx delivery person, was not in custody, the official said. The U.S. Marshals and the FBI said in a series of tweets that they are looking for one suspect in the shootings.

Daniel Anderl, who was named to the Dean's List this spring at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., was the judge's only child, the official said. He was shot once in the chest with a

semi-automatic weapon as he answered the door, while his father, just behind him, was struck several times, the official said.

"I was shocked last night to hear news of Daniel Anderl's tragic death Sunday evening in New Jersey. Daniel was a rising junior, enrolled for classes beginning in the next few weeks," university President John Garvey wrote on Twitter. "He turned 20 last week."

The gunman fled the scene in a car, the official

Salas, seated in Newark, was nominated by President Barack Obama and confirmed in 2011. Prior to that, she served as a U.S. Magistrate Judge in New Jersey, after working as an assistant public defender for several years.

Asked if officials thought the shooting was linked to the judge's work or the current climate of political unrest, Wolfson said, "We really have no idea."

Salas was presiding over an ongoing lawsuit brought by Deutsche Bank investors who claim the company made false and misleading statements about its anti-money laundering policies and failed to monitor "high-risk" customers including convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. Her highest-profile case in recent years was the

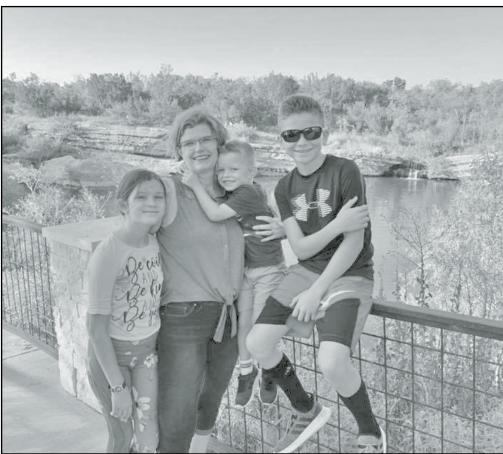
financial fraud case involving husband-and-wife "Real Housewives of New Jersey" reality TV stars Teresa and Joe Giudice, whom Salas sentenced to prison for crimes including bankruptcy fraud and tax evasion. Salas staggered their sentences so that one of them could be available to take care of their four children.

In 2017, she barred federal prosecutors from seeking the death penalty against an alleged gang leader charged in several Newark slayings, ruling the man's intellectual disability made him ineligible for capital punishment. Salas later sentenced the man to 45 years in prison.

Democratic New Jersey Sen. Bob Menendez, who backed Salas's nomination to the federal bench, said in a statement Sunday night, "My prayers are with Judge Salas and her family, and that those responsible for this horrendous act are swiftly apprehended and brought to justice."

In an emailed statement, Democratic New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy called the shooting "a senseless act" and said "this tragedy is our latest reminder that gun violence remains a crisis in our country and that our work to make every community safer isn't done."

Community Report



Community Report

Esther Van and her kids enjoyed some time on the Comanche Trail as they went for a hike this past weekend. The Spring area is a revamped feature at the park. Those who have not gone out to see the reecnt updates are encouraged to go out and see the beautiful work that has been done.



Community member Dee Lindsey took a little bit of time to give back to the community by visiting a recent blood drive and donating blood. The blood supply is running low as the nation faces a pandemic. Over the past few weeks several blood drives have taken place and more are soon to come. To find out about upcoming blood drives or ways to donate blood, visit the Vitalant website for dates and information. One pint of blood can save a life and only takes a short amount of time. Thank you to all community businesses who have sponsored blood drives over the past month.

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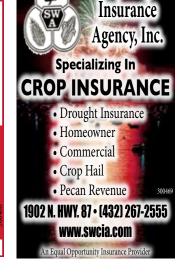
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News briefs

Former Florida Rep. Allen West named Texas Republican chair

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Former U.S. Rep. Allen West of Florida, a firebrand conservative who once called for President Barack Obama's impeachment following a short stint in Congress, was elected chair of the Republican Party of Texas during a turbulent virtual convention early Monday.

West's ascension comes four months before what could be an unusually competitive Election Day in America's biggest red state. Democrats need just nine seats to flip the Texas House for the first time in 20 years, and Joe Biden this month put up a modest ad buy in Texas, raising questions about President Donald Trump's vulnerability in the longtime Republican strong-

West, who was elected to Congress in 2010 and moved to Texas after serving just one term, won the leadership post during a virtual convention that was wracked by delays and technical problems.

"I am honored and privileged that Republicans of Texas have selected me to Chair their party and to be at the helm during this coming election cycle,' West said in a statement. "We need to focus on maintaining the conservative policies that made Texas strong and drive voter outreach across the state."

Trump acknowledged West's victory on Monday, tweeting, "Congratula tions Allen, great job!"

The Texas GOP was forced to shift to an online convention after Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, a Democrat, moved to cancel the party's plans for a massive indoor gathering downtown in one of the country's hardest-hit coronavirus hot zones.

West unseated James Dickey, who had been the party's chair since 2017.

Man charged after fatal crash in Texas that killed 3, hurt 9

KERRVILLE, Texas (AP) — A man remained jailed Sunday after being charged in a fatal crash in Central Texas that killed three people and injured

Members of the Thin Blue Line Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club were on a ride Saturday south of Kerrville when a vehicle crossed a highway center strip and crashed into the group, according to the Kerr County Sheriff's Office. Kerrville is located about 65 miles (105 kilometers) northwest of San Antonio.

"The ride was in celebration of the club's birthday when the accident occurred," the sheriff's office said.

The motorcycle club is part of a national group that is made up of active duty, retired and reserve law enforcement officers.

The vehicle's driver, 28-year-old Ivan Robles, was arrested and has been charged with three counts of intoxication manslaughter and six counts of intoxication

assault. Court records did not list an attorney for Robles, who is from Cen-







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How other states are handling high school fall sports with UIL decision looming near





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Above left: A pair of Steers make the tackle behind the line of scrimmage in a game last fall. Above right: Forsan quarterback Sawyer Stallings makes the hand-off to running back Nathaniel Hernandez.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

The University Interscholastic League (UIL) is expected to make a decision on fall sports sometime this week. Over the past week, several states throughout the country have made the tough decision to either move their season back a few weeks or pushed the season entirely to 2021.

There was some positive momentum and hope for Texas in that discussion as recently as yesterday when UIL athletic director Dr. Susan Elza reiterated that the goal and plan is to have a full fall high school sports schedule.

There may need to be some shifting of some schedules with one suggestion from Elza being to switch all district games to the front of the schedule so that they all can be played and district standings will be accurate.

Let us take a look at other state's reaction to the coronavirus and which ones are planning changes to their usual Fall high school sports schedule:

Arizona: The Arizona Interscholastic Association announced it will delay the start of all athletics after Gov. Doug Ducey's recent executive order pushed back the school year start until Aug. 17. The governor's order was in response to a spike in the state's coronavirus cases. The high school football season was to start the weekend of Aug. 20.

California: The California Interscholastic Federation moved back its fall and winter seasons to start in January. In an announcement on July 20, "The CIF has determined, in collaboration with our 10 Sections, that education-based athletics for the 2020-2021 season will begin with a modified season of sport schedule." The CIF split all its sports into two "seasons," instead of three, with varying start and playoff dates. The Northern Section plans to keep its regular calendar and won't be eligible for state championships.

Georgia: The Georgia High School Association postponed its football season by two weeks. In a GHSA Board of Trustees meeting held July 20, the state's governing body decided to move back the first games from late August to Sept. 4, but will keep a 10-game schedule and a full slate of playoffs. Other fall sports in Georgia will start on time.

Mississippi: On July 14, the Mississippi High School Activities Association executive committee delayed the fall sports season two weeks. Football practices may begin Aug. 17 with games getting underway Sept. 4. All other sports can begin practicing Aug. 10 with first contests Aug. 24.

Nevada: On July 17, tournament director Bob Kelly announced the 2020 Durango Fall Classic – arguably the nation's top high school volleyball tournament held annually in Las Vegas – will not be played. Kelly said plans are already in place for the event to return Sept. 17-18, 2021.

New Jersey: The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association is still planning to start sports in the fall, but not until Oct. 1. The NJSIAA's "Return to Play" model released on July 10, the foot-

ball regular season will be only six games instead of the traditional 10. Gov. Phil Murphy signed an executive order July 20 to allow contact drills, practices and competitions to resume in outdoor venues only.

New Mexico: New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham announced on July 9 that high school fall contact sports, including football and boys soccer, will be postponed until at least the spring semester.

New York: OnJuly 16, the New York State Public High School Athletic Association announced that the state's fall sports season would be delayed and fall regional and state championships canceled.

South Carolina: The South Carolina High School League Executive Committee on July 15 approved a plan to play fall sports with a few changes. The changes include: pushing back the practice start date from July 31 to Aug. 17, a seven-game football season starting Sept. 11, and region games in girls tennis, volleyball and football played first with a shortened playoff schedule.

Tennessee: Football and girls soccer will not begin on time following the June 29 extension of state emergency laid down by Gov. Bill Lee. The extension now runs until after Aug. 29, even the full slates of Tennessee high school football games were scheduled as early as Aug. 21. Lee made strict contact sport restrictions for practice or any activities other than the college or pro level. Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association executive director Bernard Childress then ordered there will be no contact practices in football, girls soccer, wrestling and basketball. The TSSAA is now working on regular and postseason schedule options to present to the Board of Control.

Vermont: There are no updates on the Vermont Principals' Association website concerning the summer and fall after it closed down the spring sports season. On June 18, the Vermont Agency of Education offered guidance to Vermont schools concerning COVID-19. There is still no word on whether or not fall sports will be played at all with-

in the state and as of now the fall sports season has been postponed until further notice.

Washington: On July 7, the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association Executive Board announced the start of the fall season would be pushed back to Sept. 5 for football and Sept. 7 for all other sports. "The Board will continue to work with staff, member schools and state agencies to monitor the impact of COVID-19," the WIAA said in a release. The Board will make its next announcement on the fall season July 22.

West Virginia: The 2020 football season will begin with practice on Sept. 3, according to West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission executive director Bernie Dolan. He made the announcement on July 10 a day after West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice announced the start of the 2020-21 school year was pushed back to Sept. 8. Dolan said the current three-week summer training for all sports will continue through the end of the month, but that the regular season will be delayed about a month due to the recent two-week spike in coronavirus cases in the state. "It's a little disappointing," Dolan said. "It's difficult. You wish we had a better handle on the virus. But you just have to deal with the hand you're dealt." Starting dates for other sports will be announced in the next day or two, Dolan said.

All of the states who have made an adjustment to their fall schedule are good measuring sticks when looking at what the UIL's options are. Elza decided to postpone any decision that the UIL may come to for at least another few days and the decision that the UIL will come to is anyone's guess.

With Elza saying that the plan is still to play all fall sports, it gives sports fans around the state a sliver of hope that their lives will slowly start reverting back to the way things were before COV-

Just as the legendary coach Vince Lombardi once said, "A school without football is in danger of deteriorating into a medieval study hall."

While there will be no knights in armor or a new Renaissance era coming to Big Spring anytime soon, the loss of a football season could be a painful thing to endure for every fan in town.

Prediction: Texas follows Georgia's lead and pushes the season back a couple of weeks while still having a full 10-game regular season. Scheduling could become hectic but every Howard County head coach is determined and dedicated to making sure a 2020 football season happens. Because of that, they all should be able to handle the task.

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By Steve Becker

Famous Hand — Part 2

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WEST **EAST ♠**J972 ♥Q9863 **♦** J 8 3 ♦ K 7 2 ♣A 10 9 8 6 3 **♣**Q 2 **SOUTH**

♠AQ3 **♥**10 7 5 2 The bidding: North East

Pass 3 NT Opening lead — ten of clubs. Yesterday, we saw how Paul Chemla, playing for France against the Netherlands in the 1986 world team championship, brought in a seemingly impossible four-heart contract with the North-South eards.

But that was only half the story. At the other table, the Dutch North-South pair arrived at three notrump after North opened with an artificial strong club bid and East overcalled in hearts. Three notrump might well have succeeded against ordinary defense, but Michel Lebel, sitting East for France, is no ordinary defender.

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The critical play came at trick one after West led the ten of clubs. Declarer naturally played low from dummy to assure himself of a club trick, whereupon Lebel followed with the deuce!

South won the trick with the jack, but there was now no way for him to make the contract. East would have to gain the lead before declarer could score nine tricks, and his club return would then enable West to run the suit for down two.

Had Lebel won the first trick with the queen of clubs, South would have made his game. West could take East's club return with the ace, but declarer's jack would have prevented the run of the suit, after which East could safely be given the lead.

While Lebel's play may seem to violate the general rule of "third hand high," he had a very good reason for playing low. West's lead of the ten marked South with the jack. If South had the A-J, it didn't matter what East did. But if West had the ace, playing the queen would wreck communications between East and his

Ton Schipperheyn, the Dutch journalist who reported the deal, had one final observation to make on the outcome. "You can see," he said, "that declarer can make the contract if he also ducks at trick one, but who can blame him for winning the jack? Would YOU have ducked?

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of what you really want. In fact, it's hard to avoid. Reason has taken a back seat, and your desire is

the whole show today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It would be very easy to become indulgent today, so ward off this potential. If you give something away for everything you bring in, you'll be organized and efficient.

24-Nov. 21). You have values you don't even

SCORPIO (Oct.

know about. The way that you find them is by noticing and wondering about your own behavior, some of which will surprise you today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If

someone perceives you as being above them, it is only human nature to want to bring you down a notch. This is why the best leaders are always humble and as hardworking as those being led.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Even though you feel very good when you're productive, it's important to note that your worth doesn't come from your

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS tivity. Do it for the joy it brings

you and others. running

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). "I can resist anything but temptation," said Oscar Wilde, and even though you have strong power of resistance, you will be tested by the delicious things on offer today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Deferred dreams are submarines, invisible below the water's surface with the power to torpedo anything that's sailing smoothly. Surface your aspirations. They are safer that way.

TODAY'S BIRTH-DAY (July 21). There's nothing you (SET ITAL) have (END ITAL) to do this year. It's all on your plate because you want to taste it. Your power is on the rise through the next three months, and you'll use it very well. The commitments you make will cement vour place in an organization, and you'll be very important to your group. Virgo and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 3, 33, 14 and 28.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "What does it mean when all your planets are in a few houses and some parts of the wheel are without planets entirely? I do not have any planets in the fifth house. I feel like it's telling me that I'm not going to have children, or that I don't have any artistic talent. Is that true?"

No! With 10 luminaries represented in a chart and 12 houses, empty houses are inevitable. Furthermore, it's common to have clumps of planets in a house, leaving even more of them empty. What sign is ruling your vacant fifth house? (Which sign is on the fifth-house cusp?) That will give you more information. For instance, Leo. Libra or Pisces in the fifth house are exceptional for artists, even if the fifth house is empty. As for children, Destiny has not spoken on the matter. It's entirely up to you.

Generally speaking, I advise shunning interpretations that do not empower or enlighten you. If reading the omens in a particular way makes you feel less than, why would you accept that inference? This is true not only of fortunetelling methods but of any definition or opinion of you. Many things become possible once you get on your own

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Should Posterity Get the Whole Truth?

Dear Annie: I need some advice on what to do about my daily journals. I keep a daily journal and have for many years -- including during a time when my husband was an alcoholic. He's been sober for 27 years. (We are in our late 70s.)

In those journals, I wrote about the times he got drunk -- of his stumbling around in a drunken stupor, of his passing out in his lounger with our children sitting in the room, of his lying about going to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and instead going to the club and drinking for hours. I wrote about all these times and more, describing the family's embarrassment and frustration and adding

my own angry com-

ments.

Now that he's been -so thankfully -- sober all these years, I'm wondering what to do about those journals from the times when he was not. They contain not only comments about the difficulties I went through dealing with his drinking but also information about the family's normal daily life -for example, children's sports games. I'd like to save my journals in case my grandchildren or great-grandchildren would like to know, in the future, what their grandmother's or great-grandmother's life was like, but I wonder about the wisdom of making it possible for them to read about their alcoholic grandfather or great-grandfather. Should I leave the

journals unabridged,

or should I take only

the good excerpts

from them to preserve my husband's sober image? His grandchildren only know him as a loving sober man. I don't know whether our children have ever enlightened their own children about how their grandfather used to be before he stopped drinking. I have a hunch they have never said anything about it.

So, what do I do? At my age, I'm thinking that if I'm going to change anything, I'd better start doing it now. -- Deliberating Diarist

Dear Deliberating Diarist: Your family's struggle with alcoholism is not something you or your husband should feel ashamed of, and it might actually be helpful for your grandchildren and

great-grandchildren

to be made aware of

it -- when they're old enough -- as they may be genetically predisposed to the disease themselves. Even if they're not at risk, they will inevitably face some hardships of their own. How special it would be for them to be able to look to the pages of your journal and remember their heritage of perseverance. You're passing these journals down because you want your descendants to know what your life was like, so let them know what it was really like: thrilling, exasperating, challenging, fulfilling, maddening, awe-inspiring -- not always pretty but ultimately still beautiful.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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This Date In History

Today in History Today is Tuesday, July 21, the

203rd day of 2020. There are 163 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On July 21, 1925, the so-called "Monkey Trial" ended in Dayton, Tennessee, with John T. Scopes found guilty of violating state law for teaching Darwin's Theory of Evolution. (The conviction was later overturned on a technicality.) On this date:

In 1796, Scottish poet Robert Burns died in Dumfries at age

In 1861, during the Civil War, the first Battle of Bull Run was fought at Manassas, Virginia, resulting in a Confederate victory. In 1944, American forces landed on Guam during World War II, capturing it from the Japanese some three weeks later. The Democratic National Convention in Chicago nominated Sen. Harry S. Truman to be vice president.

In 1969, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin blasted off from the moon aboard the ascent stage of the lunar module for docking with the command module.

In 1980, draft registration began in the United States for 19- and 20-year-old men. In 1990, a benefit concert took

place in Germany at the site of the fallen Berlin Wall; the concert, which drew some 200,000 people, was headlined by Roger Waters, a founder of Pink Floyd. (The concert ended with the collapse of a mock Berlin Wall made of styrofoam.)

In 1998, astronaut Alan Shepard died in Monterey, California, at age 74; actor Robert Young died in Westlake Village, California, at age 91.

In 1999, Navy divers found and recovered the bodies of John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife, Carolyn, and sister-in-law, Lauren Bessette (bih-SEHT'), in the wreckage of Kennedy's plane in the Atlantic Ocean off Martha's Vineyard.

In 2000, Special Counsel John C. Danforth concluded "with 100 percent certainty" that the federal government was innocent of wrongdoing in the siege that killed 80 members of the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, in 1993.

In 2009, prosecutors in Cambridge, Massachusetts, dropped a disorderly conduct charge against prominent Black scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr., who was arrested by a white officer at his home near Harvard University after a report of a break-in.

In 2011, the 30-year-old space shuttle program ended as Atlantis landed at Cape Canaveral, Florida, after the 135th shuttle flight.

In 2008, former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic (RA'doh-van KA'-ra-jich), one of the world's top war crimes fugitives, was arrested in a Belgrade suburb by Serbian security forces. (He was sentenced by a U.N. court in 2019 to life imprisonment after being convicted of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes.)

Ten years ago: A triumphant President Barack Obama signed into law the most sweeping overhaul of U.S. lending and high finance rules since the 1930s.

Five years ago: The Defense Department said a U.S. airstrike in Syria on July 8, 2015 had killed Muhsin al-Fadhli, a key figure in the Khorasan Group, a dangerous al-Qaida offshoot. Ohio Gov. John Kasich became the 16th notable Republican contestant to enter the U.S. 2016 presidential race. After a nearly decade-long steroids prosecution, Barry Bonds emerged victorious when federal prosecutors dropped what was left of their criminal case against the career home runs leader.

One year ago: Clashes involving Hong Kong's protest movement escalated violently, with police launching tear gas at protesters who didn't disband after a march, and subway riders being attacked by masked assailants who appeared to be targeting the pro-democracy demonstrators. Disney's photorealistic remake of "The Lion King" wiped out opening-weekend box office records for the month of July, while "Avengers: Endgame" crept past Avatar to become the highest-grossing film of all time. As a sellout crowd cheered him on, Irishman Shane Lowry won the British Open by six shots at Royal Portrush, a course in Northern Ireland that had last hosted the Open in 1951.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Norman Jewison is 94.

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Actor Leigh Lawson is 77. Singer Yusuf Islam (also known as Cat Stevens) is 72. Cartoonist Garry Trudeau is 72. Actor Jamey Sheridan is 69. Rock singer-musician Eric Bazilian (The Hooters) is 67. Comedian Jon Lovitz is 63. Actor Lance Guest is 60. Actor Matt Mulhern is 60. Comedian Greg Behrendt is 57. Rock musician Koen Lieckens (K's Choice) is

54. Soccer player Brandi Chastain is 52. Rock singer Emerson Hart is 51. Rock-soul singer Michael Fitzpatrick (Fitz and the Tantrums) is 50. Actress Alysia Reiner is 50. Country singer Paul Brandt is 48. Christian rock musician Korey Cooper (Skillet) is 48. Actress Ali Landry is 47. Actor-comedian Steve Byrne is 46. Rock musician Tato Melgar (Lukas Nelson & Promise of the

Real) is 43. Actor Justin Bartha is 42. Actor Josh Hartnett is 42. Contemporary Christian singer Brandon Heath is 42. Actress Sprague Grayden is 42. Reggae singer Damian Marley is 42. Country singer Brad Mates (Emerson Drive) is 42. Former MLB All-Star pitcher CC Sabathia (suh-BATH'-ee-uh) is 40. Singer Blake Lewis ("American Idol") is 39. Latin singer Romeo

Santos is 39. Rock musician Will Berman (MGMT) is 38. Rock musician Johan Carlsson (Carolina Liar) is 36. Actress Vanessa Lengies (LEHN'-jeez) is 35. Actress Betty Gilpin is 34. Actor Rory Culkin is 31. Actor Jamie Waylett ("Harry Potter" films) is 31. Figure skater Rachael Flatt

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Newsday Crossword

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- 1 Shouted angry disapproval
- 6 Group of actors
- 10 "Shoo!"
- 14 Source of cider
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- 17 Chinese long-noodle entree
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- 'Thank you") 42 Funding, as a
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- restaurant **45** Japanese noodles
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- decorations to **52** Stalemate in
- negotiations 55 Employ
- 56 Peas' natural
- holder 59 Dress of India
- 60 Mare's flowing hair
- 63 Not at all thick **64** "Don't bet!" 65 Goad into action

- 66 Reduced-price
- **67** Catch sight of 68 Nail file material

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- assistant
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- 7 High poker card _ down (lose
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- 11 Interrupt on the dance floor

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SOUNDS IMPORTANT by Billie Truitt

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- gem
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- city 25 Layered pasta
- dish 27 Dot on a Pacific
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- 29 Become split
- 31 Distress signal at 54 Innumerable sea
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35 Plays on words

- Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com
 - 39 Canyon's edge **40** Lowest sudoku
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 - advance **46** Hydrant
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 - cleaning, as a tabletop
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Big Smallmouth Will Again Take Center Stage At Bassmaster Elite On St. Lawrence River

CLAYTON, N.Y. — Despite a venue change that avails a completely different scenario, Canadian pro Chris Johnston, of Peterborough, Ontario, will be sticking with his original game plan during the SiteOne Bassmaster Elite at St. Lawrence River Thursday through Sunday.

Initially scheduled to be held in Waddington, N.Y., COVID-19 considerations required tournament officials to move to Jefferson County, which is hosting the event in cooperation with the Village of Clayton and the 1000 Islands Clayton Chamber of Commerce.

Since 2017, the Bassmaster Elite Series has held events in Waddington where river fishing was the only option. With Clayton sitting at the mouth of the St. Lawrence, anglers will now have the option of fishing the U.S. side of Lake Ontario (all Canadian waters are off-limits for this event).

Still, Johnston said he's not leaving the river.

"I really don't think the lake will (play a significant role)," Johnston said. "From what I've experienced the last couple of years, there are giant fish in the river. With tournaments out of the Canadian side, it's always three-quarters of the field that's in the river catching them.

"The lake can be so good, but it can be really bad s well."

Johnston mostly attributes the decline in Lake Ontario's productivity to fishing pressure. Years of publicity have increased recreational traffic and caused behavioral shifts in the bass.

"As soon as the spawn's done, they go deep; they don't stick around shallow like they used to," Johnston said. "Will (Lake Ontario) play a factor? Yes. Will there be guys out there checking it? Yes. Is it a really big gamble? Absolutely."

Summer weather isn't the year's worst, but it doesn't take a lot of wind to turn a Great Lake into a washing machine. Elite anglers are well-accustomed to safely operating in rough water, but time management becomes an issue as navigational speed decreases. Also, presentation accuracy suffers when riding the Ontario seesaw.

Even if favorable conditions prevail, it's likely that the majority of the field will remain inside the St. Lawrence River. Why? This pristine waterway is absolutely loaded with big, aggressive smallmouth bass. Considering this year's conditions, Johnston expects the fish to be fully settled into summer patterns.

"Last week, the water temperature on the lake was 72 degrees, so it's well ahead of what it should be," he said. "Last year, there were a few bedded fish still kicking around in the river, but this year's totally different. The weather here has been exceptionally hot — in the 100s for the last couple of weeks, which is crazy hot for us.

"The fish know that and they're going to be deep. It's going to be a slugfest. There's no doubt about it."

In this smallmouth-dominated event, the usual

river tactics like Ned rigs, dropshots, swimbaits and tubes should account for the majority of the fish. Depending on depth and current, anglers will be dragging baits along measured drifts or dropping on particular targets.

One wildcard to note — largemouth, big large-

mouth. Northern-strain largemouth don't grow as big as the Florida-strain beasts of southern latitudes and good numbers of quality smallmouth are typically easier to find throughout the St. Lawrence fishery. That being said, the weigh-ins will likely see a handful of impressive green fish.

"If a guy spends the time to dial in the small-

mouth and then goes and looks for one or two giant largemouth each day, there are huge largemouth in the St. Lawrence River and they're virtually untouched.

"A guy can get a big bag of smallmouth — 22-23

pounds — and then go look for a 6- to 7-pound largemouth. They do exist, and they're a lot more frequent than a lot of people think."

Johnston said he believes it will take a three-day total of 64 pounds to make it to Championship Sunday, with the tournament winner needing about 88 pounds to earn the coveted blue trophy. Whatever the final numbers, he's confident that this stellar fishery will provide anglers and B.A.S.S. fans a much-needed enthusiasm boost.

"I'm excited; anytime we get the northern swing, that's in my wheelhouse," Johnston said. "I'm excited not only for that, but to get it back going. It's been a weird year, and I think we need to be out there on the water doing what we love to do.

"With ESPN2 covering the event and the following week on Lake Champlain, it's going to be a great couple of weeks for the fans watching there and on Bassmaster Live."

Under guidelines from the State of New York, no fans or spectators are allowed to attend events, but fans will still have multiple ways to catch live onthe-water action. Like always, the real-time action will be carried on Bassmaster LIVE at Bassmaster. com and ESPN3 beginning at 8 a.m. ET. Coverage will also be broadcast on ESPN2. Check your local listings for details.

Multiple social distancing and safety measures

Multiple social distancing and safety measures will be used to comply with guidelines issued by the State of New York for professional sports competitions to help keep anglers and staff — as well as the local community — safe from the spread of COVID-19. Prior to the start of the tournament, all anglers, staff and venue personnel will undergo diagnostic testing. Additionally, a new partnership between B.A.S.S. and CrewMinders will allow all anglers and event staff to complete daily health screening via a simple online platform. The daily health questionnaire, delivered via a text link, allows everyone involved with the tournament to perform their safety screening before arriving at the fishery or venue. This helps reduce instances where anglers or staff would potentially be congregated for on-site screening.

Daily takeoffs for the SiteOne Bassmaster Elite at St. Lawrence River are scheduled for 6:45 a.m. ET at the Clayton Antique Boat Museum, with weighins back at the museum at 3 p.m., which will be aired on Bassmaster.com. A field of 86 anglers will be competing for a first-place prize of \$100,000.

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"It's an honor to be the host for such a prestigious junior golf event," Holder said. "These kids are the future of our game and we are thankful to be part of that history. It is always so impressive to see the caliber of players this event attracts, and to see them play on our courses makes it even more special. Our mission is to host a venue that is not only fair for the competitors, but more importantly in this time, a safe environment for the kids to enjoy some friendly competition."

The Boys and Girls 15-18 Divisions will play the demanding Ram Rock Golf Course. The par-71 layout was designed by Robert Trent Jones Sr. and is consistently ranked among the top-50 best courses in Texas. Famously known as the "Challenger," it features narrow fairways, dramatic elevation changes and difficult approach shots. Since the course opened in 1981, the challenging layout and championship test of golf has hosted several elite events including the Texas State Open, USGA Qualifiers and TGA Major Championships.

The Boys and Girls 14 & Under Divisions will compete on the newly renovated Apple Rock Golf Course. Also designed by the legendary Robert Trent Jones Sr., Apple Rock is touted as one of the most scenic championship golf courses in the Texas Hill Country. In 2019, the par-72 layout was reopened following a renovation that included the installation of 007 Bentgrass greens, renovating and scaling down bunkers, improving the irrigation system and adding stone retaining walls along penalty areas. From its breathtaking views to beautiful holes along the shore of Lake LBJ, Apple Rock will be a great test of golf and worthy of crowning two distinguished champions.

The Texas Junior Amateur has been one of the strongest fields in recent years

The Texas Junior Amateur has been one of the strongest fields in recent years and produced some great champions. Last year's winner, Zach Heffernan of Fair Oaks Ranch was one shot off the lead when he began his final round at The Clubs of Kingwood's Forest Course. He started off with birdies on three of his opening five holes. Heffernan carried the momentum throughout his round and carded a bogey-free closing nine including a birdie on the par-4 18th to secure the title by one stroke. The 2021 Baylor University commit finished at 8-under for the tournament and will look to defend his title this year at Horseshoe Bay.

In the Girls Division, Austin's Nicole Vivier carded a final round 1-underpar 71 to claim a five-shot victory at The Clubs of Kingwood's Island Course. It was the only round under-par in the Girls Division of the entire week. The Southern Methodist University freshman's name will live forever on the Dorothy Francy-Langkop

Trophy. Vivier wrapped up her junior golf career this spring and will begin playing collegiately in August.

Ben Delarosa of Dallas won the Boys 14 & Under Division and will look to win the Boys 15-18 Division this year, while Sydney Givens of Austin won the Girls 14 & Under Division and will also look to win another Texas Junior Amateur title at Horseshoe Bay Resort. Other past champions of the Texas Junior Amateur include Ben

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Other past champions of the Texas Junior Amateur include Ben Crenshaw, Jordan Spieth, Jeff Maggert, Scott Verplank, Omar Uresti, Angela Stanford, Hunter Haas, Jacob Sosa, Sadie Englemann, Stratton Nolen, Kelsey Vines, Alex Moon, Heather Haas, Lindsey McCurdy, Mor-

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Players in the Girls Division as well as the Boys and Girls 14 & Under Division as the Boys and Girls 14.

sions are entered based on the LJT Priority Entry System, which awards play ers that have played well in LJT events as well as Texas Junior Golf Allianc events. The Alliance is made up of the Northern and Southern Texas PGA along with the Houston Golf Association.

The Boys and Girls 15.18 Divisions are 54 holes of stroke play competition.

The Boys and Girls 15-18 Divisions are 54 holes of stroke play competition while the Boys and Girls 14 & Under Divisions are 36 holes of stroke play. All four events are ranked by Junior Golf Scoreboard and Golfweek, while the Boys and Girls Divisions also awards World Amateur Golf Ranking points American Junior Golf Association Performance Stars are handed out to the top finishers of each division as well as double LJT Player of the Year Points.



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