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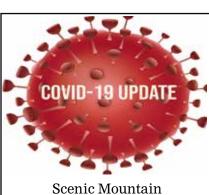
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- Howard County has reported: • 2,249 positive cases
 - 46 Covid-19 fatalities
 - 1,582 recoveries • 621 active cases

*SMMC provided numbers for in-house patients SMMG testing since the onset of Covid-19; info ob-tained from Texas Health Department website



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Big Spring Steer Pride Drive recognized by Board of Trustess By IRIS RANGEL

Big Spring ISD Board of Trustees convened Thursday afternoon to discuss various considerations regarding 2020-2021 academic progress, district and campus targeted improvement plans, and heard several other updates.

After the prayer and recognition towards the Pride Drive drum majors and band directors, including Mr. John Landin. "When they went to the

area meet they didn't just sneak in, they were number one. We're going in as the number one band in our area,' McWilliams said.

According to Landin, there will be a community send-off this Sunday at



pledge, Big Spring ISD Su- Big Spring ISD's Superintendent Jay McWilliams perintendent Jay McWil- recognized Big Spring High School's band director liams initiated a special John Landin, his staff, and the Pride Drive's three Drum Majors Thursday evening. There will be a community Send-Off at Noon Sunday located on is vitally important... and it's Goliad street between the high school and FM 700 only going to get better," Mcas the band heads to State competition.

noon near Goliad Street and Big Spring High School. The community is welcome to take part in the send-off for BSISD students as they head to compete for a state 4A title at the Alamodome in San Antonio on Monday.

Afterwards, Director of Safety and Security Jim Wommack provided a safety and security update stating there have been several improvements made to Big Spring ISD's school safety. Some of the improvements

include approximately 40 new fire extinguishers, new school maps, keyless entry points, lockdown buttons, metal detectors inside school buildings, and approximately 110 "Stop the Bleed" kits. "We're head and shoulders above a lot of people around

here on this type of thing which Williams said. Superintendent Assistant of Academic and Assessment Raemi Thompson brought forward to the

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Trustees the Teacher Incentive

First Annual Heart of the City Stroll invites community to spend the afternoon downtown

By IRIS RANGEL

Herald Staff Writer

Businesses in town have partnered together this holiday season to invite the community to spend the day in the heart of Big Spring strolling down Main Street and the Courthouse Square. Sabrina Flores Photography, Bulldog Steel, and Expedition Royalty are hosting the first annual Heart of City Stroll Dec. 12. A toy drive will also be taking place during the event from 4–7 p.m. at the corner of 2nd and Main Street. With a toy or \$10 donation, participants will get the chance to take a digital photo with Santa, courtesy of Sabrina Flores

"This is a great opportunity for locals to come out and support one another. Grab a bite downtown or go shopping at our downtown spot. It's a good time and something to do. If you are looking for a way to make a difference this year or give back please come to the toy drive. This is our chance to bring happiness to the ones who have had it a little harder than we have," owner of SFP Sabrina Flores said.

According to Blue Eyed Buffalo Manager Lori Henry, the street will be closed during the day for a relaxing stroll through downtown Big Spring.

With this being the first of annual event, Flores notes that the future is bright for downtown Big Spring and this type



 $HERALD\ photo/Amanda\ Duforat$ Pictured above is Big Spring's historic downtown where the first annual Heart of the City Stroll will

take place this weekend. of event is only the start of a destination downtown area for

Howard County. "We'd love to make this a bigger thing where people from

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New opportunities to recognize healthcare workers in the midst of a pandemic...

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

Since the onset of the pandemic, healthcare workers, along with many other essential workers, have been the heartbeat of the community. As the pandemic continues, healthcare workers are starting to wear thin. Increased patient loads, additional shifts and ever changing protocols are becoming a heavy burden to bear. In an effort to raise spirits and remind healthcare professionals they are not forgotten and are very much appreciated, Scenic Mountain Medical Center has added a way for the community to share an encouraging word.

"Our frontline staff at SMMC and those working directly in the Covid Unit especially are wearing very thin. We've created a simple webform for people to share their words of encouragement with these individuals," Madi- Tate said. "Especially in the time we are son Tate, Director, Marketing & Community Relations, said. "We know there

frontline workers, we just want to provide an opportunity for them to see that."

The newly created webform is located on the SMMC website and will remain as a permanent addition, as an opportunity to allow another avenue for the community to show appreciation and relay positive feedback to the healthcare providers and staff.

"We appreciate a hand written note, but we also wanted to create an avenue that was seamless and helped eliminate the possibility of letters getting lost in transition,"

in where contactless is encouraged,

are countless people who support these See WORK, Page 3





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Obituaries



Arthur Yanez

Arthur Yanez, 65, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2020. Private family services will be held at a later date with Joel Miller officiating.

Arthur was born on Sept. 1, 1955 in Big Spring.

Arthur is survived by his wife: Ann Yanez of Big Spring; two brothers: Ynez "Sonny" Yanez III of Irving, and Rolando Yanez of Big Spring; two sisters: Viola Barraza of Alpine and Adelinda Ille of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents: Merce and Ynez Yanez; and one sister.

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

Joyce Allen

Take Note

Joyce Allen, 83, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020. Graveside services will be at Mount Olive

• Drive-thru hamburger fundraiser benefitting Buddy Murray Family will be held Friday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at 201 Donley – Black Plumbing – in an effort to help raise funds to cover medical expenses and help with recovery expenses. Drive thru purchase is available as well as pick up orders. Call ahead for larger orders at 432-935-1117.

Memorial Park at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020.

- A gofund me page for Ed Flores, who recently tested positive for coronavirus and was recently transferred to Lubbock. Donations are requested to help with medical bills and travel expenses so his wife can be close with him. Ed worked with Shroyer for about 25 years and 87 Auto Sale as a mechanic; he has always been willing to help out people even when they didn't have enough money to pay him. Donations can be made at GoFundMe by Monica Medina. For more information on how to help, e-mail jessemonica1234@gmail.com or call 432-517-7675.
- Isaiah 58's last distribution will be Dec. 15 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. The food pantry will be closed for the holiday season, through the end of the year beginning Dec. 21. through January 5, 2021.
- Forsan's 7th annual Christmas in Boomtown Parade has been cancelled this year. The parade was originally supposed to take place Dec. 5, but in the best interest and safety of the community, the parade has been cancelled.
- The City of Big Spring recently announced that due to a recent increase in COVID-19 cases, all indoor city-owned rental facilities including our venue, The Big Spring Municipal Auditorium, will be closed for the rest of the year. With this announcement and with no other venue options that will properly social distance our musicians, we will be unable to kick off our season on Dec. 19 with our "Holiday Spectacular" Concert. Be watching our Facebook page, Symphony website (Bigspringsymphony.org), the Big Spring Herald, KBYG and KBST for further details and a new kick-off date for our season, appropriately entitled, "The Versatile Big Spring Symphony". Thank you for your continued support and patience as we navigate through these unusual times. We hope to see you very soon. May you and your family stay safe and healthy through the rest of this Holiday Season!
- The Howard County Courthouse will only be open by appointment. All doors except the handicapped entrance located on the west side of the building will be locked. All who enter will be screened following Covid guidelines. Face masks are required for all who enter.
- After the Thanksgiving break, CISD will follow

the below schedule. Nov.30-Dec.3rd In person instruction (Mon.-Thurs.); Dec.4 Remote Learning for all students (Friday); Dec. 7-10 In person instruction (Mon.-Thurs.); Dec. 11 Remote Learning for all students (Friday); Dec.14-17 In Person Instruction. Remote Friday's provide the district with the opportunity to deep clean, separate for 72 hours, and time to be intentional on student learning. Each campus administrator will provide more detailed information. On these remote learning Fridays, lunch will be available for pick up between 10 a.m. and Noon.

- City of Big Spring offices have moved to by appointment only or electronic communication only. Contact information for all departments can be found on the city website at mybigspring.com.
- Christmas in Coahoma at the Park, Saturday, Dec. 12 from 3 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. has been cancelled, for safety reasons. Santa will be making his rounds through the community with the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department providing the ride. There will also be a Best Decorated House Contest for houses in Coahoma City Limits. Deadline for entries is Dec. 9 at Coahoma City Hall. Both events are sponsored by the Coahoma Lions Club.
- Forsan Food Pantry will be open twice a month from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Families who are in need can pull up to the front doors of the Junior High/ High School and receive a free box of pre-packed meals. If you have any questions or need to pick up a box at a different time, contact Kaci Wash at 432-457-2223 ext 821 or Jenny Sayles at jennysales@ yahoo.com.
- Cub Scouts meet Monday from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Naz Family Church, located at 1400 S. Lancaster.
- · Howard County Republican Club meets the second Monday of each month at 421 Main Street. Everyone is welcome. The meeting takes place at Noon. For more information call 432-213-7628.
- · A new group named Taking Care of Business has started in Howard County. It is made up of people of all ages and genders who want to be better than they are. The focus of the fledgling organization is to engage in meaningful discussions that promote personal growth. Additionally, the organization will plan and execute worthwhile activities within the community. There is no membership fee and attendance is not taken. The only requirements are that you be positive or want to be more positive than you are, consider yourself to be a good person but want to be better than you.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- CECIL ANTHONY CARSON, 28, of 538 Westover, was arrested on charges of assault peace officer/judge, public intoxication, resist arrest search or transport and warrant - other agency (x6).
- MICHAEL RAY HEFFINGTON, 33, of 1308 Mesquite Street, was arrested on charges of aggravated assault – with deadly weapon (x3). TERRANCE LEWIS, 34, of 1401 N. High-
- way 87, was arrested on charges of aggravated assault – with deadly weapon, evading arrest/detention, and warrant – other agency. ANGEL HILARIO RAMIREZ, 28, of 611
- N. San Antonio Street, was arrested on charges of warrant – other agency (x3). CODY RAY OLIVARES, 21, of 2403 Ala-
- bama Street, was arrested on a charge of forgery financial instrument. CASEY RAY BRACKETT, 29, of 1902 Winston Street, was arrested on a charge of aggravat-
- ed assault with deadly weapon. **UNWANTED SUBJECT was** reported in the 800 block of W. FM 700.
- **THEFT was reported** in the 600 block of N. Bell Street.
- **DISTURBACE** was reported in the 1400 block of Tucson Street.
- **THEFT was reported** in the area of Snyder Field Road. THEFT was reported in the 3300 block of
- W. Highway 80.
- WELFARE CONCERN was reported in the 3300 block of W. Highway 80.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 86 inmates at the time of this re-

- CASEY BRACKETT, 29, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of aggravated assault with deadly weapon.
- CECIL ANTHONY CARSON, 28, was arrested by BSPD on charges of expired drivers license, bail jumping and fail to appear, speeding, displayed expired registration, violate promis to appear (x2), assault peace officer/judge, resist arrest search or transport, and public intoxication.
- EPIFANIO JOE GUZMAN JR., 33, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of cruelty non-livestock animal: kill/poison.
- MICHAEL RAY HEFFINGTON, 33, was arrested by BSPD on charges of deadly conduct (x3).
- •TERRANCE LEWIS, 34, was arrested by BSPD on charges of aggravated assault with deadly weapon, evading arrest detention, and parole violation/aggravated robbery.
- CODY RAY OLIVARES, 21, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of forgery financial instru-
- ANGEL HILARIO RAMIREZ, 28, was arrested by BSPD on charges of burglary of habitation, no driver license when unlicensed, and open container in motor vehicle.
- · JAMES DWAYNE TURNBO, 42, was arrested by BSPD on charges of no driver license when unlicensed, faulu to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear, and driving while intoxicated 2nd.
- ZACHARY CAMERON VELA, 17, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of assault family violence.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 400 block of Westover. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2500 block of Central Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2600 block of Carol. No transport was required.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1800 block of S. Johnson. No transport was required. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1600
- block of S. Runnels. No transport was required. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2400 block of Morrison. One person was transported to
- Scenic Mountain Medical Center. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1400 block of E. 11th Place. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1400 block of Settles. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
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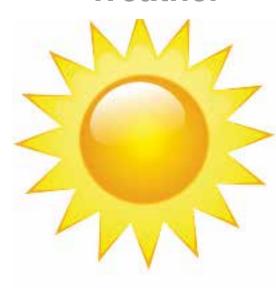
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Sunday: Sunny, with a high near

Sunday Night: Clear, with a low around 27.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 35.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 30.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 55.

(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via forecast.weather.gov)

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Allotment 2020-2021 Application in which Big Spring ISD applied for months back, According to Thompson, BSISD was denied the allotment due to not having proper growth measure assessments in place at the time of application.

Assistant Superintendent Thompson then discussed with the Trustee Board Big Spring ISD's House Bill 3 goals. According to Thompson, House Bill 3 requires each district to adopt an Early Childhood Literacy Goal along with three progress measures, an Early Childhood Math Goal along with three progress measure, CCMR Outcomes Bonus Goals for college ready, career ready, and military ready as well as a Board Monitoring Calendar for each of the goals.

Thompson also provided the Trustees with a spreadsheet of suggested goals BSISD could consider moving forward including: the percent 3rd grade students that score "Meets grade level" or above on STAAR reading will increase from 24% to 55% by June 2024; teachers will be observed with a minimum of 20 walkthroughs plus a formal teacher observation/evaluation to ensure program implementation fidelity; and for a undecided percent of CCMR students that meet the threshold for CCMR Outcomes Bonus for college ready will increase by August 2024. Deadline for adoption is Jan. 2021 for the Board.

Assistant Superintendent Thompson then moved into conversation with the Board over 2020-2021 Academic Progress. For Big Spring ISD reading scores for CA Fall 2020: 63% of students "Approaches Grade Level"; 36% of students "Meets Grade Level"; 15% of students "Masters Grade Level" for a Domain I Score of 67 and a Domain III State Target at "Meets Grade Level" of 36%. For Big Spring ISD math scores for CA Fall 2020: 61% of students "Approaches Grade Level"; 30% of students "Meets Grade Level": 13% of students "Masters Grade Level" for a Domain I Score of 60 and a Domain III State Target at "Meets Grade Level" of 30%.

"Our kids are losing ground faster in math than anything else," Thompson said.

Before adjourning for the evening, McWilliams provided a Superintendent's report covering resignations and retirements, enrollment, COVID-19, and district updates.

Regarding BSISD enrollment, McWilliams noted that BSISD enrollment is still down from last year, however, numbers are still mild compared to other districts in the state.

During the report, Assistant Superintendent for Operations George Bancroft provided the Trustees with a COVID-19 update. According to Bancroft, Big Spring ISD currently has approximately four active cases in students and teachers alongside a decreased number of quarantined individuals. During the meeting, a new COVID-19 guideline was discussed allowing individuals who may have possibly been exposed to COVID-19 from another staff member to continue working unless they begin to experience symptoms. The Board attest this new guideline to the decrease in quarantined staff.

Lastly, Superintendent McWilliams stated district updates mentioning the recent announcement from the TEA stating that A-F rating would be paused for the 2020-2021 school year due to the ongoing disruptions associated with COVID-19. Although ratings will not take place this school year, STAAR testing will still proceed for students in order to gauge student growth data.

Other items on the agenda discussed/approved during the meeting included:

• Audit report for the year ending Aug. 31, 2020

- · Board Minutes for regular meeting held on Nov. 12, 2020 and special meeting held on Nov. 19, 2020
- · Financial reports · District and Campus Targeted Improvement
- · Consideration of adopting an order authorizing redemption of Big Spring Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series
- · Approval of budget amendment and Expenditure over \$150,000 for the payoff of the Big Spring Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2011
- · Contract renewal for extracurricular student drug testing services
- · Employment recommendations and personnel

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Texas county gets trucks to hold bodies amid COVID-19 surge

FORT WORTH — A North Texas medical examiner's office has brought in two refrigerated trucks to store dead bodies in response to low capacity amid a surge in coronavirus cases. Many of the hospitals and larger funeral homes

in the Fort Worth area have reached their storage capacity or will soon, said Nizam Peerwani, Tarrant County's chief medical examiner.

The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office, which has a capacity normally of 100 bodies, said each truck can store 50 bodies. Officials expect to start using the trucks in the

next few days. Also Thursday, a South Texas county that has been hit especially hard by the pandemic announced that its county judge, the county's highest elected official, tested positive for COVID-19.

Hidalgo County Judge Richard Cortez, 77, has worked from home for most of the pandemic, and learned of his positive test after a family member tested positive. So far he hasn't had symptoms. "I have taken all the precautions that I could to

prevent infection, but I still have contracted this awful virus," Cortez said. "This goes to show you how contagious this virus can be."

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Josefa Salgado, 88. Sunday. died Services Saturday, December 19, 2020.

Sylvia Polanco, 77, died Friday. Funeral services were be at 10:00 AM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt.

Lenora Mancha, died Saturday. Services Saturday, will be December 19, 2020.

Marvin Patterson. died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Concepcion Rodriguez, 90, died Sunday. Funeral Mass was at 10:00 AM Friday Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

Vicente Alvarado, died Sunday. Funeral service will be at 1:00 PM Saturday at Family Faith Center.

Maria Recio, 90, died

Vigil ser-Thursday. vices will beat 7:00 PM will be Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Service will be at 10:00 AM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

> Maria Greene, 79 died Sunday. Vigil services will be at 7:00 PM Monday at Myers Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

Rick Arguello, 62, of Big Spring died Tuesday, December 8, Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home

Joyce Allen, 83, died Wednesday December 9, 2020. Graveside services will be at 10:00 AM Saturday at Mount Olive Memorial Park

Arthur Yanez, 65, died Wednesday. Private family services will be held at a later date.

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all over can come to Big Spring to enjoy the many things we have to offer. Next year we hope to make it bigger event that everyone will be able to enjoy. We can't wait to see the smiles on the kids faces when they see Santa. We're working together to bring some positivity in this hard year," Flores said. At the event there will also be "Last Chance" tickets available for the United Way of Big Spring & How-

ard County's 2021 Campaign Raffle. COVID-19 precautions will be in place and masks are encouraged. All donations will go to the Salvation

Army of Big Spring. Get the chance to visit downtown Big Spring's unique shops, restaurants, salons and even the chance to

see a special guest from the North Pole at the first annual Heart of City Stroll this weekend.

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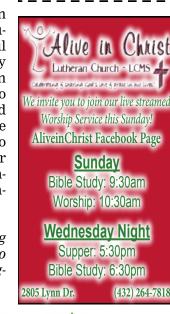
community has held several different appreciation events for the healthcare workers, including a couple of prayer nights, deliveries of donations and thank you goodies. With the addition of the new webform, another opportunity has been opened for those gestures to continue even beyond the pandemic.

"Working in healthcare is no easy task, especially during a pandemic. Between the long shifts and late nights, holding down the lines can take a toll on clinical workers and their families," Tate said. "Something as simple as a thank you or other words of encouragement can truly make all the difference in the world for our staff who have battled this pandemic for the past nine months."

For those wanting to drop a few words of encouragement, visit www. scenicmountainmedical.org/healthcareheroes. All submissions will be compiled into a private webpage for the SMMC staff to read.

"We have found that appreciation for a job well done from the community at large is incredibly impactful to our physicians and staff," Stacey Brown, President of Scenic Mountain Medical Center, said. "For them to know they are in your thoughts and prayers means to much to them. We encourage community members to take a moment to show gratitude for all they are doing to care for our community during this challenging pandemic."

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4. Adults may assist in completing entry form information, but **NOT** in coloring pictures. 5. All entries must be received by the Big Spring Herald by 5 pm on Monday, December 14, 2020.

Prizes Awarded

To Each Age Group

Winners will be published in the Sunday, December 20, 2020 edition.

- 7. Decision of judges is final.
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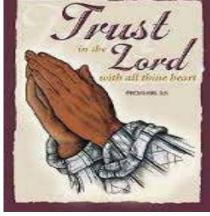
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CHURCH BIG SPRING HERALD Friday, December 11, 2020

Church News

College Baptist Church

Christmas is fast approaching—the day set aside to celebrate the birth of Jesus! What will we give to our Saviour this season? What an opportunity to serve Him! Just praising God at College Baptist Church, as we welcome new members through salvation and baptism! Come see what God is doing at the corner of 11th and Birdwell Lane. We are open on Sunday morning at 9:15 for Bible Study for all ages. Worship time is at 10:45 a.m. Wednesday activities begin at 5:45-6:30 p.m. for a fellowship meal. Youth activities start at 6 p.m. and adults meet for Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at 7 p.m. with children meeting for King's Kids and Krafts. Girl's Mis-

sions meet on Sunday at 5 p.m. Come join in the fun as prepare for the celebration of our Lord Jesus's

birth-

day.



Services for Sunday, Dec. 13, 2020, are in the building. We are live streaming and on our Face Book page as well. Come catch God's perfect 2020 vision! We have face masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer available, and we are practicing social distancing. Families are sitting together. Visitors, it was a joy to welcome you on Sunday. Come join us—it will be exciting to welcome new faces and old alike. Our services are lively and worshipful. College Baptist Church has set our Lottie Moon

Christmas offering goal. This goal is a challenging one that will reach to the foreign mission field as we continue on mission for our Lord. Children Division renovations are complete and

children and teachers are enjoying their brand new facilities. Praise the Lord for those who have worked so hard to get it ready. We welcome new teachers and students first through fifth grades. We definitely enjoy the worship time as our min-

istry team leads us in songs of praise, and where our pastor, Bro. Ken McMeans, inspires us as we delve into God's Word, leading us as Jesus lives through us. Come study the makings of a Godly family founded on the Rock Solid Foundation of Jesus. Keep your spiritual 2020 Vision on as we near the end of this age, as our pastor reminded us Sunday evening. Jesus is coming soon!

Take a part in these attitude of gratitude, 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.

NazFamily Church

This Sunday:

For many in our culture, Christmas carols have become little more than background music playing while they shop. These deeply meaningful songs have been relegated to the realm of white noise. Webster's Dictionary defines white noise as "1: a constant background noise; especially : one that drowns out other sounds or 2 : meaningless or distracting commotion, hubbub, or chatter." Throughout this season of anticipation, we want to bring these significant songs out of the background and to the center of our attention as they convey the true meaning of Christmas. Don't miss this Sunday as we proclaim Joy to the World, the Lord is come!

34th Annual Live Nativity - With all the hustle and bustle in this season, we invite you to come, slow down, and be reminded why we celebrate Christmas. NazFamily Live Drive Thru Nativity on Dec. 11, 12, 13 from 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Kids Christmas Program - There is something significant about hearing the Christmas story from a child's perspective. They remind us of the wonder and mystery of the amazing moment that Almighty God entered this world as a child. Our NazKids Christmas Program will be on Sunday,

Dec.13. Come hear our children share the greatest story ever told.

Annual Ornament change - Dec. 19 is our NazLadies Annual Ornament Exchange at 6 p.m. It will be a great time of food, fun, and

fellowship. Don't miss it! Christmas Eve - On Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m. we will have a special Christmas Eve Service. It will be a simple ser-

vice of story and song focused on the true reason for the season. We hope you will invite your friends and family to join us as we celebrate

together.

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., Big Spring.

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

Sunday, December 13th – Join us this Sunday for Christmas at Cornerstone 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 Stu-

dent 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, Dec. 16 - Join us ON-LINE 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. Let us explore the Bible together and see 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 pick-up services on Sundays

for our 11 a.m. worship service. If you are needing a ride for Sunday please contact the church office. Cornerstone

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lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ. Please join us every Sunday at 9 a.m. (onsite) 11 a.m. (onsite & online) and Wednesday at 7 p.m. (onsite) for worship services.

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

First Christian Church

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad To contact Pastor Brian Michaelz or the church office, call 432-517-4821.

This coming Sunday.... Pastor Michaelz sermon will be: Be a Star...Give Joy during the Season. Matthew 2:10-11

First Christian Church is a place where you can belong, meet some great friends and experience a new beginning in life.

We believe the Bible is the sole basis of our belief, the books of the Old and New Testaments. We hold that the Scriptures are infallible, they are the unique, full and final authority on all matters of faith and practice. Scripture commands believers to gather for worship, prayer, fellowship and the teaching of the Word. Church is wherever God's people meet regularly in obedience of this com-

To find out more information about First Christian Church or to see the online service join Face-

> book Group at www.facebook. com/group/fccbigspring

If you or someone you know would like to be placed on the FCC prayer list, please contact the church office or tell one of the members.

We invite you to come as you are to give

thanks for everything in a fresh way. If that sounds good to you, we would enjoy meeting you.

Sunday morning Social Time - pre-Worship Service - starts approximately 9:30 a.m. in the Sitting Room by the office. Donuts, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Hot Tea and Bottled Water. Worship Service starts at 10:50 a.m. Hope to see

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Bible Study and Sunday School begin at 9:30 am and we are having class each Sunday morning. Our Sunday Service begins at 10:30 a.m. You can catch us on Facebook Live on our Facebook page. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday. Please join us at our Advent Services on the first 3

Wednesday's in December. They will begin at 7pm. Our third Advent Service will be on December 16. The readings for this Sunday are Isaiah 61:1-4,

8-11, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, and John 1: 6-8, 19-28. The psalm is Psalm 126. Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study has re-

started. A meal is served at 5:30 and our bible study begins at 6:00. We are studying Lutheranism 101. Please come and join us.

Dolline Budke will present the scripture readings this week.

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

First Presbyterian Church, Big Sprina

Kay and Danny Kennemur lit the Advent Candle on the Second Sunday of Advent and Buddy Cochrane was the Psalm reader for last Sunday. Rev. Allen Cross led the Communion Service..

First Presbyterian Church now has a Sermon Podcast on ITunes. The sermon from last week may be found at www.fpcbigspring.com/Sermons.

For anyone wishing to join in a daily prayer,

one may go to www.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.

Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study usually meets at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. However, there will be no Bible Study December 9. Anyone wishing to join in the study by Zoom can find the

link to the meeting in Faith Notes or online at the First Presbyterian Fellowship group on Facebook.

The Thursday Lunch Bunch meets in Fellowship

The Service Committee has food bags in the Narthex to be picked up by members to put in one's car to give to someone in need. There is an Angel Tree with cards listing needs for seniors in the community to be distributed by the Salvation Army.

Committee meetings for the month: Fellowship meets Thursday, Dec. 10, 1 p.m. in the parlor; Communications, Monday, Dec. 14, 1 p.m. in the parlor; Worship, Friday, Dec. 16, 3 p.m. in the parlor; December Session meeting is Thursday, the 17th, in Fellowship Hall.

The Discovery Class began a study by Adam Hamilton for the Advent season entitled Faithful Christmas through the Eyes of Joseph. This study follows Joseph from humble carpenter through the nativity and will conclude December 27.

The Youth Bible Study, led by Tom Koger, meets in the Youth Room.

The Children's Class continues the Advent study with a lesson on "A Prophet Is Born" for December 6. Nancy Koger is teaching this class.

The Sunday morning Take Ten fellowship in the parlor between Sunday School and worship has resumed. Paula Farguhar is host for this week.

Lectionary passages for the Third Sunday in Advent are: Psalm 126; Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; John 1: 6-8, 19-28.: Rev. Allen Cross will lead the worship service. His sermon topic is "Anoiinted.". Organist/ music director Gabe Martinez leads the music on the organ and piano.

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

Please call the church office at 263-4211 for other information. We would be pleased for you to Like us on Facebook. Although the physical address of First Presbyterian Church is 701 Runnels, the mailing address is P. O. Box 2222, Big Spring, Texas 79721.

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

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Memories of Christmas

she did with no errors.

hen I was a child, Christmas was a bigger deal than anything else we did as a family. Daddy was an engineer on the railroad and was either absent Christmas Eve or Christmas morning because of his job. If he was gone on Christmas Eve, we got to open one present from the loaded tree. There were six children times however many presents we each got. So it was definitely loaded with



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The tree was usually loaded at least a week before with all kinds of colorfully wrapped gifts with Mother's handwriting on each tag. Such a pretty sight, and we knew which gifts belonged to each of us. We made things for each other and could hardly wait 'til Christmas to see if others liked what we made for them. So on the Christmas Eves that Daddy wasn't with us, Mother

would make hot chocolate, the homemade with real Hershey's cocoa variety. Then she would sit us on our living room shag carpet, as she sat in her rocking chair, and read us the Christmas account from Luke's Gospel. At her eighty-fifth reunion in Guthrie, Oklahoma where she grew up, those same six children sat on the floor as adults and re-enacted that scene from childhood days. About a hundred or so offspring were present to hear Mother read.

My granddaughter at the time, was 9 years old. She stood of her own free will, and quoted that same passage from Luke. We had just completed learning it in our Christian school, and she asked my son if she could say it, which

This year our family can't all be together at Christmas, so my Niece is getting a Re-zoom-union together and asked if I could re-enact the Christmas account reading again. What a blessing this will be to keep the traditions of our family united in one purpose of loving and serving Jesus on His birthday!

Why not use the technology of the Techy Generation to reconnect with those we have lost touch with this year? Our children, grandchildren, and greatgrandchildren know more about how to use our modern technology than most of the older generation know how to use our "modern" cell-phone. Get one of them to set it up and connect with what Christmas is all about.

Jesus connected us with God when He came down to this earth to save us from sin and death. Let's use His gifts of compassion and concern to connect with Him and celebrate His birth in a new way this year. Merry Christmas!

Something to think about... child died during a difficult delivery. He eventu-Of peace on earth, good will to men.

uddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in highest heaven,

peace on earth and good will to

~ Luke 2:13-14

Can we truly experience peace on earth? As we reflected on that question recently, my mind went to one of my favorite Christmas carols, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. As with most enduring hymns, there is a powerful story behind the song.

Longfellow was one of the brightest minds in America during his day. He graduated from college and began teaching in the University at the young age of 18. However, he also experienced

significant tragedies in his life. His first wife and

ally remarried and had five children. However, in 1861 his second wife, Fanny, died in a house fire that also took their home. By that Christmas, the Country was mired in a bloody Civil War. Longfellow's oldest son rode for the Massachusetts Cavalry. His son was seriously wounded in battle. That year he wrote in his journal, "How inex-

pressibly sad are the holidays. 'A Merry Christmas' say the children, but there is no more for me." As he sat by his wounded Son's bedside, not sure if he would survive the week he heard the church bells ringing. In that moment, he got up and wrote these words: I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Their old familiar carols play, And wild and sweet the words repeat Of peace on earth, good will to men. I thought how, as the day had come, The belfries of all Christendom Had rolled along the unbroken song

And in despair I bowed my head: "There is no peace on earth," I said, "For hate is strong and mocks the song Of peace on earth, good will to men." Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor doth he sleep;

The wrong shall fail, the right prevail, With peace on earth, good will to men.' Till, ringing singing, on its way, The world revolved from night to day,

A voice, a chime, a chant sublime, Of peace on earth, good will to men!

God is not dead! Light and love will overcome The Kingdom will come! As we journey through this world of war, may we be a people who proclaim the Prince of Peace and walk in the way of peace knowing that in the end love wins. I pray that your holiday season is filled with something much better than presents - I pray that it is filled with God's Presence and peace.

Religious right eyes Biden warily after Trump's good favor

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conservative evangelical Christians have proven some of Donald Trump's staunchest allies during his presidency. As his administration draws to a close, some of those backers are approaching President-elect Joe Biden with skepticism, but not antagonism.

Christian conservatives who stood by Trump through moments of crisis and success are hardly comfortable with his loss, and several have yet to fully acknowledge Biden as the winner of the election amid ongoing, unfounded fraud claims by the president. But they're largely not echoing the harsh tone Trump directed toward his Democratic rival during the campaign, when he claimed baselessly that Biden is "against God."

Texas-based megachurch pastor Robert Jeffress, a stalwart evangelical booster of Trump, said Christians are obliged "to pray for what appears to be President-elect Biden. If he succeeds, all of America succeeds."

Jeffress described himself as "deeply disappointed" by the apparent loss of a president he considers "a friend," but added that he would respond to any outreach attempt by Biden, just as he did with Trump. The possibility that Biden could "be pulled away from extremist positions" held by other Democrats, Jeffress said, is "a plus not just for conservative Christians, but for all

It's highly unlikely that Christian conservatives could develop a close relationship with Biden, whose support for abortion rights and stances on other issues stand in stark disagreement with the religious right. However, the lack of a combative tone from pro-Trump religious conservatives could create space for some common ground between the Catholic president-elect and other evangelicals who have not tied themselves as directly to Trump.

"If Joe Biden is the president, if that's what it turns out to be, then we need to do everything we can to support him, where we can," the Rev. Franklin Graham said in a recent interview. Graham, who leads the Christian nonprofit founded by his late father, the

Rev. Billy Graham, is a Trump supporter who offered prayers at his inauguration and this year's Republican National Convention. But while he underscored that his opposition to abortion is one of several fronts where there could be no compromise, Graham said "we certainly can work with" Biden on During the Obama administration, Graham attended a conversation Biden

convened among faith-based advocates about gun legislation. The pastor also visited the White House in 2014 to discuss the Ebola crisis after a doctor at his global relief charity, Samaritan's Purse, successfully fought the deadly dis-Still, conservative Christians like Graham exerted scant influence over the

Obama administration's agenda — and pro-Trump evangelicals are expecting a similar sideline role under Biden.

Family Research Council president Tony Perkins, a longtime Trump part-

ner, said that during Obama's presidency, "I didn't go to that end of Pennsylvania Avenue, because I was never invited."

"If I were invited, certainly I would go, to have a conversation and represent the views our constituents have," Perkins added in an interview. "But I don't hold out hope that they're going to invite those who hold to traditional, biblical views on life, religious freedom and human sexuality."

Perkins said his socially conservative group would focus on working with the office of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., whose party is poised to keep control of that chamber unless Democrats can win next month's two runoffs in Georgia.

Conservative Christians have no shortage of potential looming disputes with the incoming administration. Biden is likely to reverse Trump's ban on U.S. foreign aid for groups that support abortion, among other moves to shore up abortion rights, and he has pledged quick action on an LGBTQ rights measure that has drawn criticism from leading religious conservatives.

Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the Susan B. Anthony List and a Catholic outreach adviser to the Trump reelection campaign, said she saw "almost zero hope" of moving Biden on abortion, her group's priority issue, and forecast "hand-to-hand combat until we take the presidency back." However, some groups such as Perkins' may find occasional opportunities

to work with the Biden administration even while remaining critical of it in their messaging to members and fundraising, according to evangelical writer and analyst Napp Nazworth.

"They're going to be able to say, 'Please support us because your religious freedom is in danger," said Nazworth, who left the Christian Post last year after it published a pro-Trump editorial.

Meanwhile, evangelicals outside those most closely associated with Trump already are identifying commonalities where they could partner with Biden. One is his plan to raise the annual refugee admissions ceiling to 125,000, a

vow he reiterated recently at an event hosted by Jesuit Refugee Services. The Trump administration had slashed the refugee target to historic lows.

Nathan Bult, a senior vice president at Bethany Christian Services, said he has engaged with Biden's transition team on child welfare policy. Bult said his group worked with the Trump administration but "we were

never shy about criticizing" moves it disagreed with, and "we'll treat the Biden

administration the same way." Galen Carey, vice president for government relations at the National Association of Evangelicals, pointed to several areas for collaboration with Biden's administration, including immigration, paid family leave and criminal justice reform.

"We have principles that we think should be appealing to all Americans," Carey said, "and we'd like to be a constructive force for the common good."

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also find the services live streamed on our Facebook page at First United Methodist Church Big Spring.

On Sunday, December 6th, Pastor Ricky Carstensen, shared with us the second message in Advent Season Series, "And He Will Be Called" "Mighty God". Isaiah's prophecy about the coming of the Lord describes Him as a Mighty God. In Colossians 1:15-20, Paul shares with us that He is the Creator and sustainer of all things. How amazing! The Creator and Sustainer of the Universe would leave His throne in glory come to earth as a man in the person of Jesus Christ, in order to redeem and restore us along with all creation. How amazing it is that we serve a "Mighty God" Creator and Redeemer of all things. This next week will be the third week of our Advent season, Pastor Ricky, along with the children, will be sharing the Message of the Birth of Jesus. Come join us this coming Sunday for Sunday school and Worship!

Recovery" is being offered in the Youth Hall for anyone in the community seeking freedom and healing from hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Wednesday night activities on December 16, 6-8

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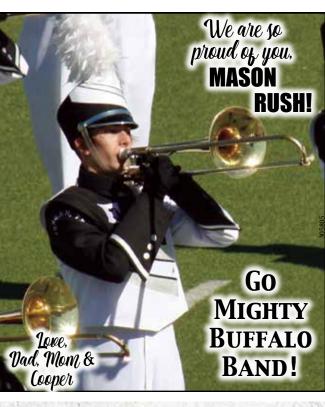
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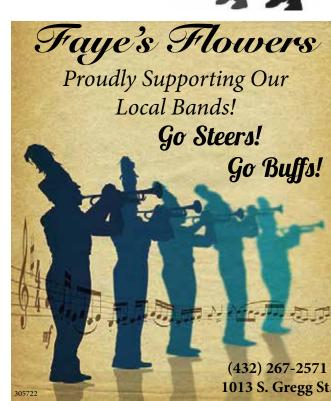
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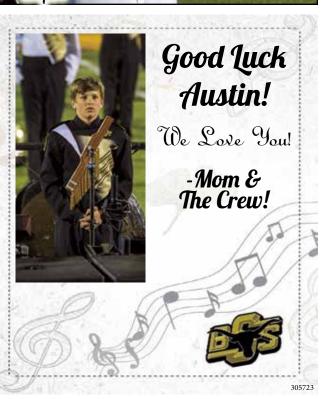
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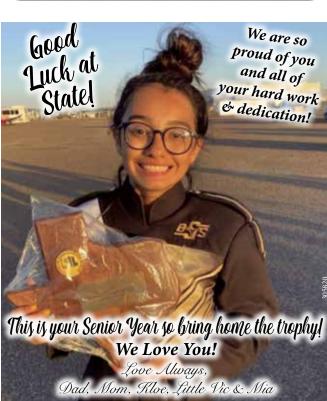


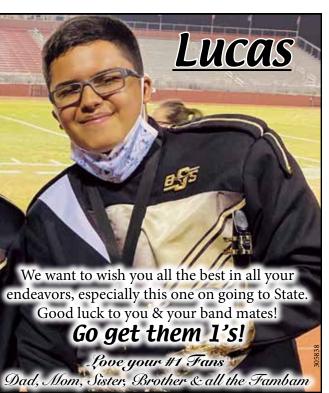












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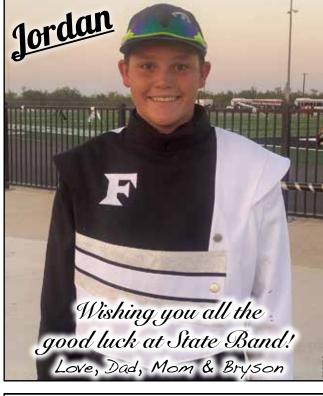
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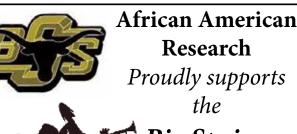
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Big Spring's Jocelyn Gonzales signs Letter of Intent with Sul Ross State







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Above left: Gonzales is a multi-sport athlete and shows off her softball swing. Above middle: She signs her Letter of Intent to Sul Ross. Above right: Gonzales connects with the ball during a volleyball match. She will play both softball and volleyball at Sul Ross.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

It is now official.

Jocelyn Gonzales signed her Letter of Intent on Thursday afternoon to play both softball and volleyball at Sul Ross State University next year. There was a small ceremony held with Gonzales' family, friends, and coaches inside the Big Spring Athletic Training Center film room where the signing was finalized.

"I'm so glad that this was able to happen and I'm so glad that everybody was able to be here today," Gon-

Big Spring ISD Superintendent Jay McWilliams began the ceremony with a speech about Gonzales and how her work ethic, leadership abilities, and excellence both on and off the field were the driving forces behind her being able to keep her student-athlete title at the next level. The multi-sport star then followed up by expressing her gratitude to her parents for always pushing her to be her best and for always supporting her athletic

Thursday will be a day that Gonzales remembers for the rest of her life, and one that she has dreamed about since she was very young.

"I've been dreaming of this since I was younger and had just started playing," Gonzales said. "To be able to make that dream a reality is everything that I could have imagined. I've worked for this my whole life and I'm glad that I got to make it happen."

Gonzales will have a lot on her plate when she first arrives to college and will need to quickly learn how to adapt to her new hectic schedule that will involve classes and practices year-round for softball and volleyball. However, she is up for the challenge and looking forward to making her mark on both Sul Ross State programs.

The Lady Lobos have improved every year under the leadership of Head Coach Troy Canaba and will look to continue that trend moving forward. This past spring on the softball diamond, Sul Ross was off to a great 13-5 start to the season before coronavirus shut down the season early. After winning only three games in backto-back years (2016-2017), Canaba has also helped turn around the volleyball program and the Lady Lobos finished just three games under .500 last fall (11-14).

Sul Ross State softball and volleyball are both on the rise and Canaba was determined to add the talented and versatile Gonzales to his roster for 2021 and beyond.

"We've watched her play for the past couple years," Canaba said after Gonzales announced her commitment. " I knew that she could hit the ball well and was really athletic. I could see that she could really play ball and I was excited about that and started to think about how she could fit into our program and all of the different things that she could do.'

Gonzales will also be leaving the imprint that she put on several Lady Steer programs behind. Her coaches continuously praised her for her clutch gene and the ability to be a coach on the court or field that her fellow teammates would look up to. She has an extremely high IQ in both softball and volleyball and that skill to be able to understand the game at the highest level will only help Gonzales perform at the next level.

"She gives her all no matter what," Big Spring Head Volleyball Coach Kaitlyn Braswell said following Gonzales' verbal commitment back in July. "She's dependable and a person that you want out on the court at all times. She works hard and is an allaround player. We can really trust her in any position and she'll do anything that's asked of her. She's pretty much the dream athlete."

So, what does the dream athlete have left to prove at Big Spring? Some might say nothing, but a competitor never stops competing, and Gonzales is the ultimate competitor.

"I just want to continue to hit it hard and finish the year with another district championship," she said.

On Thursday it became official that Gonzales and all of her athletic talents will be heading to Alpine next year.

Signed, sealed, delivered.

Shawn Moran is the sportswriter at the Big Spring Herald. To contact him, e-mail sports@bigspringherald. com or call 432-263-7331.

Oakland Athletics Invite 2021 **Minor League Affiliates**

RockHounds, Lansing Lugnuts, and Stockton Ports as their minor league affiliates for the 2021 sea-

"On behalf of the A's, I am excited to invite four outstanding organizations to partner with us under MLB's new player development structure," said A's General Manager David Forst. "We are proud to have already been affiliated with three of these communities, and are thrilled to welcome another into the A's player development family. We know how much minor league baseball was missed in 2020 and look forward to A's minor leaguers playing in Las Vegas, Midland, Lansing, and Stockton for many years to come."

The Las Vegas Aviators won the Pacific Coast League Southern Division in 2019 in their first year as an Oakland partner. The club moved into Las Vegas Ballpark, a brand-new facility in the Downtown Summerlin area in Las Vegas, in 2019.

Forst said of the Aviators: "In Las Vegas, Don Logan and the Howard Hughes Corporation welcomed us to a brand-new ballpark in 2019, and we can't think of a better place for our Triple-A team to be than in Summerlin." The Midland RockHounds have

won six titles during their 23-year affiliation with the A's.

Forst said of the RockHounds: "Miles Prentice and Monty Hoppel in Midland have been loyal partners for over 20 seasons now, and we look forward to another 20 years of A's minor leaguers wearing RockHounds jerseys."

The Lansing Lugnuts have been invited to be the Athletics' High-A affiliate. The Lugnuts spent 16 years as an affiliate in the Toronto Blue Jays organization.

Forst said of the Lugnuts: "We look forward to welcoming our

newest partner, Tom Dickson and

the Lansing Lugnuts, one of the

OAKLAND, Calif. - The Oak- premier organizations in minor land Athletics have invited the league baseball, with a fantastic Las Vegas Aviators, Midland ballpark in Jackson Field and an incredibly supportive community to add to the A's system."

Athletics' Low-A will welcome the Stockton Ports, who won the league title in 2008.

Forst said of the Ports: "In Stockton, Tom Volpe and Pat Filippone have taken excellent care of our players just up the road from Oakland over the last 16 seasons, and we're excited to continue our partnership with them."

The A's will also have the Arizona League Athletics that will be based out of the Lew Wolff Training Complex in Mesa, Arizona.

Miles Prentice Co-Owner & President

We've always known that West Texas is a perfect match for Minor League Baseball, and our affiliation with the Oakland A's has built a tremendous tradition. We are glad the A's want to extend our affiliation. The RockHounds / A's era has produced six Texas championships 2005, a remarkable accomplishment. The very first team, in 1999, produced a Cy Young Award winner (Barry Zito) and two of our alums, Matt Chapman and Matt Olson, are among the top young players in Major League Baseball.

Monty Hoppel

General Manager The RockHounds are blessed with a tremendous fan base and an incredible, two-decade relationship with the Oakland A's. We are so fortunate to be asked to extend our affiliation with an organization that so greatly values both on-field success and quality people. Our affiliation has been one of the longest in professional baseball and is based on a mutual commitment to excellence. We're grateful to the A's for their commitment to our franchise and the West Texas community.

Roman Perez named XC All-State, five Steers named All-District

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

Following the conclusion of the 2020 Cross Country season, the All-District and All-State Teams have been recently selected for the 4A Division.

From Big Spring, five runners were named to the District 3-4A All-District Team and one of them was also named an All-State selection. Those runners were Isaac Gonzales, Michael Perez, Roman Perez, Brandon Rogers, and Adrian

Roman Perez was named to the All-State Team following a 17th-place finish at the State meet last month. He was a great team leader for the Steers this past year and has qualified for the State meet the past two years. Perez is a junior and still has more room to grow. In fact, both Head Coach Brandon Clemmons and Perez believe that a championship finish is possible for the tireless Cross-Country

"I honestly think that he could finish in the Top 5, if not the podium" Clem-

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mons said when asked about Perez' potential for next season.

Perez confidently added, "I want to win

So, what does Perez think of the season that he just put together?

"Overall, this season involved a lot of

improvement. With Coach Clemmons coming in, I had to buy into the program and show what I was capable of doing," he said. In fact, Coach Clemmons credits that

buying-in as the catalyst for the strong season that Perez and the rest of his runners had. With five runners making All-District, the future is bright for Big Spring Cross-Country.

"(Roman) buying in to the program helped out all of the boys," Clemmons said. "Every workout he goes hard and that pushes the rest of the boys."

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THURSDAY

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Dallas Cowboys (3-9)

Kansas City Chiefs (11-1)

Arizona Cardinals (6-6)

Minnesota Vikings (6-6)

Denver Broncos (4-8)

New York Jets (0-12)

Atlanta Falcons (4-8)

Washington (5-7)

Away Team

Tennessee Titans (8-4)

Indianapolis Colts (8-4)

Green Bay Packers (9-3)

New Orleans Saints (10-2)

Pittsburgh Steelers (11-1)

Baltimore Ravens (7-5)

Home Team

Los Angeles Rams (9-4)

24-3, Rams

SUNDAY **Home Team** Chicago Bears (5-7) Cincinnati Bengals (2-9-1) Miami Dolphins (8-4) New York Giants (5-7) Tampa Bay Buccaneers (7-5) Carolina Panthers (4-8) Jackonville Jaguars (1-11) Las Vegas Raiders (7-5) Seattle Seahawks (8-4) Detroit Lions (5-7) Philadelphia Eagles (3-8-1)

Los Angeles Chargers (3-9)

San Francisco 49ers (5-7)

MONDAY

Home Team Cleveland Browns (9-3)

Buffalo Bills (9-3)

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Bids will be presented to the Commissioner's Court at 3:30 PM December 28th for their consideration. The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Jackie Olson - Howard County Auditor

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 7th day of December, 2020.

> /s/Helene K. Bonura HELENE K. BONURA

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Legals

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Dear Annie: My sister passed away in September, and I was really looking forward to spending an evening with her family during Christmas. I'd not really been close with her husband or children in the past, but it's important to me to spend time with them now.

Well, apparently, my ex-husband has been invited to their house. along with his wife of three years. We divorced five years ago, after he verbally and emotionally abused me for 21 years. Admittedly, I left the marriage in a not so great way,

with the first person who told me that I was beautiful.

This holiday situation has created a lot of tension between me and my children, and it's heartbreaking. I will not go, because my ex will be there, and I just don't want to see him. But I was wondering if you think what my brother-in-law, niece and nephew are doing is right. -- Sitting It Out

Dear Sitting: I'm so sorry for the loss of your sister. Let's withhold judgment of her husband and children, who are also deep in grief. Maybe they didn't even want your ex to come, he just invited

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himself. That would square with the history of emotionally abusive behavior that you mentioned.

Whatever the case, what (SET ITAL) you(END ITAL) are doing is right -- because everyone should be sitting out holiday gatherings this year. Fortunately, even from afar, you can still get closer with your niece. nephew and brotherin-law, through video chats, phone calls or emails. It might take some time to break the ice, but keep chipping away. You will find pieces of your sister in one another.

NEWSPAPER

Dear Annie: A few months ago I met a new guy friend, and we have been getting to know each other. However, I do not want a serious relationship with him, and I have informed him of that. I know that he likes me because he calls me "babe" and says things like, "I'm not going anywhere."

So, we were texting one day, and he asked me if I wanted to go get ice cream. I said OK, but when we met up, he said he really didn't feel like eating; he just wanted to see me. So we drove to my apartment building and sat in the parking lot. We talked for a few hours. Afterward, he told me in a text that he hopes that I will be his girl someday. I know he means that he wants us to be together romantically, but I don't want to date him because I don't feel a physical attraction to him. I don't want to hurt his feelings, but I don't want to lead him on, either. In my defense, I already told him that we are friends and that's all, nothing more. It seems to me that he is not taking no for an answer. Anyway, how do I tell him again gently that we are "just friends" without hurting his feelings so that we can actually remain friends? -- Just Friends

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Dear Just Friends: Sometimes a person can push past attraction to become platonic friends with a former crush. This isn't one of those times. This man doesn't want your friendship, and you don't want his heart. The sooner you accept that you are at cross purposes and go your separate ways, the better for both of you.

And if you need any extra incentive not to see each other, then remember we're in the middle of the pandem-

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By Steve Becker

Test your play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump, and North leads the jack of clubs, South following with the deuce. How would you play the hand? East West

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♦ A K 9 **♦**842 ♣A K Q **♣**7643 2. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Notrump, and North leads the jack of diamonds. How would you play the hand?

West East **♠** J 7 ♠ A K 10 3 ♥AKJ3 **♥**Q8 ♦ A 5 2 **♣**A Q 9 5 **♣**J642

1. Win the club lead with the queen and play the ace next. If both opponents follow suit, cash the king of clubs, hoping for a 3-3 division that will give you your ninth trick.

If the clubs prove to be divided 4-2, lead a low spade and also play low from dummy! Then, after winning the heart or diamond return, play a low spade to the ace. Assuming nothing noteworthy occurs, next lead a spade toward your Q-8

This line of play will make the contract if: (1) The opposing clubs are divided 3-3; (2) either opponent has the singleton king of spades; (3) either opponent has the doubleton king of spades; (4) the opposing spades are divided 3-3; (5) South has any number of spades including the Note that your low spade play from

each hand the first time you lead the suit covers the case where North has the K-x, which you wouldn't discover if you started the suit by playing the ace and another spade to the queen. This delicate safety play significantly increases your chances of making the contract. 2. The contract cannot be

defeated, regardless of how the opposing cards are distributed. Win the diamond lead with the king and play the ace of clubs followed by a low club toward dummy. If the missing clubs are divided 3-2, you have 12 easy tricks, so let's assume they're 4-1 or 5-0. If North has four or five clubs to

the K-10, he cannot afford to go up with the king at trick three because you'd then have 12 tricks. So let's say he plays low on the second club, and you win the trick with dummy's jack. After South shows out, you return to your hand with a diamond and lead the jack of spades, planning to finesse if North follows low. This assures you of 12 tricks wherever the spade queen is located.

Finally, if South is the one with four or five clubs to the K-10, he wins dummy's jack of clubs with the king, but this leaves you with a marked finesse against South's ten for your 12th trick.

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ARIES (March **21-April 19).** Today is about comfortably and casually getting to know the people who could change your life a few months down the line. This introductory process is best taken slow.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It will be important to acknowledge the social system, which includes hierarchies of status. Pretending that the status scaffolding doesn't exist will only breed later resentments.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's said that you can't judge a book by its cover, but there's an entire industry that suggests the opposite. Just don't judge a book by its movie. These thoughts will be useful metaphorically, not literally.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're willing to make a sacrifice in the call of duty. It helps if there's also love involved. Dutiful sacrifices are admirable and take character. Sacrifices for love are both those things, doused in the sweetness of life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. **22).** Force breeds resistance. This is why it's important you do not try to force yourself to do anything you don't want to do. Persuasion is better. Seduction is the best.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It takes time to formulate a solid opinion on something. You'll be asked to take sides or make a decision. It's too soon, and you don't have enough

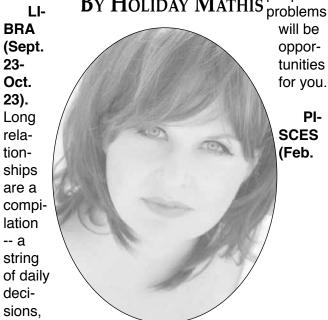
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many of which are so small you hardly notice you're making them. Notice today, though, because the small things will matter.

SCORPIO (Oct.

24-Nov. 21). There's true love and there's easy love, and they don't always show up together. You will feel that the love you had to work for rings with deeper resonance because of (not despite) your fight for it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Take authority you're given and wear it regally. It doesn't mean you think you're superior. It's just a role -- though a necessary one. Someone has to play it,

and you'll do it well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Love fills you with gratitude. You feel lucky to know and love the people in your life and receive their affection. Something as simple as a quick conversation counts as a kind of celebration of the relationship.

AQUARIUS (Jan. **20-Feb. 18).** You can't influence people you don't know. Your time will be well-spent in a

pleasant effort to get

to know people. Other

19-March 20). You'll take a step toward mastery. You'll clear the obstacle that has been getting in the way of giving daily attention to the thing you want to be so good at.

TODAY'S BIRTH-DAY (Dec. 11). A force guides you toward a field or person. This added layer of mystical motivation makes for a poetic story of how you satisfied very practical aims. A location change is favored, as is entrance to a new school or doctrine. You'll make a handsome profit in March and invest further to much success. Capricorn and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 43, 10, 33, 28 and 4.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: Do not talk about your amorous feelings prematurely because it will be too painful for the other person if you learn a little more and then change your mind. TAURUS: Your fondest wishes are a matter of genuine interest to another -- that's love. **GEMINI: Technology** can connect you to unknown people, and it can also cheapen

the connection you

have to people you

already know. Don't

relegate to text the job of conversation. CANCER: Your ideal match will calm and excite you at the same time. LEO: While you like a quick response, what you love is a chase. VIRGO: You'll offer something you do very well to someone who is uniquely poised to be grateful for it. LIBRA: Confidence makes things possible that would be highly improbable under less assured circumstances. SCORPIO: You don't mind a wildcard. In fact, you look forward to seeing how it fits into your hand. SAGITTARIUS: Your heart and fantasies will span the distance that your presence cannot. CAPRICORN: There was something right-on about a first impression, and now you'll figure out more precisely what you were sensing back then. AQUARIUS: Don't ease the tension. You need it to make the strings of romance play beautiful music. PISCES: You don't want a person to care because you care. You want to actually be on the same page.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Scorpio and Sagittarius are zodiac neighbors who keep the blinds closed, the hedges high and the small talk to a minimum. Being so close, these two improve the relationship by imposing more mystery than would naturally be there. Scorpio thrives with space and privacy, and Sagittarius doesn't want love that's too accessible, so this enigmatic dance works out perfectly. Write Holiday Mathis at

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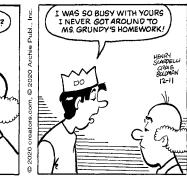
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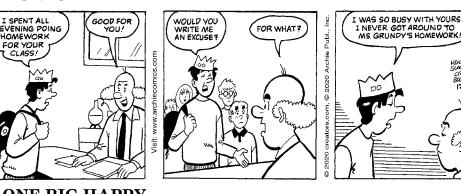
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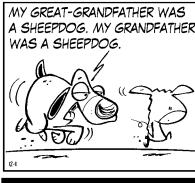
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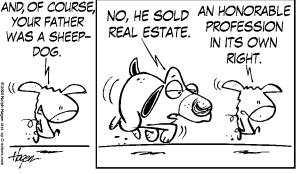
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This Date In History

Today in History Today is Friday, Dec. 11, the

346th day of 2020. There are 20 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 11, 1936, Britain's King Edward VIII abdicated the throne so he could marry American divorcee Wallis Warfield Simpson; his brother, Prince Albert, became King George VI.

On this date:

In 1816, Indiana became the 19th state.

In 1844, the first experimental use of an inhaled anesthetic in dentistry took place as Dr. Horace Wells of Hartford, Connecticut, under the influence of nitrous oxide, had a colleague extract one of his

In 1941, Germany and Italy declared war on the United States; the U.S. responded in kind.

In 1946, the United Nations International Children's

Emergency Fund (UNICEF) was established. In 1964, singer-songwriter

Sam Cooke was shot to death by a motel manager in Los Angeles; he was 33. In 1972, Apollo 17's lunar

module landed on the moon with astronauts Eugene Cernan and Harrison Schmitt aboard; they became the last two men to date to step onto the lunar surface.

In 1997, more than 150 countries agreed at a global warming conference in Kyoto, Japan, to control the Earth's greenhouse gases.

In 1998, majority Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee pushed through three articles of impeachment against President Clinton,

over Democratic objections. In 2001, in the first criminal indictment stemming from 9/11, federal prosecutors charged Zacarias Moussaoui (zak-uh-REE'-uhs moo-SOW'-ee), a French citizen of Moroccan descent, with conspiring to murder thousands in the suicide hijackings. (Moussaoui pleaded guilty to conspiracy in 2005 and was

sentenced to life in prison.) In 2004, doctors in Austria said that Ukrainian presidential candidate Viktor Yushchenko had been poisoned with dioxin, which caused the severe disfigurement and par-

tial paralysis of his face. In 2008, former Nasdaq chairman Bernie Madoff was arrested, accused of running

a multibillion-dollar Ponzi scheme that wiped out the life savings of thousands of people and wrecked charities. (Madoff is serving a 150-year federal prison sentence.) The remains of missing Florida toddler Caylee Anthony were found six months after she disappeared. (Her mother, Casey Anthony, was acquitted of murder in her daughter's death.)

In 2018, a man who had been flagged as a possible extremist sprayed gunfire near the famous Christmas market in the French city of Strasbourg, killing three people and wounding 13 others; the suspect died in a shootout with police two days later. (A fourth person wounded in the attack later died.) A Virginia jury called for a sentence of life in prison plus 419 years for the man who killed a woman when he rammed his car into counterprotesters at a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia. (James Alex Fields Jr. received that sentence in

July, 2019.) Ten years ago: The eldest son of disgraced financier Bernard Madoff, 46-year-old Mark Madoff, hanged himself in his Manhattan apartment on the second anniversary of his father's arrest. A U.N. conference in Cancun, Mexico, adopted a modest climate deal. Auburn quarterback Cam Newton won

the Heisman Trophy. Five years ago: President Barack Obama signed legislation keeping government agencies open into the following week, giving White House and congressional bargainers more time to complete sweeping deals on taxes and federal spending. Dow Chemical and DuPont announced they were merging to form a company valued at about \$130 billion. Willard Scott announced he was hanging it up after 35 years as part of NBC's "Today" show. One year ago: Israel's parliament failed to meet a midnight deadline to form a coalition government, triggering an unprecedented third election in a 12-month

period. Saudi Arabian oil company Aramco surpassed Apple as the world's most valuable public company when its shares made their debut on the Saudi stock exchange; a 10% rally brought the company's value to \$1.88 trillion.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Jean-Louis Trintignant is 90. Actor Rita Moreno is 89. Pop singer David Gates (Bread) is 80. Actor Donna Mills is 80. Former Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., is 79. Former U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry is 77. Singer Brenda Lee is 76. Actor Lynda Day George is 76. Music producer Tony Brown is 74. Actor Teri Garr is 73. Movie director Susan Seidelman is 69. Actor Bess Armstrong is

67. Singer Jermaine Jackson is 66. Rock musician Mike Mesaros (The Smithereens) is 63. Rock musician Nikki Sixx (Motley Crue) is 62. Rock musician Darryl Jones (The Rolling Stones) is 59. Actor Ben Browder is 58. Singermusician Justin Currie (Del Amitri) is 56. Rock musician David Schools (Hard Working Americans, Gov't Mule,

Widespread Panic) is 56. Actor Gary Dourdan (DOOR'dan) is 54. Actor-comedian Mo'Nique is 53. Actor Max Martini is 51. Rapper-actor Mos Def is 47. Actor Rider Strong is 41. Actor Xosha (ZOH'-shah) Roquemore is 36. Actor Karla Souza is 34. Actor Hailee Steinfeld is 24.

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