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Big Spring ISD Trustees hold public hearing, approves budget

By **IRIS RANGEL**
 Herald Staff Writer



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Big Spring ISD Board of Trustees held a public hearing regarding the 2020-21 budget; following trustees convened for a special meeting where the budget was approved.

The Big Spring ISD Board of Trustees convened for a special meeting Thursday evening to discuss and hold a public hearing for the Proposed 2020-21 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate. Following the public hearing, trustees went into a special meeting to discuss and finalize action items such as an updated 2020-21 School Calendar and consider approval of Innovative Course, Kinesiology.

Trustees opened up the evening with a public hearing to discuss the Proposed 2020-21 Budget and Proposed tax rate. The proposed maintenance tax was \$0.9664 which

includes the fifth golden penny that does not allow for recapture for Chapter 49 from the state. The proposed debt service was \$0.15. This would equate for a proposed tax rate of \$1.1164. This tax rate is the highest Trustees can assess without having to go elec-

tion. This newly proposed tax rate is lower than last year's and according to CFO Charlotte Brian, this number has steadily gone down over the last three years.

"The highest it's ever been was \$1.44 and now it's now down to \$1.1164, so that's

quite a bit of a decline," Brian said.

According to Brian, BSISD is required to post a budget comparison between 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 onto their website which can be found at www.bigspringisd.com.

After the public hearing concluded, the Trustees began to cover a few off-agenda items like attendance/enrollment and a few updates with their COVID cases.

Superintendent Jay McWilliams provided a few recent statistics regarding the enrollment figures for BSISD.

"Our enrollment as you can tell overall is down. We

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Community speaks out on proposed tax increase at Howard College public hearing held Thursday

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor



HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat

Community members gathered to speak at the Howard College public hearing Thursday evening. The room was almost full and those who spoke during the meeting spoke against the tax increase.

A crowd gathered in the Fireplace Room in the Student Union Building on Thursday evening as the Howard College Board of Trustees held a public hearing regarding an increase on the tax rate for the 2020-2021 Fiscal year. The public hearing, which lasted about an hour, provided an opportunity for Howard County residents to voice their opinions regarding the proposed tax increase before the Board of Trustees takes it to a vote - to approve or deny - on Aug. 31 in the Fireplace Room.

"I love Howard College ... I want you to know, thank all of you for being on this board," Big Spring resident Scott Emerson said. "This year, is a year, can we tell that? And no taxing entity has gone above the no new revenue tax rate - what we used to call the effective tax rate. I know the state has not lowered this year, but intends to next year; you have absolute funding this year ... you unlike the city and the county can go above that 3.5% tax rate next year. So if you get a 6% decrease in funding next year it would make sense to get an increase."

As Emerson continued to address the

Board of Trustees about the proposed budget, which to his understanding was constructed without an increase from the No New Revenue Tax Rate and then the board decided to look at an increase.

"Someone told me on Facebook that sometimes staff doesn't grasp the fiscal part of a place like this, and I thought are you kidding me. This staff, I promise you, she gets it. So if she can bring a budget that is not based on No New Revenue (tax rate) and the Board decides to increase the revenue anyway to me it shows your lack of respect for the taxpayers."

Emerson explained to the Board how his business and the business he works for, along with many others in the community have experienced furloughs, pay cuts, and other losses. Following Emerson's comments, several other community members spoke against the proposed tax increase. During the time Nati Saldivar addressed the Board of Trustees, she referenced how she had

spoken with 60 families, each with four members of the family, who are against the increase. Across the state of Texas, businesses are still not operating at full capacity and many more have had to shut their doors.

Other community members speaking against the tax increase referenced the oilfield downturn and the impact it has taken on their families, along with a retired teacher who spoke on the struggle she is dealing with to make ends meet at the current tax rate. A local restaurant

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Silver Throne Program offering support

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

Small improvements in a home can make for a big impact when it comes to quality of life and in return can improve the community, families and value of homes. The Crossroads Housing Development Corporation recently announced a new program - Silver Throne Program - aimed at providing ADA compliant, water-efficient toilets to qualified families in Howard County.

"This is a local effort that came after seeing a need in our community," Anna Scott, Project Coordinator, said. "The Big Spring community has an elderly population that is on a fixed income and this project is aimed at helping that population."

The Silver Throne Program, according to Scott, will provide seven water-efficient toilets to homeowners aged 65 and up in Howard County at no charge to the homeowners. Through the partnership of Crossroads Housing Development Corporation and two local plumbing companies - Black Plumbing and Whitmore Plumbing - those families approved will have the toilets installed at no charge. The goal is to have applications turned in and families selected for installations to begin around Sept. 10.

"The application is online for those wanting to apply. There are income requirements and a few other criteria that needs to be met in order for a family to receive a toilet," Scott said. "For those who do not have access to the internet or a computer, they can call and we can fill out the application over the phone."

Crossroads Housing Development Corporation is a 501c3 organization that was founded in 1999 as a way of providing and serving Howard County residents with affordable housing in Texas. In addition to the Silver Throne Program, Crossroads Housing has other incentive programs for low-income homeowners in Howard County, including a down payment assistance program that can help home buyers with a \$5,000 grant if qualified.

To fill out an application for the Silver Throne Program, contact Anna Scott at 432-756-5550 or go online at www.chdctx.org/programs/silverthrone. The program is based on a first come first serve basis.

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Obituaries

Valerie Teresa Hernandez

Valerie Teresa Hernandez, 47, went to be with Jesus after an extremely blessed and truly grateful life Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2020.



Visitation and viewing will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 28, 2020, at Myers and Smith. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 28, 2020, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be held Saturday, Aug. 29, 2020, at 10 a.m. at the Family Faith Center with Tris Clemons officiating.

Valerie was born July 11, 1973, in Big Spring, Texas, to Heriberto Sarinana and Adalinda Sosa Sarinana. She worked at Pizza Inn for 14 plus years and was a cherished and dedicated employee. She was also employed part time at Settles Hotel for several years.

She loved going to the lake and listening and dancing to music. She was a hardcore Dallas Cowboy fan. She was a steer mascot in high school. She

was one of the best waitresses in town and loved to give her all to everyone who came into Pizza Inn. She was a loving and doting grandma and loved her family immensely.

She is survived by her husband: Reynaldo "Rey J" Hernandez of Big Spring; one son: Damian Perez and his wife Jacquelyn of Lubbock; two daughters: Emily Digby and her husband Kaleb of Big Spring, and Elisa Hernandez of Big Spring; two sisters: Rachel Copeland and her husband Mike of Big Spring, Suzanne Salgado and her husband Mando of Big Spring, and one brother: Robert (Bobby) Barragan of Lubbock; her dad: Herb Sarinana of Big Spring; and three grandchildren: Keanu Digby, Nova Digby, and Penelope Olympia Perez; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mom Adalinda (Linda) Sosa Sarinana; her father-in-law: Reynaldo Hernandez, Sr.; her grandmother: Lupe O. Sosa; one uncle: Manuel Sosa Jr.; and one aunt: Aggie Sosa Padilla.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Paid Obituary

Helen McKee Clanton Glaspie

Helen McKee Clanton Glaspie, 93, of Big Spring, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2020. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, 2020 at The Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Don Brodie, officiating.



Helen was born Oct. 31, 1926, in Coahoma, Texas, on the Reeves Place to Clyde McKee and Effie Burns McKee. She grew up in Vealmoor and attended Vealmoor schools. Helen was a telephone operator during and after WWII in Kerrville. She had been a

beautician for 50 years, owning and managing her beauty salon. She also managed Mobile Home Village and rental property. She and her husband developed "Clanton Subdivision". She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Helen is survived by her sons: Kenny Clanton and wife Sylvia, and Jimmy Don and wife Sherry; her son in law, Larry Fryar; five grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren, one niece and two nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband James Clanton, her daughter Sandy Fryar; two sisters, Dorothy Iden Ragsdale and Mildred Ackerman; and her granddaughter, Leslie Fryar-Martin.

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

Paid Obituary

Take Note

• Coahoma Lion's Club Trade Day will be held Sept. 26 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Downtown Coahoma. There will be food, arts & crafts, antiques, collectibles, clothing, and more. This will be in conjunction with Coahoma City Wide Garage Sale. Please practice social distancing at six feet and face masks are recommended. For more information, call 432-394-4287.

• The Life Center in Big Spring is helping moms and dads with a Diaper Day Giveaway! Call for a five minute phone appointment and a pickup time for free diapers, wipes and formula. 432-606-5041.

• The Senior Supper Club has come out of hibernation to resume its normal Tuesday evening dinners. The Come-One-Come-All group will be meeting on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and orders will be placed around 5:30 p.m. after much socializing from a distance. The Senior Supper Club is an informal group of folks from Howard County who meet at least weekly and sometimes more for Dutch-Treat food at different area restaurants. Sometimes the group also meets for cards, dominoes, or desserts and fellowship. For more information, contact Colonel. Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com.

• St. Vincent de Paul will be open the following dates beginning May 2020. Food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

• Maranatha Baptist Academy located at 903 Johnson Street, in Big Spring, Texas, is currently open and taking applications for enrollment for 20-21 School year. We are a faith-based Christian Academy and use the individualized Accelerated Christian Education Curriculum for Kindergarten through 12th grade, out of Hendersonville, Tennessee. July 20, is our startup date and applications will be accepted year-round. Someone will take your call for information at 432-213-1046. Please leave a message and we will get back with you.

• Isaiah 58 will be open on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. further notice, for the safety of their volunteers and those they serve. Those receiving services are asked to enter the parking lot on 9th Street and exit onto Scurry. Please bring a form of identification with you to pick up food. Masks are required and those receiving food boxes will need to place boxes in their own vehicles until further notice. All these efforts are being put in place to help slow the spread and ensure the safety of those volunteering and those receiving services.

• City of Big Spring announces water office number change. Effective immediately, the temporary phone numbers used to contact the Big Spring Water Office are no longer in effect. Customers can contact the water office at the following phone numbers:

1. Pay online at www.mybigspring.com. Click ONLINE BILL PAY. Pay via the automated phone system by calling 833-227-1752. Payment can be placed in the Drop Box at 305 South Johnson. Staff checks the box daily.

Police Report

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **GRANT CORY PERDEW**, 58, of 1803 Mittel Avenue, was arrested on a charge of arson intend damage to habitation or place of worship.
- **MICHAEL ELAIDO ZUBIATE**, 37, of 211 E. Main Street, Forsan, Texas, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 900 block of Willia Street.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of 3rd and Run-

nels.

- **TELEPHONE HARASSMENT** was reported in the 400 block of S. Runnels Street.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 500 block of N. Lamesa Highway.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2600 block of Albrook Drive.
- **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported in the 600 block of W. 1-20.
- **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was

reported in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa Highway.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 1500 block of Chickasaw Street.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported in the 4800 block of W. Highway 80.
- **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported in the 200 block of E. Main Street, Forsan, Texas.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 2100 Carl Street.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of W. FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of MM 181 1-20. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3500 block of Gail Highway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of State Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of Ridgeroad. 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 3700 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of E. 2nd Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of 16th Street and Main. No transport was required.
- **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 1800 block of Mittle. The fire was contained.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported 11 miles past Highway 350. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Virginia Avenue. 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 2000 block of S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Sheriff Report

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 85 inmates at the time of this report.

- **HEATHER LEEANN JAMES**, 41, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **GRANT CORY PERDEW**, 58, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of arson intend damage habitation/place of worship.
- **ERIK QUALLS**, 54, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **MICHAEL ELAIDO ZUBIATE**, 37, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of criminal trespass.

Support Group

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• 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.

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BSISD

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thought it was going to be up. We're still sitting at 3,728, last year at this time we were 3,926, so we're almost 200 kids down," McWilliams said.

According to BSISD superintendent, the decrease in enrollment is coming from primarily lower grade levels with high school enrollment on the upwards of 1,160.

McWilliams also mentioned his belief in enrollment increasing once the first six weeks phase is over and/or after Labor Day.

"It is not a shock to me that our overall enrollment is down, because most schools around here are down. But I expect that to go back after the six weeks. I want to see what the percentage of virtual is after the six weeks. Right now we're 28% virtual district wide," he said.

Assistant Superintendent George Bancroft then provided an update on how BSISD is handling their COVID cases and regulations. According to Bancroft, only one student has tested positive for coronavirus since reopening and has since been quarantined along with three other students who likely had close contact with the student.

"All of the parents and students in that particular classroom have been contacted and have been invited to voluntarily quarantine if they didn't feel comfortable. We've notify three campuses now who have had active cases within staff (Washington and BSI)," Bancroft said.

BSISD has had a total of 19 cases in

the last month among staff, only one campus having an active case. According to the Assistant Superintendent, BSISD has quarantined a total of 65 employees, 14 of them being active cases, along with 51 of those cases having been recovered. With those cases, only one instance of them was accredited to employee transmission.

"We can keep doing school as long as we're vigilant and we can afford to quarantine students. It's our staff. We can operate with half our students, we can't operate with half of our faculty. The campuses, they're pretty good - the principals are policing that well - but, it's unfortunate," he said.

In the second special meeting of the afternoon, Trustees then began to flow into regular agenda items such as the Approval of Board Minutes for Regular Meeting on Aug. 13, 2020.

For the action item, Consider Approval of Updated 2020-2021 School Calendar, according to Assistant Superintendent Raemi Thompson, the previous 2020-2021 school calendar reflected only a 184 day school year, but needed to be amended as BSISD contracts and budgets were made to reflect a 185 day school year. Due to this, Trustees then began to weigh several different options such as extending the school year one day or requiring faculty to consider changing President's Day to an instructional day or planning day for faculty to come in and gain an extra day of training. A motion was then made by BSISD's Secretary Melissa Miller to exchange President's Day for an instructional day and was seconded by BSISD's Vice President Julie Harris. The motion passed 6 to 0.

Regarding the approval of Innovative Course, Kinesiology, discussion was held to amend the actual course name to reflect a Sports Medicine course instead of Kinesiology due to BSISD not having a certified teacher to teach the course. According to Thompson, a Sports Medicine course would still generate CTE funds for BSISD and still allow credit for its students. With a Sports Medicine course, a trainer - who would need to be locally permitted by BSISD - could still teach the course.

"This gives kids an opportunity to do the course and get the training. They could, at the end of the course, apply to take an IBC certification as a personal certified trainer. It is a \$350 fee they would be responsible for paying just like the ones that are taking our real estate courses," she said.

Also according to Thompson, the current class began with 15 kids and is now up to 25.

"If they get really into that, and decide that's what they want to go to college for, there's a big market for certified trainers. For school districts, for colleges - they'll get a job as soon as they get out. So, I think this is a great course for them," McWilliams said.

A motion was made by Trustee Thomas Olague Jr. to approve the new course and seconded by Trustee Chad Wash passing 6 to 0.

Trustees then covered other budget and tax rate agenda items such as:

Final Amended Budget for 2019-2020 with an end profit of \$556,000 and a fund balance of \$25 million to pass unanimously.

A Proposed Budget for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year with adopted revenues

of \$45,547,118 and expenditures of \$47,355,822 which includes 4% raises and technology upgrades. This budget also includes \$1,000 left in BSISD's elementary account. According to Brian, Kentwood Elementary was approved for a half a million dollar project where only half of the project was completed in the 2019-2020 school year which would incur a \$250,000 budget to be added to the 2020-2021 BSISD budget. Revenue for BSISD is lower this year due to lower values in the area and the addition of various positions such as elementary counselors, coordinators, athletic trainers, and teachers.

"Basically, it's a net loss for the year projected at \$1.8 million, but if you exclude debt service, it's about a \$2. million deficit, and I anticipate it may be even worse if our student counts go down. We still have a healthy fund balance," Brian said.

The Proposed Budget for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year was later approved 6 to 0.

Before the meeting adjourned, Trustees discussed adopting a \$1.1164 per 100 of market value tax rate, broken out between \$0.9664 per 100 of market value for M&O (maintenance and operation), and \$0.15 for per 100 of market value for debt service.

With the proposed tax rate being lower than previous years, a motion to adopt the tax rate was made by Wash and seconded by Olague Jr. to pass unanimously.

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COLLEGE

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owner also addressed the Board and asked if the tax increase was a need or a want. All those who spoke requested that the Board choose to hold the line for this year and then look at a possible increase if needed next year when the climate may be different.

"Does Howard College need it or do you want it? ... For Howard College the lights are going to turn on tomorrow, water will still flow, whether you do the tax increase or not, not much is going to change," Jacob Cerda said. "... There are other ways of getting it, like in our restaurant, instead of blowing up the prices, we are looking at how to get the same product for less or how can we be more efficient, at least for this year. Sometimes you do need to raise taxes, but right now is not the time."

Once those who were registered to address the Board had concluded their comments, Dr. Sparks provided an explanation regarding the thought process that went into constructing the budget and the pieces that were analyzed before proposing the increase. According to Dr. Sparks, tax rate calculations are based on a worksheet provided by the state. In the recent legislative changes the Effective Tax Rate has been renamed the no new revenue tax rate, meaning the rate will allow the taxing entity to bring in the same amount of revenue as the previous year. For 2020 the No New Revenue tax rate is calculated at \$0.207979 which includes the Maintenance and Operations (M&O) rate and the Interest and Sinking (I&S) rate or debt rate. The debt rate is the rate needed to generate the monies needed to pay the annual cost for the General Obligation Bond approved by the voters in 2007. The annual debt rate continues until the bond is paid off. The rollback rate which is now called the Voter-Approval rate is the highest rate the college may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate. In the past a petition had to be circulated with enough signatures to require an election. It is automatic now based on state legislation. The No-New Revenue (NNR) M&O rate is \$0.185035. The voter-approval M&O rate is \$0.199837. The debt rate is \$0.027939. The total Voter-Approval Tax Rate or Rollback Rate is set at \$0.227776.

"In the last legislative session there were changes made to the configuration tax worksheet and with those changes in the Interest and Sinking section relative to anticipated collection rate and the way the Debt rate was figured, our No New Revenue rate was going to increase regardless of any increase in the M&O rate. Now we are looking at an average collection rate for debt over a three year period which puts us figuring 96% collection rate factoring in a decrease in collected funds last year, placing the new debt rate at \$0.027939," Dr. Cheryl Sparks said. "With the No New Revenue Rate M&O rate and the increase in the debt rate added together, it automatically put us over the total No New Revenue Rate and triggered the process of holding a public hearing on a tax increase." The previous year (2018), according to Dr. Sparks, Howard College was able to collect 100% of the debt and had excess debt collection and projected 100% collection for 2019. But, when the configuration took place there was a large property that was under review

and was not resolved before the tax base was certified. In addition to the discrepancy, there was a higher rate of delinquencies which resulted in a decrease in levy.

This year the average homestead taxable value increased by 11.03%. The average home value is \$90,252. Based on that average home increase plus the change in the debt rate, the increase in tax on the average home is \$21 without any increase in M&O. On a \$100,000 static property, the increase in tax was \$2.34 due to the increase in the debt rate. The proposed 3% increase on the M&O tax rate will generate an increase of an additional \$5.01 tax for the year on the average homestead/total \$26 and \$5.55/total \$7.89 on the \$100,000 static property. If the 3% increase on M&O is approved it will generate \$608,256 with a little over \$290,778 going to pay for the bond. Last year's total tax rate was \$0.210637 and the total tax rate proposed is \$0.218525, an increase of 3.74%.

Heading into the upcoming legislative session there was a possibility of a 5% decrease in funding, but after receiving the information for the coming year there was not a decrease, but state leaders warned of an increased possibility next year. The SWCD campus has already been impacted with a 5% reduction of funding for the next two years as the legislative appropriation request process begins. In addition to the projected decrease, Howard College - Big Spring campus has seen a decline in enrollment numbers.

"We are in a base year - March 2020 to Feb. 2021 - which is where we generate our contact hours which result in funding for the upcoming year. With the enrollment decline, the generation of less contact hours, and the uncertainty heading into the legislative session we are trying to plan," Dr. Sparks said. "We don't know if they are going to hold us harmless or hand us a reduction and those are the things the board has to think about."

According to Dr. Sparks, the budget presented was figured with business running as usual. There was no visionary thinking in the proposed budget, which in turn did not take into account the numerous unknown factors. During budget workshop, the Board brought to the table the possibility of decline in funding, increase in needed repairs and unknown circumstances surrounding the pandemic in the coming year as part of the justification for an increase to the M&O tax rate.

"Unfortunately we could be heading into the next legislative session not only dealing with a pandemic, but also with damage from a hurricane added to the uncertainty," Dr. Sparks said.

After Dr. Sparks concluded the explanation to the updated worksheet and configurations, newly appointed Trustee Ben Zeichick, addressed the audience and the reasoning behind his support of the proposed increase.

"It is never a good time to raise taxes, but sometimes you have to do the maintenance," Zeichick said. "If the budget is cut 5% next year we are going to have to do an increase just to stay even and the maintenance won't be able to be taken care of. While it's never good to raise taxes we need to get as much taken care of as we can this year so we aren't coming to you next year asking for even more."

According to Dr. Sparks the maintenance and operation projects which would be included in the 2020-2021 budget with the proposed increase include brick and mortar repairs, along with needed

painting in some areas; the Coliseum chiller, updating the two-pipe system in the McKinney Center and the HVAC system in the East Room. These are just a few of the projects that are on the table that if left untouched could result in more funds needed in upcoming years.

"You are picking the lesser of two evils ... it just doesn't make sense this year," Cerda said. "Like I said we are looking at the supply chain and other different things in my business on where we can cut. I'm just asking that you look at cutting elsewhere and other ways to save money..."

Before the meeting wrapped up, Trustee Flores addressed those in the audience that stayed until the end of the public hearing with the following comment, "Nobody wants to raise taxes ... over the past eight or nine years the legislature has cut funding and in doing so has basically let the taxpayer foot the bill... Over the years, it has been suggested to cut the basketball team, cut the nursing program, but those are good programs for the community. We look at every avenue where we could cut without negatively impacting the community before we go to you (the taxpayer)."

Flores continued, "We are all struggling. This virus caught everyone off guard, and we are trying to do the best we can without emptying the taxpayers pockets. We just ask that regardless of how we vote, please look at both sides and remember we are tax payers too."

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Jovita G. Jimenez, 76, of Big Spring died Monday, August 24, 2020. Funeral service will be at 2:30 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

John Randal Lewis, 61, of Big Spring died Wednesday August 19, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Valerie Hernandez, 47, of Big Spring died Tuesday, August 25, 2020. Vigil services will be at 7:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Saturday at Family Faith Center.

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The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name. When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue them and honor them. I will satisfy them with a long life and give them my salvation."
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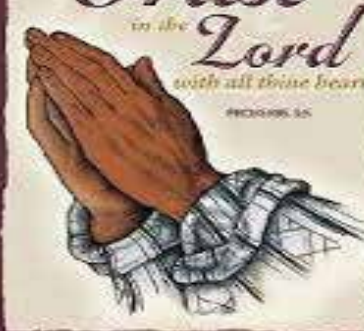
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(Joel 2:23)

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Church News

Naz Family Church

This Sunday, I couldn't help it!: Often, when confronted with their disobedience, our children will simply claim that they were powerless. Either an external or internal influence forced them into the disobedient behavior, so they say. On one level we can sympathize, because we have all experienced the overwhelming force of temptation. Paul clearly tells us that we do not have to live as slaves to our evil desires: "Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace. ~ Romans 6:12-14 NIV Join us this Sunday as we continue to explore Grace-full Living.

Back 2 School Sunday - On Sunday, Aug. 30, we will be praying over several of our teachers and staff in the service. We will also have a teacher appreciation potluck afterward. Everyone is invited. Bring something to share and let's love on our teachers together!

Troop 5 - Boy Scout Troop 5 have resumed their weekly meetings each Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Naz-Family Church fellowship hall. Any young man between 6th and 12th grade interested in scouting are welcome to join us on Tuesday for more information.

Now Enrolling - Nazarene Christian Academy and New Hope Christian School are enrolling students for the 2020 - 2021 academic year. Our students experience a fun, safe, and loving environment where they can grow emotionally, socially, spiritually, and academically. Contact us at 432-263-0203 for more information.

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 (1001 S. Goliad), and would love to have you visit. Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by social gathering outside the church in the Courtyard & Bennett Garden. On Wednesday's we have Bible study and coffee in the morning at 10:30 a.m. and evening we have Evening prayer 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.

Facebook - Live Streaming

Every Sunday at 10:30 a.m., St. Mary's will be Live Streaming their service on Facebook, website www.facebook.com/StMarysBigSpring/.

What a great way to listen or participate in the service at the comforts of your home or wherever you may be at that time of day.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church (aka - CCC) is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church, which cultivates an atmosphere of faith so that lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ.

We would love the opportunity to Connect with YOU! You can expect biblical teaching & preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit filled praise & worship.

Please join us this week at one of the following events:

Sunday, Aug. 30, Join us this Sunday at our 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. for our onsite worship service. Our 11 a.m. service will be onsite and online. You can find our CCC Live Worship Experience online at facebook.com/CCCBigSpring or at Cornerstone Covenant Church Live on YouTube (look for the CCC logo).

Join Chosen Generation Student Youth Ministry at their very own 11 a.m. Sunday Service in the Youth Sanctuary. This is a live worship service geared for Senior and Junior High Students. Come experience authentic worship, connect with friends and discover what it means to be accepted, loved and CHOSEN!

Wednesday, Sept. 2, join us this Wednesday at our 7 p.m. worship/bible study service. We love seeing what happens in people's lives when they discover God through the study of His Word. We have Bible classes for all stages of life, from toddlers and teens to classes for adults. Together we explore the Bible and what it tells us about the God who has woven His story through history and is present with us now.

Transportation Ministry, You need a ride to church? CCC offers picks-up services on Sundays for our 11 a.m. worship service. If you are needing a ride for Sunday please contact the church office.

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CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street. For office hours or other questions please contact our Administrative Office at 432-264-0015 or email us at info@cccbigspring.org. You can also find us at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

College Baptist Church

School days are here again! Pray for safety and peace for students and staff and parents who are home schooling. Praise God for the rain and more

to come. Come see what God is doing at the corner of 11th and Birdwell Lane. We are open at 9:15 for Bible Study for all ages. Nursery and Preschool are with parents in their Sunday School class and Worship time at 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday evening Youth and adults meet for Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at 7 p.m. with children meeting for King's Kids and Krafts. Girl's Missions meet on Sunday at 5 p.m.

Services for Sunday, Aug. 30, 2020, are in the building at 11th and Birdwell, and on our Face Book page as well. We have face masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer available, and we are practicing social distancing. Families are sitting together. Visitors and friends, come join us, it will be exciting to welcome new faces and old alike. Our services are lively and worshipful.

Sunday School is open for all ages as we slowly immerge from the pandemic, and we encourage you to come and see what God is doing at College Baptist Church as we continue on mission for Him.

Watch and be informed concerning our ongoing ministries, and how we are reconstructing our attempts in ministering to the community, as we know, this too shall pass.

We are still on mission seeking ways to serve in this time.

We definitely enjoy the worship time as our ministry team lead us in songs of praise, and where our pastor, Bro. Ken McMeans, helps us as we delve into God's Word, inspiring us in living as Jesus lives through us. Keep your spiritual 2020 Vision on and be a part in these joyful activities and exciting worship, praising the Mighty God we serve. Please call: 432-267-7429, for more information concerning Men's, Ladies, and youth meetings at this great and friendly church.

Crestview Baptist Church

At Crestview Baptist Church, we believe the most fulfilling pursuit for a body of believers is not entertainment, gimmicks, or programs.

The most fulfilling pursuit for a follower of Christ is to know Christ and His Word, so that we may live for Him. If you believe that, please come and worship the King with us!

Sunday School starts at 10 a.m., worship begins at 11 a.m., and our Sunday and Wednesday night meetings are at 6:30 p.m. We are studying the book of Acts. Come and be with us at 2305 Gatesville Rd., in Big Spring.

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. Our Sunday morning schedule includes the 9 a.m. Traditions service featuring the pipe organ, choir, trumpet and hymns. At 11 a.m., The Bridge service featuring contemporary music led by a wonderful praise team.

Worship services are broadcast live each Sunday at 11 a.m. on radio station KBYG-105.5 FM. You can also find the services live streamed on our Facebook page at First United Methodist Church Big Spring.

On Sunday Aug. 23, Pastor Ricky Carstensen shared with us why we should advocate for Christian Unity from Acts 1:4-14. Too many times we allow distractions and differences keep us from our faith. The early church went through 10 days of waiting upon the Holy Spirit. The secret to their being all together was that they had a commitment to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, a commitment to loving one another, and a commitment to reaching the lost. Pastor Ricky will be continuing his series on. The Characteristics of a Committed Christian. Come join us this coming Sunday.

On Wednesday, Sept. 2, at 6 p.m. Celebrate Recovery is being offered in the Youth Hall for anyone in the community seeking freedom and healing from hurts, habits, and hang-ups.

For more information on any activity, please visit the web site at www.fumcbs.com or phone the church office at 432-267-6394.

Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT - This weeks article is more of an invite than usual. I would like to invite all of you to join us in a Sunday morning worship service. No particular reason except that I feel the need to do it. What would you expect to find if you were to visit the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ?

We want you to visit us at Birdwell Lane church of Christ. We also want you to feel comfortable. But we know an unfamiliar place can be intimidating.

So what can you expect when you honor us with a visit?

BACKGROUND - We are a part of the "Restoration Movement."

Our goal is to "restore" the New Testament church in our time -- to determine from the Bible what the church was like in the beginning, and to be like that. We believe this is a worthy and reverent goal.

We want to be a Bible-centered church. And we try to be one. Yet we do know that our conclusions aren't flawless, and that our practices are sometimes colored by habit, preference, tradition, or convenience.

THE SINGING - One of the unique things about the churches of Christ is that the music is "a cappella."

That is we sing without the accompaniment of musical instruments. This is a conviction with us, not just a preference. It has its roots in our heritage. We are seeking to worship according to the New Testament pattern.

PRAYERS - There will be several prayers during the service. And there may be prayers for specific needs and requests.

PREACHING - You will notice that the preacher doesn't have a title. He won't be referred to as Pastor or Reverend. He may be referred to as brother, or Minister, or possible, just called by his first name.

He will not be wearing any ecclesiastical vestments which set him apart. The reason for this is our belief in the priesthood of all believers. The sermon will likely be about 30 minutes and Bible-entered

INVITATION - At the close of the sermon, the preacher will "extend an invitation."

This simply is an expedient time to invite those who are moved to do so to make a commitment or request prayer for support.

LORD'S SUPPER - If you visit on a Sunday morning, the Lord's Supper will be included in the worship proceedings-because churches of Christ observe this memorial every Sunday. Again, the reason for this is our desire to follow New Testament teaching.

OFFERING - Also, if you visit on a Sunday morning, trays will be passed to collect the weekly financial offering. As our guest, you are not expected to make a donation. Feel perfectly comfortable in passing the collection plate on down the row.

THE PEOPLE - What kind of people can you expect to find? You will find traditionalist, legalist, liberals and a lot of people in between. You will find happy people...grouchy people...friendly people...unfriendly people...loving people...and cantankerous people. People who are learning...people who already know everything.

You get the picture. We are a diverse group, from various backgrounds, and at different stages of knowledge and spiritual growth. Brought together not by an illusion of perfection or righteousness. We were brought together by our recognition that we are sinners in need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ.

Come visit should you get the opportunity. You would be our honored guest.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Blessed Hands Deaf Church is joining with the First Baptist Church family in the main sanctuary at 10:50 am with interpreters provided. Prayerfully considering the health of everyone, many safety precautions are in place. Wearing face masks and social distancing are strongly encouraged as acts of love and respect for the lives of those around you. Worship services through the online options will still be available; these include live streaming through fbcbigspring.org and Facebook live. Details of church activities that have been postponed or rescheduled are accessible at: fbcbigspring.org or contact Blessed Hands Pastor Jim Walterhouse at: jwalterhouse@gmail.com for additional information. First Baptist Church is located at 705 W FM 700.

Please join us in continuing to pray for the quick end of the coronavirus health situation, the restoration of health to all infected, for those whose businesses and employment have been devastated, and for Christ's comfort to surround all those who have lost loved ones during this time. To God be the glory!

First Baptist Church

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Psalm 95:1 Slip on your mask, and join the people of First Baptist Church Sunday morning at 10:50, and give thanks and praise to the One and Only, Jesus Christ. Pastor Mark Lindsey and FBC staff have prayerfully put in place numerous safety measures in consideration of the health of everyone. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a blend of contemporary praise and worship music and classic hymns of the faith. Nursery care for children three and under will be available. The worship service will also be live-streamed through the church website, YouTube, and Facebook-live; go to fbcbigspring.org or First Baptist Church Big Spring on Facebook. Wednesday evening Bible teachings led by Pastor Mark Lindsey are also available. Call 432-267-8223 for additional information. Pastor Mark also welcomes you to contact him at: 432-254-0176 if you would like to talk about what it means to accept Jesus as your personal Savior and Lord.

At 9:30, Sunday School groups meet throughout the building with children's classes gathering in first floor classrooms while youth and adults meet in second floor classrooms. Socially distancing measures will be observed.

Sunday evening activities will resume September 13.

Seeking God's wisdom in the COVID climate, FBC will continue to operate within health and safety guidelines. Wearing masks and social distancing are strongly encouraged, and are an act of love and respect for the lives of those around you. Go to the church website: fbcbigspring.org or call 267-8223 for details of activities postponed or re-scheduled. Also, the church calendar is online which has updated information.

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

First Presbyterian Church

Former Pastor of this congregation, Flynn V. Long, Jr. joined the Church Triumphant this past week in San Angelo, Texas. A visitation will be held at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 9 a.m.

Something to think about...

Have you ever bought a cheap knockoff? Our oldest son started Junior High this year. Dropping him off at cross country practice early this morning brought back all kinds of memories for me. I ran cross country and track in school too.

I remember early morning runs and weekend meets. I also remember that Oakley sunglasses became really popular around this time, especially among runners. All the "cool kids" had a pair. I desperately wanted my own Oakleys, but my parents were pretty frugal.

I was the kid who wore hand-me-downs and thrift store clothes. It was going to be a cold day in South Texas before my parents were going to buy a \$150 pair of sunglasses. And I didn't have that kind of money either.

One day I found a cheap knock off brand at the store. I think they were called Oxleys. They looked similar and had that signature "O". Close enough for me and I could actually afford these. From a distance no one would know the difference. I thought I was so cool wearing those imitation Oakleys to practice the next day; however,



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it was obvious to everyone that they were not the real thing. Something just wasn't right about them, and it wasn't long before the trademark "O" began to rub off. The excitement quickly wore off too. Cheap knockoffs just don't last.

I'm concerned that many people have bought into a cheap knockoff version of Christianity these days. From a distance it looks real, but when you get up close and personal the facade begins to wear away. I think the idea was best expressed by what Dietrich Bonhoeffer called "cheap grace". Bonhoeffer was a pastor in Germany during WWII. He was part of a Christian moment at the time called "the confessing church" that opposed the Nazis, and even at one point attempted to put together a plan to assassinate Hitler. He was eventually arrested, thrown in prison, and executed by the Nazis. Bonhoeffer is a modern day martyr.

In his book *The Cost of Discipleship*, Bonhoeffer wrote: "Cheap grace is the grace we bestow on ourselves. Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession.... Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate..."

"Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again and again, the gift which must be

asked for, the door at which a man must knock. Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son: "ye were bought at a price," and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us. Above all, it is grace because God did not reckon his Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but delivered him up for us. Costly grace is the Incarnation of God."

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ~ Romans 5:8

God's grace is free, but it's not cheap. Our world does not need a cheap knockoff version of Christianity. What we desperately need is real Christianity and costly grace. The kind of grace that calls us to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Christ. The kind of faith that calls us to go all in with God. This faith will stand through the temptations, tests, and trials of life. And we find that it is more valuable than anything this world has to offer.

Don't settle for the cheap knockoff. May you find costly grace and true faith!

REFLECTIONS: *Good Morning!*

Good morning. buenos dias, bon dia, buongiorno. selamat pagi. do-broe utro. In various languages and cultures all over the world, we greet each other every morning with a simple but profound greeting: "Good morning!" It is best spoken with eye contact and a smile. This year it is often muffled behind a mask. But, in this of all years, it is even more important, a social "contract" we must not lose.

It is a way of acknowledging our common existence and bestowing upon others our best wishes for their welfare. We share the greeting on the beach, in the park, on busy city streets, in the workplace and the home. I have exchanged this familiar greeting with others in Germany, Italy, the Czech Republic, Russia, Indonesia, Guatemala, Colombia, Australia, New Zealand, Egypt and Brazil. One morning I strolled along the seawall in Galveston at sunrise and was greeted by others who were walking, jogging or simply watching the sun rise. They were old and young, men and women, white, brown and black. Their simple "good morning" seemed to say, "I recognize your humanity, that you exist and you are here. Although I do not know you and will likely never see you again, we occupy together this passing moment in time when the sun is rising over the sea."

We shared the sun's red glow among the gray clouds and the rippled red reflection on the waves that lapped against the sand where sea gulls wad-



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dled on spindly stick legs. We filled our lungs with the cool morning air, awake and alive to a new day and greeted one another, "Good morning." All creation celebrates the dawning of a new day. The birds, it seems, do it best. I have often watched their mystic ritual at the dawn of day. They seem to be surprised every morning, as if they wondered if the sun would rise again. When it does, they are delirious with joy. In the forests, a single bird chirps the first signal of the graying dawn, awakening another, and another, until by the time the flaming ball of fire rises in the east they have joined their songs in a chorus of celebration. It is much the same way with God who greets us at sunrise, a moment when God seems to make eye contact with us and smile, affirming His pleasure in having created us and having given us life. That is why David says, "In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly." (Ps 5:3). "Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days." (Ps. 90:14). And again, "Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life." (Ps 143:8). Good Morning!

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. His books are available at www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.

Asking with our eyes

"Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." Isaiah 45:22

Asking with our eyes simply means that we have believed. It is knowing and believing that the only thing God expects from us is that we ask with our eyes by looking unto Jesus. Asking with our eyes is a very weak action, like being a bruised reed or a smoking flax. Other than asking



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with its eyes, there is not much more that a bruised reed or a smoking flax can do.

Asking with our eyes is a wordless prayer, a groaning. We ask with our eyes because we know how sinful we are and that this asking is our only option. When we ask with our eyes, it is because we know that we are not worthy so much as to lift up our eyes unto heaven. Asking with our eyes is a sort of smiting upon our breast, and saying - God be merciful to me a sinner.

But our eyes must be open to see what we are asking for. How are our eyes opened? Who opens our eyes? The light of the gospel shines brightly on

Jesus and shows us that His finished work on the cross is so complete, so finished, so salvific, that all that is required of us is a simple, weak, broken, desperate look.

If there is nothing to look at, if there is no one worth looking to, then there is nothing worth asking for, not even with our eyes.

But if Christ really is who He says He is, if He truly is as powerful as He claims to be, and if He really has done what He says He has done for us, then all we need to do is ask with our eyes - nothing else is required. Do you know how to ask with your eyes? Have you asked?

CHURCH

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to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 27. A graveside service will be Friday, Aug. 28, at 11 a.m. at Mount Olive Cemetery. A memorial celebration of life will be scheduled at a future date.

The Service Committee asks members to donate hygiene products from now until the end of September for people in need.

Travel size items needed are the following: deodorant, combs, razors, toothpaste, tooth brushes, dental floss, shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, wash clothes, shave cream. These items may be placed in the basket in the Narthex on Sunday or dropped off at the church at any time.

For anyone wishing to join in daily prayer, one may go to fpcbigspring.com and select Daily Prayers. Rev. Allen Cross also posts a Weekly Devotional at that website, which may provide food for thought or help during time of stress or feelings of isolation. The devotional is posted on Wednesdays. Go to www.fpcbigspring.com and select Devotionals.

The Church Life Committee met on Monday, August 24 in the parlor to discuss Sunday School classes for all age groups through the end of the year. Sunday School classes meet in various rooms from 9:45 to 10:30 on Sunday morning.

John Ferguson's Covenant Class is not meeting until the teacher deems it safe to meet again. The Discovery Class, led by Vicki Miller, is presently concluding the Max Lucado series *More to Your Story: Discovery Your Place in God's Plan*. In September they will embark on an Adam Hamilton study entitled *The Wal: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life*.

The Children's Sunday School Class, led by Destiny Hallford, assisted by Buddy Cochrane, is studying lessons from the Children's Story Bible.

The Youth Sunday School Class, led by Tom Ko-

ger, is continuing a study of the Sermon on the Mount.

Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study continues to meet in Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m. with physical participants and welcomes those who are staying home to join by computer on Zoom.

The link to join in the Zoom group will be posted on the church website, in Faith Notes, and in the Sunday worship bulletin. The lectionary for the next week is printed on the back page of the church bulletin each Sunday.

The Thursday Lunch Bunch is meeting in Fellowship Hall at 11:30. Each person is asked to bring a brown bag lunch or order from one of the local restaurants.

Lectionary passages for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost are: Exodus 3:1 - 15 Psalm 105:1-6; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:24-26. Rev. Cross has titled his sermon, *Living Your Best Life*, Rev. Allen

Cross will lead the worship service.

Organist/music director Gabe Martinez leads the music on the organ and piano. The Noisy Offering, which is used to help local people in need, will be collected during the worship service.

Anyone who is not attending worship physically may hear the service on KBST 1490 AM at 11:00 a.m. as usual or online at www.fpcbigspring.com by selecting the SERMONS tab and the correct date.

A copy of the liturgy for the service may be downloaded from the website or by receiving a copy by calling the church office.

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Coahoma closes out Forsan in 15-13 thriller at 2020 Howard County Bowl

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

Football season is now officially underway and the 2020 Howard County Bowl between the Coahoma Bulldogs (1-0) and the Forsan Buffaloes (0-1) exceeded expectations.

Following four quarters of close battling on the gridiron, Forsan sophomore kicker Nolan Park missed a potential 34-yard game-winning field goal with one second left on the clock. The kick sailed wide left of the goal post and allowed Coahoma to come away with a nail-biting 15-13 victory to start the season.

"We knew they were going to be physical, we just had to match their physicality, and that's what we did," Coahoma Head Coach Chris Joslin said.

This was Coahoma's fourth straight victory over Forsan in the annual season-opening Howard County Bowl. The crosstown rivals both delivered big play after big play and kept the game close for the entire 48 minutes of regulation.

Coahoma received the opening kickoff to start the game but they were unable to get anything going with penalties halting their momentum and forcing them to punt it away after just a few inconsistent plays.

That opened the door for Forsan to go for the home run on the first play of the game, and they did just that. Quarterback Sawyer Stallings was able to find Major Stockton down the right sideline for a 53-yard touchdown on the Buffs' first offensive play. The extra point was good and Forsan led Coahoma 7-0 just a few minutes into the game.

The Bulldogs then quickly went three-and-out following three runs up the middle by running back Brysen Kerby. Forsan was able to gain a couple of first downs on their second possession but ended up punting the ball all the way down to the Coahoma 1-yard line courtesy of a generous bounce.



Courtesy image

Tony Hagins and the rest of the Coahoma Bulldogs lift up the 2020 Howard County Bowl Trophy following the win.

Coahoma once again stalled out before they could reach midfield and punted it away to Forsan with just over a minute left in the first quarter.

Stockton lined up at quarterback for the Buffaloes' next drive and was able to jumpstart things by breaking off a 14-yard run up the middle to put his team in enemy territory. A few plays later, Park was called on to attempt a 42-yard field goal. While the ball did have the distance to make it from over 50 yards, Park pulled it wide left and the Buffaloes retained their 7-0 lead.

At the start of the next drive, Coahoma appeared to have put the slow start behind them and were ready to put some points on the board. On this only catch of the game, Kerby took a short dump-off pass 59 yards deep into Forsan territory. Two plays later, the junior running back tried to power his way through the middle of the line when he fumbled and allowed Forsan to take over possession.

The Buffaloes were able to get out of their own

end zone but the drive simmered out after just a few plays. A bad snap from the long snapper on the punt retreated over Park's head and forced him to retreat inside the 5-yard line to kick it away. The ball had a ton of backspin on it because of the awkward kicking motion Park was forced into and Coahoma took over the ball inside the red zone after the punt fell seven yards behind the line of scrimmage.

Two quick runs by Kerby were followed by a nice 10-yard completion on third down from quarterback Kolt Redden to receiver Tony Hahins that kept the drive alive.

"He catches the ball really well," Joslin said. "We told both of those guys out wide that were going to try to spread the field and it felt like tonight spreading the ball around is what got us back into the game. Every one of our skill guys touched the ball and I think you have to do that to keep the defense honest."

A false start set the Bulldogs back at the 10-yard line but after two plunges up the middle by Kerby, including his four-yard score, Coahoma was ready to celebrate their first touchdown of the game. The extra point was no good and Forsan was able to keep a one-point lead (7-6).

After quickly moving into Coahoma territory on the following drive, Stallings fired a pass downfield that was intercepted by Kerby.

Joslin sent his offense out firing after the pick and completed two long passes in a row on their way to the end zone. The first pass was a 36-yard catch-and-run by tight end Colin Daniels who powered his way down to the Forsan 28-yard line. The very next play, Redden stepped back in the pocket and put up a beautiful fade pass to the left corner of the end zone that was snagged by Sean Striegler to put the Bulldogs in front for the first time (12-7).

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Schlapper Expands His Lead In B.A.S.S. Nation Regional On Lake Vermilion

Special to the Herald

TOWER, Minn. — Despite a slower day, Pat Schlapper of El-Eva, Wis., maintained his lead at the TNT Fireworks B.A.S.S. Nation Northern Regional on Minnesota's Lake Vermilion with a two-day total weight of 35 pounds, 9 ounces.

After taking the top spot on Wednesday with 19-4, Schlapper added 16-5 on Day 2. Even though today's productivity was lower, Schlapper expanded his lead from 7 ounces on Day 1 to nearly 2 pounds heading into Friday's final round.

"I was very fortunate to have what I have today," Schlapper said. "I'm not really optimistic about tomorrow."

Doing most of his work in Vermilion's east end, Schlapper said his morning started off slower than he had anticipated. He found a day-making 4-pounder around 10:20 a.m., but that was the only bright spot in his day.

"I maybe had 12 pounds before I caught that good one," Schlapper said. "I caught a couple more good ones before that, but overall, it was a struggle."

"I caught plenty of fish, but getting those fish over 3 pounds was really difficult today. We had more sun today and that helped the bite on some spots, but I just think I'm running out of fish."

Struggling to establish consistency, Schlapper had to cover a range of depths from 5 to 17 feet. Two of his weight fish came from deeper spots, while three — including his biggest — were shallow bites.

For his shallow work, Schlapper fished a Texas-rigged tube or a craw bait on a shaky head or football-head jig. In the deeper spots he relied on a drop shot.

"I've been running a 1/4-ounce drop-shot weight when it's calm, and I'll go up to a 3/8 if I have to when it's windy," he said. "I don't like to use that 3/8 because it gets hung up a lot more."

"I'm using a 4-inch green pumpkin worm and an 18-inch leader out here to keep it up off the rocky bottom."

Getting quality bites was tough, and Schlapper lamented several moments when he had his opportunities but watched good ones swim away.

"It was a tough day; I left a lot out there," he said. "I had a lot of missed opportunities that are probably going to haunt me. But these (smallmouth) are tough to catch."

Richard Lindgren of Lakeville, Minn., is in second place with 33-10. Improving from seventh place on Day 1, he displayed noteworthy consistency by adding 16-12 to Wednesday's weight of 16-14.

Fishing the lake's east and central regions, Lindgren targeted various rock features in less than 10 feet. He kept his bait details guarded but noted that he's power fishing with a mix of reaction baits and plastics.

"I ran some new water today and fished a couple different patterns, both shallow and offshore," Lindgren said. "I had most of my weight by 10:30, and then I upgraded two times after that."

"It was just one fish here, one fish there, they're not schooled up. I fished like 30 spots today."

Lonnie Peterson of Chippewa Falls, Wis., is in third place with 33-9. After placing 12th on Day 1 with 15-15, he added 17-10 today. He fished the same areas he fished on Wednesday, but today's sunnier conditions stimulated more active feeding and improved his opportunities.

"I'm fishing 8 to 16 feet of water in the lake's northwest section," Peterson said. "I was fishing isolated stuff or anything that's bigger."

"I was fishing a drop shot with a green pumpkin worm and working it really slowly and methodically. I was picking apart each section."

Dan Parker of Guttenberg, Iowa, is in the lead for Big Bass honors with his 4-14.

Matt Byrnes of Hudson, Wis., leads the nonboater division with 20-8. On Day 1, Byrnes placed 15th with 9-2 and took over his division's top spot today by adding 11-6.

MLB Schedule Thursday Results

Away Team	Home Team	Final Score
Seattle Mariners	@ San Diego Padres	2:10 p.m. (ESPN+)
Pittsburgh Pirates	@ St. Louis Cardinals	2:15 p.m.
Los Angeles Dodgers	@ San Francisco Giants	3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati Reds	@ Milwaukee Brewers	4:10 p.m.
Colorado Rockies	@ Arizona Diamondbacks	5:10 p.m.
Seattle Mariners	@ St. Louis Cardinals	5:15 p.m.
Oakland Athletics	@ Texas Rangers	5:37 p.m. (FOX)
Philadelphia Phillies	@ Washington Nationals	5:37 p.m. (FOX)
Boston Red Sox	@ Toronto Blue Jays	5:37 p.m.
Baltimore Orioles	@ Tampa Bay Rays	5:40 p.m.
Los Angeles Dodgers	@ San Francisco Giants	6:05 p.m.
Minnesota Twins	@ Detroit Tigers	6:10 p.m.
Miami Marlins	@ New York Mets	6:10 p.m.
Cincinnati Reds	@ Milwaukee Brewers	7:10 p.m.

Friday Games

Away Team	Home Team	Time of Game
New York Mets	@ New York Yankees	3:05 p.m. (MLBN)
Baltimore Orioles	@ Toronto Blue Jays	5:37 p.m.
Atlanta Braves	@ Philadelphia Phillies	6:05 p.m. (MLBN)
New York Yankees	@ New York Mets	6:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs	@ Cincinnati Reds	6:10 p.m.
Minnesota Twins	@ Detroit Tigers	6:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay Rays	@ Miami Marlins	6:10 p.m. (FS1)
Washington Nationals	@ Boston Red Sox	6:30 p.m.
Los Angeles Dodgers	@ Texas Rangers	7:05 p.m.
Kansas City Royals	@ Chicago White Sox	7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh Pirates	@ Milwaukee Brewers	7:10 p.m.
Cleveland Indians	@ St. Louis Cardinals	7:15 p.m. (FS1)
San Diego Padres	@ Colorado Rockies	7:40 p.m.
Oakland Athletics	@ Houston Astros	8:10 p.m.
San Francisco Giants	@ Arizona Diamondbacks	8:40 p.m. (ESPN+)
Seattle Mariners	@ Los Angeles Angels	8:40 p.m.

NBA Playoff Schedule First Round

Thursday Results

Away Team	Home Team	Final Score
Denver Nuggets (2)	@ Utah Jazz (3)	3:00 p.m. (ESPN)
Boston Celtics (0)	@ Toronto Raptors (0)	5:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Los Angeles Clippers	@ Dallas Mavericks (2)	8:00 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday Games

Away Team	Home Team	Time of Game
Milwaukee Bucks (3)	@ Orlando Magic (1)	3:00 p.m. (NBA)
Houston Rockets (2)	@ Oklahoma City Thunder (2)	5:30 p.m. (TNT)
Los Angeles Lakers (3)	@ Portland Trail Blazers (1)	8:00 p.m. (TNT)

NHL Playoff Schedule Second Round

Thursday Results

Away Team	Home Team	Final Score
Philadelphia Flyers (0)	@ New York Islanders (1)	6:00 p.m. (NBCSN)
Vegas Golden Knights (1)	@ Vancouver Canucks (1)	8:45 p.m. (NBCSN)

Friday Games

Away Team	Home Team	Time of Game
Tampa Bay Lightning (2)	@ Boston Bruins (1)	6:30 p.m. (USA)
Colorado Avalanche (1)	@ Dallas Stars (2)	9:00 p.m. (NBCSN)

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NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

Glasscock County will hold a meeting at 9:00 a.m., on September 14 at the Glasscock County Courthouse, located at 117 East Currie, in the Commissioner's Courtroom, to consider adopting the proposed tax rate for the 2020-2021 tax year. The proposed rate is .21 per \$100 of value.?

PROPOSED TAX RATE \$.21 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE \$.23086 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE \$.24933
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The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Glasscock County is NOT proposing to increase property taxes for the 20-21 tax year.

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 20-21 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Glasscock County from the same properties in the preceding year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that Glasscock County may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue-rate and also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Glasscock County is not required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

Your taxes owed under any of the above rates can be calculated as follows:

Property tax amount = tax rate x taxable value of your property / 100

The vote to approve the proposed tax rate:

Charles Gully, Precinct 1 Commissioner, aye
Mark Halfmann, Commissioner Precinct 2, aye
Gary Jones, Commissioner Precinct 3, aye
John Seidenberger, Commissioner Precinct 4, aye
Kim Halfmann, County Judge, aye

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Bids must be received by 10:00 A.M. on Monday, September 14, 2020 in the office of the County Auditor, Jackie Olson, 300 S. Main, Room 202 and will be opened at that time.

Bids will be presented to the Commissioners' Court for their consideration on the next regularly scheduled court meeting.

The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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NOTICE OF GLASSCOCK COUNTY BUDGET HEARING

A public hearing will be held on September 14, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., in the Glasscock County Courthouse, at 117 East Currie, Garden City, Texas. The purpose of this hearing is for public comment on the proposed budget for the County of Glasscock for the fiscal year 2020-2021. Following the hearing, the Glasscock County Commissioner's Court will hold its regular meeting, where the proposed budget will be considered for adoption. The proposed budget has been filed with the Glasscock County Clerk and is available for inspection in the clerk's office and on the county's website at www.co.glasscock.tx.us. This budget will raise less revenue from property taxes than last year's budget. The

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The proposed disposal wells are located 5.5 miles NW of Big Spring, TX, in the Sprayberry Trend Field, in Howard County.


The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5,585 feet to 5,602 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to Technical Permitting, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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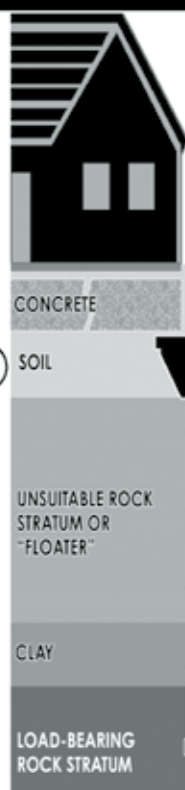
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Annie's Mailbox

Ditch the Two-Timer

Dear Annie: I met this guy, "Bill," through work. We hit it off. He'd told me he was single. Later, I found out through a mutual colleague that Bill had a girlfriend, "Julie," a divorced lady with two kids, but he wouldn't be able to marry her because his family wouldn't approve their marriage. So, I confronted him. He stated that she was not his girlfriend and that our colleague made the whole story up. Bill and I started dating, and, after a while, I found out that he was still seeing this lady and hanging out with her. I confronted him again, and he stat-

ed that it's not going anywhere with her, and she knows that, too. I do not believe that. I think, deep inside, she thinks she is dating a loyal guy and is waiting for him to propose any minute.

I realized that Bill is just using Julie to kill time to have someone to hang out with because he doesn't want to be alone. But he doesn't want to commit to either one of us. So, when she is not available, I am available, and vice versa. I feel sorry for her because she has no clue what is happening. She is wasting her time on someone who won't commit to her. I know her name, her Face-

book account, where she lives and lots more. I want to tell her the truth about Bill, but Bill will know that it was me who told her the truth. I'm scared because I don't know what his reaction will be, and he knows where I live. Should I tell her the truth about this man?
-- Bad Romance

Dear Bad Romance: I commend you for wanting to help this poor woman. But it sounds as though you'd be putting yourself at risk. Focus on making a clean break from busy Bill, and trust that the other woman will see the light in time.

your safety due to possible retaliation from him, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 for guidance.

Dear Annie: My husband and I are in our early 70s. He is not all that healthy: heart disease, diabetes and asthma. I am pretty healthy but a bit overweight.

We had to have our 18-year-old grandson move in with us one year ago. The move was due to horrid family issues with his mom. (That could fill a whole other letter!)

The issue is that he really would like to make frequent trips

back to his hometown, which is 50 miles away, to visit his siblings and friends. We've been pretty limiting in letting him go, due to the coronavirus.

We let him go for two weekends, and he just did not seem to get it. He was lax in his use of PPE when visiting. He doesn't think it's a big deal. I do not know what to do. We want him to keep up with his friends and siblings but are terrified he will bring home the virus.

He is very involved on FaceTime and social media, but it is just not the same as hanging out, we know. We realize how hard it has been to be so far away

from his siblings and friends. But we do not want to die! I really do not know how to best handle this. -- Nervous Grandparents

Dear Nervous Grandparents: Not wanting to die is a perfectly reasonable wish. Stand your ground with your grandson: He can wear PPE and practice social distancing on these trips, or he can stay home. The choice is his. We're all feeling isolated and tired of living this way. But the pandemic isn't over just because we're over it.

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test your defensive play

You are West, defending against Four Hearts. South having bid one heart, North two hearts and South four hearts. When you lead the eight of diamonds, your partner wins with the ace, South playing the six, and returns the four. South plays the king, which you ruff. What would you do now?

North
 ♠ Q 5
 ♥ K J 8
 ♦ 9 5 3 2
 ♣ Q J 7 3

West
 ♠ 10 9 7 3
 ♥ 9 4 2
 ♦ 8
 ♣ K 10 9 6 2

If you have faith in partner, you should return a low club. You should assume that East read your diamond lead as a singleton and expected you to ruff the diamond return at trick two.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Cosmic Sheen on Words

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Lady Gaga lives for the applause "applause... applause..." or so she sings, though she would agree that with worthy tasks, the glory-seeking aim that was the initial draw usually fades into the satisfaction of the work itself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People won't ask the right questions so don't wait for them to inquire. Talk about what you want to talk about. Discuss the headway you've made. Speak of your curiosities. Take charge of the conversational flow.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Maybe you can't teach a person to do the things you'd like to see them do. You can try other things, for instance, leading by example or by provocation.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's a type of pain that lets up at the exact same time that the job is finished -- sweet relief. This won't deter you from taking the same task on. The more times you do, the easier it gets.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Right and wrong are obvious. Most of life falls into narrower categories. Address the gray areas with different barometers: kind/unkind, effective/ineffective, energizing/draining, etc.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll ponder the underlying meanings and connected personal truths. A little goes a long way with this so don't wallow in the depths. Soon your brain craves either

action, comfort or rest.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Don't wait for praise. They seldom say what you want or need to hear.

They only see the public result of what you're doing, but you're also on a private journey that requires internal reinforcement you'll have to provide yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It is only natural to want to be under someone's skin the way they are under yours. Does it comfort you to know that perfect balance and mutuality is not the norm in love? Someone always gives more.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). No one gets to be all one thing today. Introverts will have to do extra-verted things and vice versa. Agreeable people will have to have the guts to disagree. Disagreeable people must learn to acquiesce.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What is more important than people's feelings? Not a lot. But when you come across it, you'll know and you'll do what's necessary instead of what makes everyone happy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Success is a pretty simple equation really. You'll decide

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



which tasks seem worth your while, then you'll work hard at them and be as kind as possible in the process.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Today's paradox: You care about others more than you care about yourself, but if you don't take care of yourself first, you won't be able to take care of them either.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (AUGUST 28). Confidence surges. You'll often make your entrance like the star who knows just what the scene needs. Where there's a triumph to be claimed, you'll claim it. Where there's not, you'll invent a game. A settlement in September helps you launch new projects. Family decisions affect you favorably in January. Scorpio and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 48, 2, 26 and 8.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** A relationship can't give you well-being and inner peace, but it can certainly provide some bedrock for such a state to occur. **TAURUS:** Indecision may be a lot easier for the one trying to decide than it is for the one waiting for that decision. **GEMINI:** The mere fact that someone is reaching out to you saves more

than what their actual words do. **CANCER:** When you love someone mercurial, you may understand them in one moment but must learn anew in the next. **LEO:** They don't have to love everything you do, but if they love the same animals it helps. **VIRGO:** Predictable relationships are not romantic. Romance walks with surprise. **LIBRA:** Caution: Talking about the relationship could burst the magic, pin-to-bubble style. **SCORPIO:** If you're too easygoing, you'll be taken for granted. Turn up your maintenance level. **SAGITTARIUS:** Words are the sounds that open possibilities. Touch closes the deal. **CAPRICORN:** Because a person follows through on what's said each and every time, you relax into trust. **AQUARIUS:** If you are to have the advantage of an educated approach, research and inquiry will be necessary. **PISCES:** You love someone enough to create a fascination for them.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Capricorn and Virgo are a friendly pair who understand one another. Chemistry doesn't always lean in a romantic direction, but this weekend it will as the Virgo solar influence teamed with the Capricorn moon amps up the attraction between these two earth signs. Capricorn will escalate the relationship and Virgo will be thrilled by the show of power which also produces a sense of security that both signs thrive inside of.

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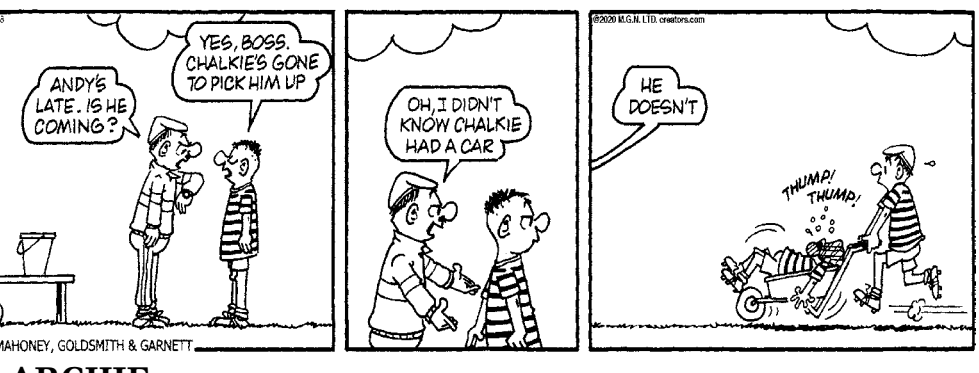
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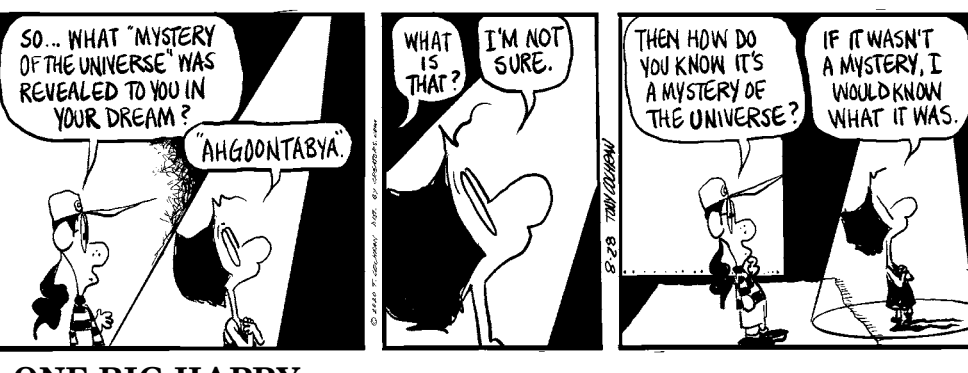
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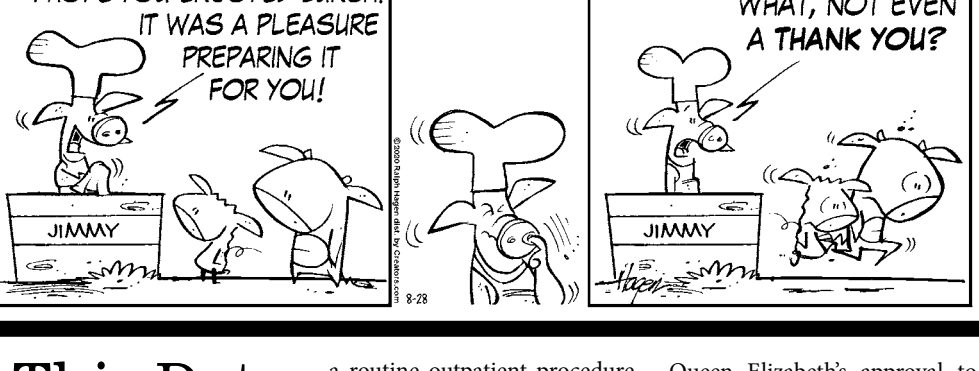
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Friday, Aug. 28, the 241st day of 2020. There are 125 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On August 28, 1963, more than 200,000 people listened as the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. On this date:

In 1917, ten suffragists demanding that President Woodrow Wilson support a constitutional amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote were arrested as they picketed outside the White House.

In 1944, during World War II, German forces in Toulon and Marseille (mahr-SAY'), France, surrendered to Allied troops.

In 1955, Emmett Till, a Black teen from Chicago, was abducted from his uncle's home in Money, Mississippi, by two white men after he had supposedly whistled at a white woman; he was found brutally slain three days later.

In 1964, two days of race-related rioting erupted in North Philadelphia over a false rumor that white police officers had beaten to death a pregnant Black woman.

In 1968, police and anti-war demonstrators clashed in the streets of Chicago as the Democratic National Convention nominated Hubert H. Humphrey for president.

In 1996, Democrats nominated President Bill Clinton for a second term at their national convention in Chicago. The troubled 15-year marriage of Britain's Prince Charles and Princess Diana officially ended with the issuing of a divorce decree.

In 2005, New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin (NAY'-gin) ordered everyone in the city to evacuate after Hurricane Katrina grew to a monster storm.

In 2009, the Los Angeles County coroner's office announced that Michael Jackson's death was a homicide caused primarily by the powerful anesthetic propofol (PROH'-puh-fahl) and another sedative, lorazepam (lor-AZ'-uh-pam).

In 2013, a military jury sentenced Maj. Nidal Hasan to death for the 2009 shooting rampage at Fort Hood that claimed 13 lives. On the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial, President Barack Obama stood on the same steps as he challenged new generations to seize the cause of racial equality.

In 2014, comedian Joan Rivers was rushed to New York's Mount Sinai Hospital after she suffered cardiac arrest at a doctor's office where she'd gone for

a routine outpatient procedure (Rivers died a week later at age 81).

In 2017, floodwaters reached the rooftops of single-story homes as Hurricane Harvey poured rain on the Houston area for a fourth consecutive day; thousands of people had been rescued from the flooding. In 2018, a white former police officer, Roy Oliver, was convicted of murder for fatally shooting an unarmed Black 15-year-old boy, Jordan Edwards, while firing into a car packed with teenagers in suburban Dallas; Oliver was sentenced the following day to 15 years in prison. Ten years ago: Conservative commentator Glenn Beck and former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin headlined a "Restoring Honor" rally attended by tens of thousands in Washington. U.S. and Afghan forces repelled attackers wearing American uniforms and suicide vests in a pair of simultaneous assaults before dawn on NATO bases near the Pakistan border. A gunman in Lake Havasu City, Arizona, shot and killed the mother of his two children, the woman's boyfriend and three other people before fleeing with the children to Rancho Cucamonga, California, where he killed himself (the children were unharmed). Five years ago: President Barack Obama compared tensions between the U.S. and Israel over the Iranian nuclear deal to a family feud, and said in a webcast with Jewish Americans that he expected quick improvements in ties between the long-time allies once the accord was implemented. A jury in Concord, New Hampshire, acquitted Owen Labrie, a prep school graduate, of rape but convicted him of committing lesser sex offenses against a 15-year-old freshman girl in a case that exposed a tradition in which seniors competed to see how many younger students they could have sex with. One year ago: New York Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand dropped out of the race for the Democratic presidential nomination; the campaign collapsed amid low polling and major fundraising struggles. Hurricane Dorian strengthened as it moved toward the U.S. Southeast coast; the storm left little damage in its wake in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. British Prime Minister Boris Johnson maneuvered to give his political opponents less time to block a chaotic no-deal Brexit, winning

Queen Elizabeth's approval to suspend Parliament. (Britain's highest court later ruled that Johnson broke the law by suspending Parliament.)

Today's Birthdays: Actor Sonny Shroyer is 85. Actor Marla Adams is 82. Actor Ken Jenkins is 80. Former Defense Secretary William S. Cohen is 80. Actor David Soul is 77. Former MLB manager and player Lou Piniella (pihn-EHL'-uh) is 77. Actor Barbara Bach is 74. Actor Debra

Mooney is 73. Singer Wayne Osmond (The Osmonds) is 69. Actor Daniel Stern is 63. Olympic gold medal figure skater Scott Hamilton is 62. Actor John Allen Nelson is 61. Actor Emma Samms is 60. Actor Jennifer Coolidge is 59. Movie director David Fincher is 58. Actor Amanda Tapping is 55. Country singer Shania (shah-NY'-uh) Twain is 55. Actor Billy Boyd is 52. Actor Jack Black is 51. Actor Jason Priestley is 51. Ac-

tor Daniel Goddard (TV: "The Young and the Restless") is 49. Olympic gold medal swimmer Janet Evans is 49. Actor J. August Richards is 47. Rock singer-musician Max Collins (Eve 6) is 42. Actor Carly Pope is 40. Country singer Jake Owen is 39. Country singer LeAnn Rimes is 38. Actor Kelly Thiebaud is 38. Actor Alfonso Herrera is 37. Actor Sarah Roemer is 36. Actor Armie Hammer is 34. Rock singer Florence Welch (Florence

and the Machine) is 34. Actor Shalita Grant is 32. Country-pop singer Cassadee Pope (TV: "The Voice") is 31. Actor Katie Findlay is 30. Actor/singer Samuel Larsen is 29. Actor Kyle Massey is 29. Actor Quvenzhané (kvuh-VEHN'-zhah-nay) Wallis is 17. Reality TV star Alana Thompson, AKA "Honey Boo Boo," is 15.

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Multi-position players boost options in pandemic season

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina's Trey Morrison entered preseason camp set to play nickelback, only to start working at free safety with the goal of being ready to play anywhere in the secondary on short notice.

That's because the 18th-ranked Tar Heels, like many teams, are preparing for roster uncertainty sure to come amid the coronavirus pandemic. Positive tests, contact tracing and quarantines could abruptly alter any roster along with the injury risk that has long been part of the game.

Training players for multiple positions could help teams navigate through it all.

"I think it's very important because you really know with football, you don't know what's going to happen," Morrison said. "You don't know if somebody's going to get injured or sick or anything with COVID right now. I think it's a great idea to just keep people ready so there's no beat missed."

That challenge faces the handful of leagues planning fall seasons, headlined by the Atlantic Coast, Big 12 and Southeastern conferences.

Teams could lose a starter with no warning after a positive test, along with teammates at the same position through contact tracing — which identifies individuals exposed through close contact — and quarantine. That's why many teams have players training at multiple positions to give themselves as many options as they can, such as Wake Forest coach Dave Clawson saying the Demon Deacons have given safeties reps at cornerback and linebacker.

As Clawson put it: "There's just a lot more what-ifs."

"I think it's something every coach in the country is thinking about right now," said Lincoln Riley, coach at No. 5 Oklahoma. "You always have contingency plans if the worst of the worst happens. Now the difference here is ... it's probably more possible than it's ever been — not probably, it is."

"In the past, (it's) what happens if two safeties get hurt during a game," Riley added. "Now it's what happens if I don't have a safety even available to play — period. The worst possible scenario is now way worse."

College teams have long used positional cross-training to improve depth or mask a lack of it throughout a two-deep depth chart. ACC Network analyst Eric Mac Lain, an offensive lineman on Clemson's national runner-up team in 2015, said its importance now is "at an all-time high."

"It's going to be interesting to see how teams prepare for it, if they're prepared for it and who kind of rises to the top," he said. "Because there's no doubt

that we're going to have guys miss games. It's just a matter of who and when."

Indeed, numerous schools have had to pause preseason workouts amid coronavirus concerns. That includes North Carolina State, which halted athletics activities due to a cluster and postponed its Sept. 12 football game at Virginia Tech for two weeks.

In the Big 12, Texas Tech has practiced without at least 20 players who tested positive and more being isolated, with coach Matt Wells saying the team had offensive linemen preparing for multiple spots up front. Riley said the Sooners recently had a position group sidelined except for one person through pre-scrimmage testing, prompting "some on-the-job training" for players at different positions.

In the SEC, Auburn coach Gus Malzahn said the 11th-ranked Tigers limit positional cross-training to older players such as junior Smoke Monday, a likely starter at safety who is also working at cornerback.

"If you ask a young guy to play two positions, you're not going to build a foundation," Malzahn said. "He's not going to be his best at either one of them. The older guys that kind of understand the big picture, they're going to be able to play multiple positions."

Similarly, South Carolina junior cornerback Israel Mukuamu is working at safety with his 6-foot-4 frame, with coach Will Muschamp saying Mukuamu "can play anything."

"I definitely feel like I'm a corner, but I'm a guy that you can move me around," Mukuamu said. "I can go back to safety if I have to. It's good to show your versatility."

Morrison feels the same way, noting it could eventually help the junior's chances of pursuing an NFL career. Tar Heels coach Mack Brown said the goal is for Morrison to learn five secondary spots along with his previous experience at cornerback. The team is also working linebacker and NFL prospect Chazz Surratt as a pass-rushing end.

"We feel that with cross-training, that will help us create depth if we have some injuries or you have some guys that are held out because of a positive test and you didn't know it until like Thursday, Friday morning (when) somebody tells you that a guy's out," Brown said. "You've got to be prepared to move forward."

9 NFL teams cancel practice in response to Blake shooting

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. (AP) — Empty practice fields made for loud and powerful statements at nine facilities across the NFL.

The Arizona Cardinals, Chicago Bears, Denver Broncos, Green Bay Packers, Indianapolis Colts, Los Angeles Chargers, New York Jets, Tennessee Titans and Washington Football Team all chose to not practice Thursday in response to the shooting of Jacob Blake, a Black man, in Wisconsin.

"We've been protecting the shield," Jets running back Le'Veon Bell wrote of the NFL in a Twitter post. "It's time for the shield to protect us."

Blake, 29, was shot by police, apparently in the back, on Sunday in Kenosha as he leaned into his SUV, three of his children seated inside. The shooting was captured on cellphone video and ignited new protests in the U.S. three months after the death of George Floyd under the knee of a Minneapolis police officer touched off a nationwide reckoning over racial injustice.

"I do see more urgency to move the needle," Chargers coach Anthony Lynn said. "I see more going on. It doesn't happen overnight. Overall, I feel good about the movement. What happened in Wisconsin is ridiculous. If anything, we are going to double down and do more."

The Baltimore Ravens, one of 19 teams that did practice, issued a strong and detailed statement that included seven steps society can take to take positive action. They included arresting and charging police officers responsible for shooting Blake and killing Breonna Taylor in Louisville, Kentucky, in March.

"With yet another example of racial discrimination with the shooting of Jacob Blake, and the unlawful abuse of peaceful protesters, we MUST unify as a society," the statement said. "It is imperative that all people — regardless of race, religion, creed or belief — come together to say, 'Enough is enough!'"

Broncos running back Melvin Gordon grew up in Kenosha, and he and other players, coaches and staff posed for a team photo that was posted along with a statement on Twitter.

"This hits home for all of us," part of the statement read. "In the strongest terms, we condemn police brutality, excessive force and these senseless acts of violence that have caused so much pain. It is time for accountability and real policy reform."

The Detroit Lions canceled their practice Tuesday, protesting the incident involving Blake, and

racial injustice. They were back on the field Thursday, but the impact of their actions was clear across the rest of the league.

"I think that if there's any chance that we got everybody to maybe stop and think for a minute, that's really great," Lions coach Matt Patricia said Thursday during a video call.

The Titans came up with three concrete things they plan to do after canceling their practice: make sure everyone's registered to vote; focus on talking points for meeting with elected officials; and hold a Zoom call to connect with thousands of students around Middle Tennessee designed to help teach the same equality and acceptance the players experience at work.

"I take great satisfaction when players tell me that they feel safe here," coach Mike Vrabel said. "They feel comfortable saying whatever they want, whatever emotion that they have. But they don't when they're away from here. And so I want to try to fix that away from here."

The New Orleans Saints were also among the teams that held practice, but the players wore Blake's name on the front or crown of their helmets where they usually have their own names during camp.

"It's just something we decided to do last night to honor him," coach Sean Payton said. "It was something we felt would be appropriate, and I think they (the players) were for it."

On Wednesday night, the Washington Football Team announced it would not hold its practice at its home stadium on Thursday afternoon. It was supposed to be broadcast live on local radio and televised at night. Washington, which recently dropped its longtime name of Redskins, last week hired Jason Wright as the first Black team president in NFL history.

The Chargers were scheduled to have a scrimmage to break in their new SoFi Stadium, but canceled.

Jacksonville Jaguars coach Doug Marrone said players and coaches met for over two hours Thursday morning before voting — 37 to 36 in favor — to practice as scheduled. But the team canceled its afternoon meetings and had another group discussion about what they can and will do moving forward to foster change.

Jaguars wide receiver Chris Conley called on the "faces of the league" — the quarterbacks — to take an even greater role in trying to affect change.

all boils down to it, we want to get better and we found some things we need to work on. We'll be better for it come next week."

The 2020 Howard County Bowl lived up to and exceeded expectations. It was great to see the bleachers lined with fans cheering on their team and everyone appeared ecstatic that football season is back.

UP NEXT: Coahoma (1-0) will head on the road to take on the Miles Bulldogs. Forsan (0-1) will host the Post Antelopes next Friday. Both games will be at 7:30 p.m. Stats from Week 1 will be in next week's Friday Night Lights edition.

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Following a Forsan three-and-out, the Buffaloes we're back on defense and needed to make a play of their own. Brandon Valdez stepped up for his team and grabbed an interception of his own to give his team the ball at the Coahoma 22-yard line.

A 17-yard pass from Stallings to Cayden Morgan set the Buffs up inside the 5-yard line. Three rushing attempts up the middle later, Nate Hernandez powered his way through the line to put his team ahead 13-12 at halftime.

It was a scoreless third quarter for both teams as each side had trouble keeping a drive alive. Both teams also had a failed fourth down conversion attempt that handed the ball right back to their opponent.

Each team had only one drive each in the fourth quarter and Coahoma was doing their best to dominate the second half time of possession. After trailing for most of the game, the Bulldogs kicker, senior Isaiah Martin, drilled a 21-yard chip shot to cap off a 15-play drive with three-and-a-half minutes remaining in the game to put his team ahead for good.

Forsan had one last long drive of their own to put together but the Coahoma defense locked them down once they reached the red zone.

"They got one on us on the first play of the game but I feel like the rest of the time, other than the time we gave them the short field before halftime, our defense played great."

This forced Forsan Head Coach Jason Phillips to put his kicker in the game for a chance to win it with just over seven seconds remaining in the game. The snap was good, the hold was good, but the young strong-legged kicker missed just left of the upright.

"We've got to play better," Phillips said. "We didn't play the way we're capable of tonight. But I know that these guys are going to fight back and we'll be better next week. Early in the season you want to win every game, but when it

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