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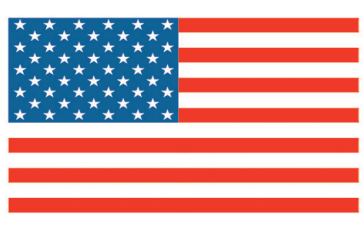
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Announcements

Due to staffing issues, Big Spring Senior Center will only serve curbside meals until at least Tuesday, August 24. The center will be closed to congregate meals for the rest of the week. To order curbside meals call 432-267-1628. For questions/concerns please contact the Community Services Office at 432-264-2516.

SMMC will host a Drive-thru vaccine clinic Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m.

Found object Art Show and Sale Heritage Museum Sept. 4 - Oct. 28 Entries being accepted now

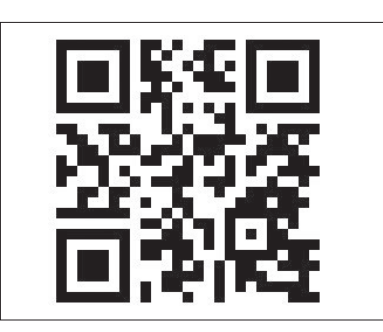
School is back in session. Please be alert while near or around School Zones.

Wright's Amusement Carnival Aug. 19-22 Roy Anderson Sports Complex

15th DAV 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony 4 p.m. Spring Creek Fellowship

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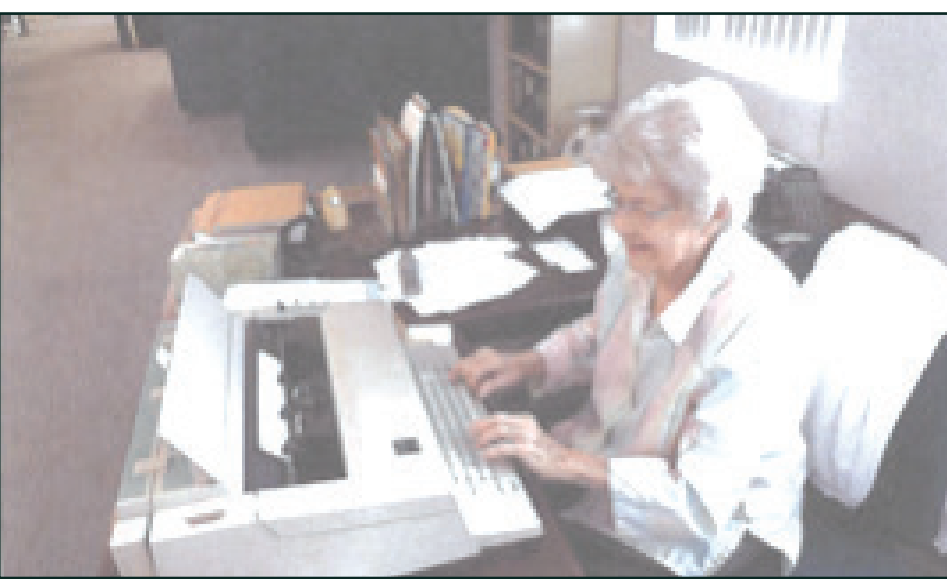
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Howard SWCD: 50 Years and counting

By Judy Tereletsky
 HSWCD District Clerk

In October 2015, I began my post-retirement career as district clerk for the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District #243. Being raised an Air Force brat and spending over 36 years as an educator, I had little to no knowledge of agriculture, but the brave men of the HSWCD Board of Directors with NRCS District Conservationist Eddy Spurgin took a chance on me. It continues to be a joyful job and I work with exceptionally fine people. This year, 2021, marks 50 years since Howard SWCD was formed. It was originally part of the Martin-Howard-Midland SWCD, organized in 1941. The Howard SWCD has proudly served the needs of Howard County producers ever since.



Mary Bernice Cason is pictured conducting her work for the HSWCD. She began working for the SCS in 1942.

Courtesy photo

A Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), like a county or school district, is a subdivision of State government. A SWCD is brought into existence by a vote of the landowners within the boundaries of a district. It is administered by a board of five di-

rectors who are elected by their fellow landowners. After the passage of the Texas Soil Conservation Law and with the establishment of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB), SWCDs began to be formed. To bring a district into existence a minimum of 50 local agricultural landowners must petition the TSSWCB requesting the creation of a district. Following the filing of the petition, the TSSWCB holds a hearing on the question of desirability and necessity for a district. If facts presented at the hearing determine a favorable need, the

TSSWCB conducts an election within the proposed district on the proposition of creating a conservation district. At least two-thirds of the votes cast by local agricultural landowners must be in favor of creating the new district. To assure geographical representation of the district's governing board, the SWCD is divided into five subdivisions. The governing board, or Board of Directors, is made up of agricultural landowners, one from each of the subdivisions. Each District Director must live in the district, own land in the subdivision he or she represents, and be actively engaged in farming or ranching. Elections are held once a year and the directors serve a four-year term on a rotating schedule.

The first board of directors for the Howard SWCD established in 1971 was comprised of Mr. Jerry Iden, Mr. L. N. Davis, Mr. Ray Russell, Mr. Bob Cathey and Mr. J. M. Sterling. Today's HSWCD

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Citywide Youth Worship service hosted by Life Church this Saturday

By ROGER CLINE
 Herald Staff Writer

It's almost time for local youth to head back to school, but a local church has an event planned to send them back with God on their minds.



HERALD file photo

The event is the Citywide Youth Night hosted by Life Church, and conducted by Inner Court Worship of Midland.

Citywide Youth Worship will take place Saturday beginning at 5 p.m.

"We are going to be starting at 5 p.m. It's citywide, and it's going

to be at Life Church in Big Spring. It's targeted more toward youth, but not limited to youth," said Hannah Ferguson of the Inner Court leadership team. "We just want to see that area just catch on fire for Jesus and host a night where it's a safe environment where younger kids can be. Sometimes when you start school, it can be stressful and cause some anxiety and things like that. We just want to provide an atmosphere that takes the kids' minds off of that and brings them into

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Dehydration can lead to other health issues, concerns: Be proactive

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

During summer months dehydration become top of mind as high temperatures become the norm. While staying hydrated in the heat is important, dehydration is an issue that needs to be addressed year round especially for older adults.

"Dehydration is one of those things we think about for those working outdoors or those out in the heat, but it is a real issue that we need to address when it comes to our seniors, especially those 65 and over," Sally Grant, Area Manager for Encompass Health, said. "In our seniors we often see that dehydration can result in a UTI or a urinary tract infection and then if not caught in time can lead to more severe issues."

According to information provided by Encompass Health, dehydration is one of the most frequent causes of hospitalization among people over the age of 65. The body uses water for the production of blood, lymph, mucus, stomach acid, lung surfactant and tears, in addition to regulating body temperature through sweat. The body also uses water to help eliminate waste and maintain blood pressure.

many health professionals mention each year is one of the leading causes of dehydration, but the medications that a person takes can lead to dehydration without proper water consumption," Grant said.

A reduction of intake of fluids or drinking excessive caffeine and/or alcohol, can also contribute to dehydration. Frequent urination/diarrhea and high fever and/or prolonged vomiting can also lead to dehydration.

"One thing we hear often is 'I don't like to drink water', but we don't have to drink water to help hydrate our body. Our bodies can get water from juices, milk, fruits and vegetables," she said.

Those dealing with dehydration may experience confusion, problems walking or falling, experience dizziness or headaches, rapid heart rate or dry or sticky mouth and tongue. The inability to sweat or produce tears along with decreased urine output and constipation is also often associated with dehydration. Blood pressure can also be impacted by the lack of hydration in one's body so dehydration can cause a person to have a decrease in their blood

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Covid-19 updates

SMMC provided the following Covid patient update; as of Aug. 11:
 ICU - 4
 Med/Surg - 8
 3 of the 12 patients were vaccinated so 75% are unvaccinated.
 All are Big Spring residents and range from age 45 to 82.

According to Texas Health Department Covid-19 case count, in Howard County, sits at:
 Confirmed: 3,092
 Probable cases: 1,805
 Fatalities: 104
 Active cases: 148
 Recovered: 4,645

Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be providing a vaccine clinic every Thursday from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the SMMC Parking Lot. On Aug. 26, the vaccine clinic will take place at the coliseum at Howard College

Outpatient COVID testing in Big Spring

Gregg Street Clinic
 2301 South Gregg St
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Main Street
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 Clinic Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 p.m, Monday - Friday

Dr. Barclay
 1501 W 11th Place
 Big Spring, Texas 79720
 Clinic Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday

Dr. Carrasco
 Monday through Thursday
 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Pediatric Office
 Monday - Friday
 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity on August 12 and August 13:

- **LOUIS ISIAH OLIVAREZ**, 21, of 102 Airbase Rd. Apt. 100-B was arrested on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear (fine only), and on charges of no driver's license and illegal window tint.
- **DANIEL RAY LEWIS**, 32, of 106 Carey St., was arrested on a warrant for burglary of a building.
- **PEDRO SANTOS**, 36, of 602 N. Wildcat in Wink was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **ARTHUR RICKEY PACHECO**, 29, of 706 N. Fort in Fort Stockton was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **TERRY D. SPEARS**, 54, of 710 Creighton St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **ABRAHAM ARCE**, 38, of 6123 Wexford Dr. in San Antonio was arrested on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear.
- **CAILEY COY**, 23, of 2807 36th St. in Snyder was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- **JAMES LEE WOODARD**, 57, of 3601 Connally St. was arrested on four outstanding warrants.
- **HOLLY ORA CHAVARRIA**, 28, of 2501 Larry Lane was arrested on a charge of theft of property (less than \$100).
- **AUSTIN RAY DARDEN**, 21, of 3101 Navajo Dr. was arrested on two outstanding warrants.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1400 block of E. Sixth St.
- **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 500 block of S. Birdwell Lane.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 300 block of W. In-

terstate 20.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 400 block of S. Runnels.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Gregg and Fourth streets.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 9600 block of Gail Highway.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 3200 block of Ave. C.
- **CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE** was reported in the 1000 block of S. Nolan St.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1300 block of E. Interstate 20.
- **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy. 80.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1900 block of N. U.S. Hwy. 87.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1500 block of E. Hwy. 350.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 2600 block of S. Gregg St.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 1500 block of Tucson St.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 900 block of Willia St.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of 13th St. and Nolan St.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported at the intersection of Hwy. 80 and the South Service Road of Interstate 20.

Sheriff Report

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 115 inmates at the time of this report.
- **RICHARD DEAN ANDERSON**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of trifluoromethylphenyl PE.
 - **NANCY RENEE BAEZA**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property between \$750 and \$2,500.
 - **TIMOTHY JOE FLORES**, 46, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia and parole violation.
 - **JONATHAN MATA**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of assault family violence and criminal mischief less than \$100.

- **JUAN MIGUEL ORTIZ**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **ELDA RAMIREZ**, 37, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of bail jumping and fail to appear.
- **RANDALL TAFF RANDOLPH**, 51, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of bail jumping and fail to appear and theft of property between \$2,500 and \$30K ENH IAT.
- **ROBERT JOHN RIOS**, 44, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of fail to maintain financial responsibility and fail to appear.
- **JOHN CARL RUTHERFORD**, 35, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated BAC greater than or equal to 0.1 and driving while intoxicated 2nd.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek

Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

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

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

- DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation.

Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations.

We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship?

Obituaries

Cheryl Lockhart

Cheryl Lockhart, 58, of Big Spring, died Monday. She was born on May 15, 1963, in Big Spring.



Cheryl is survived by her parents Sondra "Sandy" Littlepage and Bobby White, husband Michael, son James Pearson of Monroe, LA, daughter Tammy Thomas of Big Spring, two stepdaughters; three brothers; Randy White of Lumberton, TX, Gary Jones of Tomahawk, WI, Richard White of Big Spring and 14 grandchildren.

Cheryl is preceded in death by her dad; two children: Joseph Pearson and Micah Levi Pearson and granddaughter.

Mary Louise Traczyk

Mary Louise Traczyk, 92, died Wednesday, August 18, 2021, Services are pending at Myers & Smith.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of Mountain Park Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the S. Hwy 87 S of Forsan cut off. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of Mulberry. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of W. Hwy 80. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of N.E. 10th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of S. Lancaster. 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 area of N. 2nd Street and Lamesa Hwy. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of W. 6th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Albrook. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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Board of Director positions are held by Glenn Ace Berry, Kevin Hamlin, Ed Miller, Mark Morgan, and Jimmy Sterling son of J. M. Sterling. These gentlemen have served a combined sixty-four years as directors for HSWCD.

Howard SWCD Directors lead by example by utilizing the same conservation practices that the district encourages other producers to use in the stewardship of their land. They provide resources and opportunities for NRCS personnel to train others in EQIP practices. Prescribed burning, brush management, range planting, prescribed grazing, fence, livestock water development, and wildlife habitat management are some of the practices implemented by members. The HSWCD has been an active participant in the 503 Water Quality Management Program since the early 1990's. More recently under the Water Supply Enhancement Program, applications were submitted for the Morgan Creek and Willow Creek sub-basins to provide the landowners with another opportunity to cost share acres for mechanical brush work. The Howard SWCD was a cooperating entity in the effort to control the invasive species of Salt Cedar and its impact on the E. V. Spence Reservoir.

Dedication to the agricultural producers of Howard County as an HSWCD representative doesn't mean you must be a director. If you want to talk about length of service, from day one on the job for me I was told stories of Mary Bernice Cason. Bernice, as everyone refers to her on first name basis, began working for the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in 1942. After surviving the Dust Bowl times, the United States Congress recognized that "the wastage of soil and moisture resources on farm, grazing, and forest lands... is a menace to the national welfare" and thus established the SCS as a permanent agency of the USDA (US Dept. of Agriculture) on April 27, 1935. In 1994, Congress changed the name of the SCS to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). In October of 1944, Bernice began working with the SWCD. She must have been a go-getter because I have found lots of documents that helped show how Bernice put an everlasting stamp on HSWCD. She kept everything! Of course, this has given me a unique glimpse into history. Bernice kept letters from SCS employees serving in the military during World War II. Black and white photos from the 1940's and 50's to polaroids (young people ask your elders what a polaroid is) of the 60's and faded color of the mid 80's were collected by Bernice showcasing the work of the NRCS and HSWCD employees. Then photos turned to slides. Realize almost all of her work was done on a typewriter with carbon paper (once again young people will have to speak with one of their elders for a description of those old days) For years she would have a booth at the County Fair educating the residents of Howard County about Windbreak Trees. She kept an extensive library of the educational supplies given to school students for the annual poster contests. Bernice was given the TSSWCB Area II "Friend of Conservation" award in 2013. She passed away in

May of that same year after seventy-one years of service to the agricultural producers of Howard County.

When I came on board six years ago, Eddy Spurgin who is the District Conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) showed me some of the programs in use on local farms and ranches. It has continued to be an education each day. NRCS and HSWCD work hand in



Courtesy photo

The HSWCD has been serving the Howard County community for more than 50 years and is not slowing down any time soon. The resource information regarding soil and water conservation has been helpful to the agriculture industry.

hand to serve the needs of producers in Howard County. Both the NRCS and HSWCD are located in the USDA Service Center where the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) are also found. All of the agencies work together for the betterment of the ag producers and our planet's resources.

SWCDs work to bring a widespread understanding of the needs of soil and water conservation. The Howard SWCD sponsors workshops, symposiums, and field tours that address the needs and interests of local producers. Farm tours discussing the latest news on no-till, irrigation, cover crops, soil health, and high tunnel technology have been well attended. A Wildlife symposium held in conjunction with Texas Agrilife Extension Service, NRCS, Howard College Agricultural Department, and HSWCD helped showcase ways of utilizing wildlife to diversify ranching operations. In partnership with Sterling Cattle Company, the HSWCD sponsored a Range Education Workshop with over 100 participants from Borden, Howard, Mitchell and Scurry counties. In recent years HSWCD has worked with the National Association of Conservation Districts contracting a Resource Technician to help the NRCS in providing services and information to local farmers and ranchers not only in Howard County but Nolan, Mitchell and Taylor Counties as well. Each year the HSWCD holds a Local Work Group meeting to assess the concerns of local landowners and producers and determine how the needs of these producers can be best served. Howard SWCD has a long history of providing access to windbreak trees and grass seed using the proceeds of the sales to help in the education of our local youth.

It is a purpose of SWCDs to instill a sense of individual responsibility in all of us to conserve our natural resources. Each year the HSWCD sponsors a poster contest for the youth of Howard County. We have been fortunate enough to receive several area awards. The Howard SWCD recognizes

the hard work of area producers and those in the community who support agriculture. Since 1973, HSWCD has honored 42 producers, businesses, or teachers with special recognition only suspending the awards due to weather (lack of rainfall), loss of the Ms. Cason, and our recent pandemic. These have included John and Cindy Middleton (Wildlife Conservationists) and the Big Spring Herald (Friends of Conservationists) who won placed first in Area II competition. Along with these awards HSWCD is so proud to have Ms. Sherrilyn Welch honored as Conservation Teacher of 2021 for the State of Texas!

Several student poster entries have received Area II awards. This coming year the theme for the 2022 competition is "Healthy Soil Healthy Life". As in past years the HSWCD will provide what educational supplies and demonstrations as possible especially under the pandemic restrictions. Students thirst for knowledge on protecting our planet is always a welcome sight. Dolline Budke, our Earth Team Volunteer, works with Howard SWCD providing instructions to her Sunday School group at Alive in Christ Lutheran Church on growing plants and other Earth Day activities and for Soil Stewardship Week. I hope my monthly articles in the Big Spring Herald on various agricultural topics and trends help inform the residents of Howard County about the needs and everyday lives of our local ag producers as does the HSWCD quarterly newsletters.

Howard SWCD is closely connected with the residents of Howard County with the directors participating in local activities beyond their directorship duties. Whether sponsoring 4-H activities, being inducted in the Big Spring Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame, serving as trustee on the local college board, or serving on the Texas A & M Agrilife Extension Howard County Range Committee, being an active member of the community demonstrates the commitment of Howard SWCD board members to Howard County.

From ordering seed and windbreak trees to sponsoring workshops, outreach programs to poster contests, Local Work Group meetings to Soil Stewardship activities, the Howard Soil & Water Conservation District strives to be a vital part of Howard County helping to pass on a legacy of stewardship and conservation to future generations. Fifty years and still going strong the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District is proud to serve the people of Howard County.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Richard Hall, 78, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Memorial Service Saturday 10 AM at Myers & Smith Chapel

George Smith, 84, died Saturday, Funeral service will be at 2:30 PM Friday at Hillcrest Baptist Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Cheryl Lockhart, 58, died Monday, Memorial Service will be Saturday 3 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel

Mary Louise Traczyk, 92, died Wednesday, Services are pending at Myers & Smith

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an environment of peace and fun. And it creates a safe environment for them to go to so they're not getting pulled into other things that aren't necessarily the healthiest environment for them."

Ferguson said the bash will begin at 5 p.m. at Life Church, 1004 S. Johnson St., with food trucks and games, and a giveaway of AirPod earbuds. The worship

service, led by Inner Court, will begin at 7 p.m.

"That's basically where all the pastors come together and the prayer team, and our worship team facilitates the worship, and all that good stuff," Ferguson said. "We've done an Inner Court program in Big Spring, but not necessarily a youth rally. We just recently did a youth rally in the Midland area and it was a pretty good success, and so Big Spring reached out to us and said they wanted us to do it there, so

we were super excited to partner with them."

In addition, Inner Court founder Jake Sanchez is worship leader at Life Church in Big Spring, Ferguson said.

Ferguson said that entry to the event is free.

HEALTH

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pressure when transitioning from lying to standing.

"It's important to reach out to your primary care provider and go over concerns. There are some medications that can imitate the symptoms of dehydration, and some of the named symptoms occur as one ages, but it's always a good idea to have routine check ups with a medical provider to stay on top of things and be proactive," Grant said.

Medical providers and home health providers, such as Encompass Home Health, can work with patients to better understand the proactive measures to reduce the risk of dehydration and other health related complications. Comprehensive evaluations help providers determine the need

of skilled service and education can take place regarding energy conservation techniques; check fluid levels and monitor labs for electrolyte imbalances.

"Encompass' staff includes nurses, therapists, medical social workers, and home health aides that will work with the patient and their families, and physicians to ensure the risk of dehydration is reduced," she said. "In addition to monitoring a patient's levels, providing the education on how to avoid dehydration is the key. We want our patients to be healthy, and the best way to do that is to arm them with more knowledge."

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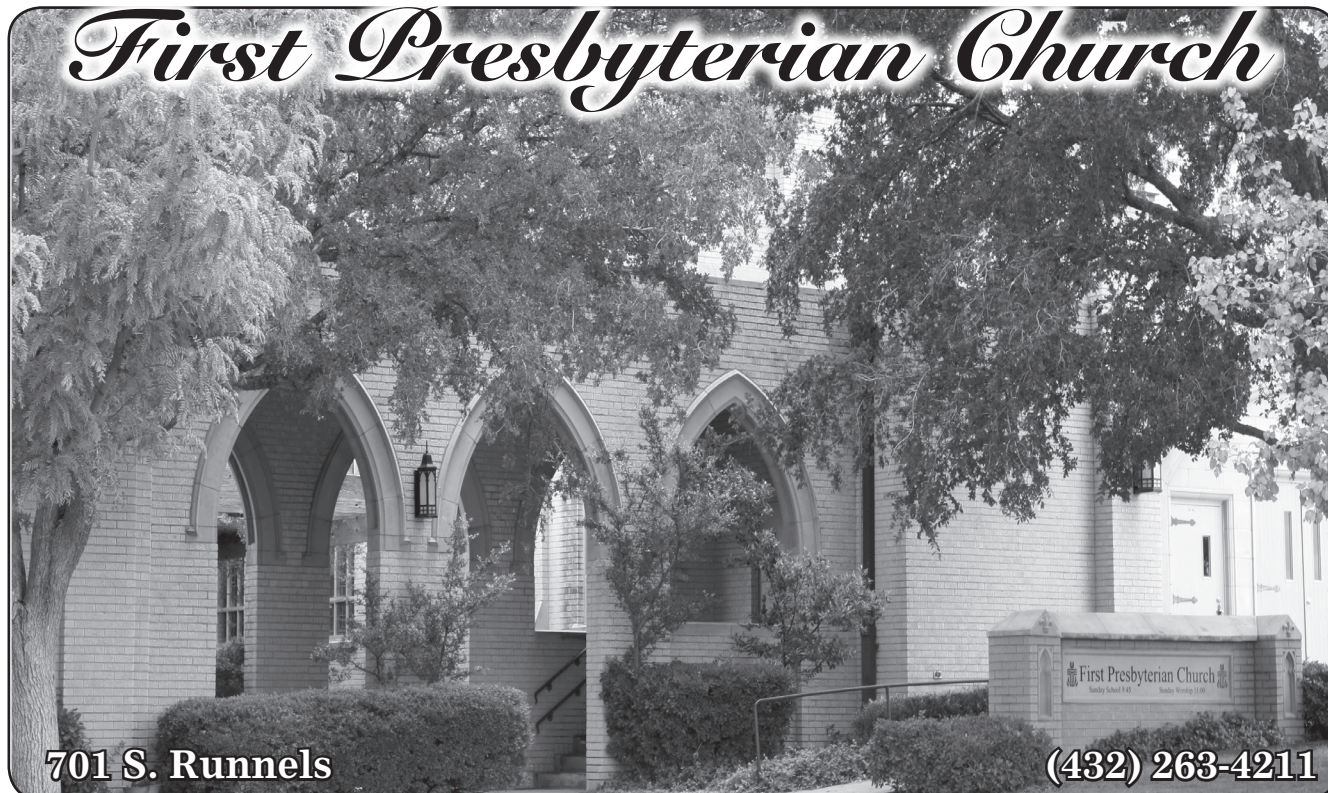
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Church News

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 brunch in the Parish Hall.

On Wednesdays we have Bible study and coffee in the morning at 10:30, and 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.

NazFamily Church

This Sunday:

At NazFamily Church we believe that God is a missional God and He calls us to be a missional people. We are excited to host Dr. Jerry & Toni Porter on Sunday, Aug. 22. Jerry and Toni were appointed missionaries to the Dominican Republic to help launch the work of the Church. Following rapid and explosive growth in the Dominican Republic, the Porters were assigned to San Jose, Costa Rica, where he served as rector of the Nazarene Seminary of the Americas.

In 1986, Dr. Porter was elected as the Mexico and Central America regional director. Dr. Porter was later elected to serve as a General Superintendent in the global church. In retirement, they have continued to serve as missionaries in a creative access area. Come be encouraged and inspired!

Now Enrolling:

Nazarene Christian Academy and New Hope Christian School are now enrolling students for the 2021-2022 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.

Help 2 Heal:

Join us for our Help 2 Heal seminar on Saturday, Aug. 28, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be counselors and leaders from Rays of Hope and our local community who will resource and equip parents to navigate some of the challenging issues our children and youth face today.

This is a free event, with lunch and children's activities provided. We simply want to bless and help families in our community. Go to our website — www.nazfamily.org — to register.

Connection Sunday:

Did you know there are nearly 3 billion active, monthly facebook users right now? Over 1/3 of the worlds population is connected through this one social media platform.

Those 3 billion users average around an hour per day scrolling, clicking, liking, watching, posting, and uploading.

It is evident that we crave connection. At Naz-Family Church we are less concerned about social media connections, and more concerned about connecting people with God.

Join us on Sunday, Aug. 29, to discover ways we can deepen our connection with God through small groups and service opportunities.

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:

Starting Sunday, September 5 – Coming soon. We will be back to two services! We will have an on-site 9:30 a.m. and an onsite 11 a.m. Worship Service available.

Sunday, August 22 – Jesus is the Good Shepherd that leaves the 99 and goes after the one! We must be like our Father and go after the one. When see people are hurting on the side of the road do we stop to help them?

Do we take intentional steps to set aside our differences and help them be raised up into their God-given calling and living a transformed life! Make plans to attend our on-site service at 11 a.m. to learn how to Go After the One!

Wednesday, Aug. 25 – Join us on-site 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.

Tuesday, September 14 – Marriage Enrichment will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the ARC for our Ice breaker gathering.

Marriage Enrichment is a 10-week course that will encourage, inform, challenge, enrich and strengthen your marriage.

If you are married or looking to get married this course is for you. Here is how you can sign up: (1) Call CCC 432-264-0015 (2) CCC Text only 432-218-2610 (3) www.cccbigspring.org (4) Sign up onsite @ kiosk.

Please join us every Sunday at 11 a.m. (on-site) and Wednesday at 7 p.m. (on-site) 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 e-mail us at info@

ccbigspring.org.

You can also find us at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

“Loving God, Loving People, Loving Communities and Changing the world!” -Pastor Michael Willard

Crestview Baptist Church

At Crestview Baptist Church, we believe the most fulfilling pursuit 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 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 Biblical Doctrine. Come and be with us at 2305 Gatesville Rd., Big Spring.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

Thanks and appreciation to Jayden Burciaga for the trumpet solo of “Fairest Lord Jesus” presented as the offertory in last Sunday's worship service. Worship services begin at 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary at Eighth and Runnels. Lectionary passages for the 13th Sunday after Pentecost are: Joshua 24:1, 15=16, 19-22; Psalm 34:15-22; John 6:60-61, 64-70. Rev. Allen Cross will lead the worship service. The sermon topic is “Who Will We Serve?” Organist/music director Gabe Martinez provides music for the service.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. Rev. Cross is teaching the Children's Class. Tom Koger leads the Youth Class, which meets in the Tent Room. The Discovery Class is pursuing a study, “Think Like Jesus,” authored by Randy Frazee. The purpose of this study is to help participants answer the question, “What do I believe and why does it matter?” Vicki Miller and Helen Glass are leading the study, which will continue through mid-September

Sunday morning Take Ten fellowship is in the parlor between Sunday School and worship. Paula Farquhar is host for this week.

Choir Practice is at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Come and help us make a joyful noise!

WEDNESDAY

Women's Bible Study, a multid denominational group, meets in the Theater Room at 10 a.m.

The History Lectures, moderated by Nancy Michaelis, are continuing in FPC Theater Room, noon-1 p.m.

THURSDAY

Everyone is invited to join the Lunch Bunch at 11:30 a.m.

The Session meets in the Library at 6 p.m.

DIGITAL OPPORTUNITIES

Website: fpcbigspring.com

Church Calendar

Daily Prayer Podcast (Monday-Saturday)

Video Devotional (Wednesdays)

Video Preview of this week's bulletin (Fridays)

Sunday Sermon Podcast

Facebook Page: FPC of Big Spring

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Sunday Sermon Podcast

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

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.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

Aug. 22, 2021 “Celebrating and Sharing God's Love and Grace in our lives”.

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

Bible Study and Sunday School begin at 9:30 a.m. and 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.

The readings for this Sunday are Is. 29:11-19, Eph. 5:22-33, and Mark 7:1-13. The psalm is Psalm 14.

Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study is back. A meal is served at 5:30 and our bible study begins at 6:00. We are beginning a new bible study. Please come and join us.

Bill Dorey 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.

College Baptist Church

Jesus Christ, our Savior, is in the battle of the ages for the souls of men. Join us at College Baptist Church — the “Gathering” church body — where we welcome you as old and new members through salvation and baptism! Come see what God is doing at the corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane. We are open on Sunday morning at 9:15 for Bible study for all ages.

Worship time is 10:45 a.m. Wednesdays, our pray-

ing Youth groups start at 6 p.m. and fellowship meal is between 6 and 6:45. We have Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at 7 p.m., with children meeting for King's Kids and Krafts. Nursery is open as needed. Girls' Missions meets on Sunday at 5 p.m. Come join in the fun as we celebrate this summer/fall serving our Lord.

The Aug. 22, 2021, Worship Service is a great time for families to gather and celebrate our God together. Our service are open in person, and can also be experienced through livestreaming and on the church's Facebook page. Catch up on God's perfect plan! Visitors, it was such a joy to welcome you on Sunday.

Come join us again — it will be exciting to welcome new faces and old alike. Our services are lively and worshipful.

As College Baptist Church continues on mission for our Lord, we are gearing up for a new school year. Plans are being made for a beginning school year event.

We definitely enjoy the worship time as our ministry team leads us in songs of praise, and where our pastor, Bro. Ken McMeans, inspires us as we delve into God's Word.

Come and study with us what it takes to to really become a “turnaround, growing, dynamic church,” knowing God cares for us so much He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to save us.

Focus on growth in Jesus as we continue into the year, as our pastor reminds us every Sunday, Jesus is coming soon!

Please call 432-267-7429 for more information concerning men's, ladies', and youth meetings at this great and friendly church. Pray that lives are changed by the power of our Savior, Jesus Christ our Cornerstone! A special welcome to our brand new nursery attendees.

First Christian Church

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad. To call the church office or reach Pastor Brian Michaelz, call 432-517-4821. Faith is a more commonly used in a spiritual context while trust is an concept in relationships.

These two concepts go hand and hand and often refer to believing in something. In whom do you place your trust? Where will you spend eternity? If you do not have a personal relationship with Jesus, if you do not walk by faith, then please come visit with us at First Christian Church.

We are an open, welcoming and compassionate church, pursuing a joyful relationship with Jesus.

This year of the pandemic has been one none of us will soon forget.

We have reopened for in-person worship. We are taking proactive steps to maintain the health and safety of all who attend services.

Join us at First Christian Church; or, to find out more information about First Christian Church or to see the online service, join our Facebook 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 are available.

Worship service starts at 10:50 a.m. Hope to see you there!

Life Church

You are welcome to join us every Sunday morning at 10:30am for an experience in the Word and in Worship.

Our Life Student Ministries will be hosting a Citywide Youth Worship Night this Saturday, August 21. All the fun will start at 5 p.m. with an AirPod giveaway, food trucks and games. The worship service will be led by InnerCourt Worship at 7 p.m. in the Life Church Sanctuary

Baptism Sunday is September 19.

Baby and Child Dedications will take place on Sunday, September 12.

Our Wednesday night activities, Life Alive, are on summer break. Life Alive will resume September 15.

The Fall session of Free Indeed starts Wednesday, September 15th. If you would like to attend this class sign up at the back table in the sanctuary. For information contact Pastor Craig or Cherise Felty.

Ladies, you are invited to join us every Wednesday at noon for our Seek Prayer Group. The Zoom meeting information for Seek can be found on our One Sisterhood Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/onesisterhoodbigspringtx/>

Champion Culture Youth will meet on Wednesdays from 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on the Life Church Campus. For more information about Champion Culture and their plans for the summer visit and follow the Champion Culture Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ChampionCultureLifeChurch/>

Life Kids will have their classes this Sunday. Our Nursery is available for those ages newborn to 2. Our Toddlers class serve those ages 3 & 4. Our Elementary class serves those ages 5-10 Visit and follow the Life Kids Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Life-Kids-Life-Church-Big-Spring-TX-1654730487977488/> for more information.

For more information about our events or groups please visit our website www.golifefchurch.net or <https://www.facebook.com/bigspringlife>

Something to think about...

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

~ Jeremiah 29:13

Have you ever looked through a "Where's Waldo" book? Our kids can spend hours searching for that silly character. Sometimes they'll ask for my help because they just can't spot him. I'll be honest, there have been a few moments I was certain the artist must have forgotten to put Waldo on that particular page. But deep down, you know he



RICHARD SCHNEGERGER

has to be in there somewhere, so you just keep searching until you finally find him.

Of course, once you see him it is obvious, he was there the whole time. I think it is often like that with God. I believe the Lord hides in plain sight. Those who are expecting and looking for Him discover that He has been there the whole time.

I was recently reminded of a moment that happened several years ago while I attended Seminary in Kansas City. For a few of those years I worked at a homeless shelter in the area. We fed and housed homeless families in our community.

Often local churches would bring

groups to help us serve. Before we opened the doors, I would usually ask if someone from the group would like to offer a prayer. I heard hundreds of prayers.

Most I don't remember, but there is one that I'll never forget.

One evening, a white haired, African American grandmother stepped forward and said, "I'll pray." In a humble way, she prayed, "Lord, we know You'll be coming through the line today so help us treat you well. Amen." That simple prayer changed my whole perspective. I began searching for Jesus in every encounter with those we served that night. Guess what?

I found Him there. In fact, He had been there the whole time.

I wonder how often I miss Him in my daily life simply because I'm not searching. Like the sheep and goats that Jesus talked about in Matthew 25 will I say, "Lord when did I see you hungry or thirsty, needing clothes or a stranger?"

When did I see you sick or in prison?" I'm convinced that He is already in the picture today. I may not see Him yet, but if I keep looking I will discover He has been there the entire time. God hides in plain sight.

May we seek Him with all of our heart this week!

Eat My Flesh, Drink My Blood

"Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day." John 6:54



TOM SLOAN

I am so tired of having to act like something that I clearly know I am not - holy, sinless, pure and faithful. I am tired of pretending that God is faithful to me because I have been faithful to Him. There is no religious conviction, rule, standard or tradition which can satisfy my hunger and thirst. On the contrary, these things are like salty water...they only leave my mouth parched and sore. Trying to feed my soul by the power of these things is like me drinking my own blood because the only thing I accomplish is to consume myself. The answer to my hunger and thirst cannot be found in any religious rule that I can keep or observe, because this is self-cannibalism. So, I conclude that neither the way, nor the answer is in me. I labored and worked to be a good, pure and faithful Christian by

my own works and righteousnesses. But then one day, God used a preacher to tell me about Christ, His grace and unconditional love.

All it took was one bite and sip of this bread and water of life and I was addicted. As soon as I took that first bite and sip, I knew something was different. I knew it was different because they lied to me. They told me that God was mad at me.

What happened in me was so big, that only Jesus, in His own words could possibly explain what happened to me. He says - whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life. Jesus says - for my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. I could not explain what happened when I first heard the Word of grace. I could not describe what happened in me when I first heard and believed that God loves me as I am and not as I should be. But now, I know that I was hungering and thirsting after righteousness, Christ's righteousness which is by faith, without the deeds of the Law. I know that eating Christ's flesh and drinking His blood is believing and confessing the following - and be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the Law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith.

Coffeetime

Fail or succeed, but let them choose

You have seen it, surely. The tomboy mom who somehow gave birth to a princess daughter who despises the dirty outdoors, but loves makeup, and high fashion. Leaving the mother to wonder if two babies got swapped in the hospital. Confusing stuff sometimes.

Andy was a farm boy. But he always pastored churches located in small towns, so our two sons were not raised in a farm atmosphere. In adulthood, both became city-preferring men. Sounds reasonable, given their town upbringing. But now one son has a boy who has lived in a large city all his life. And that kid is an outdoor-loving, "in-my-blood" pig farmer. Whether it is a humid sweltering Oklahoma day, or the brass monkey is knocking frantically on his front door, this teen enjoys the feeding, watering and care of his pigs. Even volunteers to help his friends with their pig chores.

Mom and Dad encourage him and give help all they can - given that raising smelly pigs is not their calling in life. Why? Besides the fact that they love him, they recognize the wisdom of Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

This scripture is not saying to train up your child in the way YOU think he should go. But rather, train the child in the way that individual child should go. Don't make the mistake of pigeonholing your child into your ideas and beliefs. You may have recognized personality traits and intellect in your little girl that would make an excellent doctor, but let her follow her own inclinations.

And it is also not saying a child will never stray or fail. Failure and confusion go with the territory of growing up. Teens naturally have a rebellious streak inside - they are trying to break free from childhood and become an adult, and that is stressful for them...and everyone around them. Anybody who has been in the vicinity of a teenager for five minutes can agree. But is it possible that there could be less push-back and rebellion if a teenager was given firm boundaries of protection, and then was allowed to find himself, inside those fences?

Imagine a free-spirited wild pony forever locked up in a paddock. The made-to-soar eagle forced to walk on the ground with turkeys. Or the friendly loving Labrador Retriever that is given the lonely job of guarding the bank vault. Real possibility of rebellion there too.

What the Bible is saying is this: "A child may fumble and struggle while finding his niche. Help him, don't bully him. And when he is finally an adult, he will find his world." Every baby arrives with inborn tendencies, desire and gifts. The job of the parent is to set godly boundaries, and to be your child's cheerleader as The Search begins.

Raising kids is hard...don't make it harder.

Reflections: Learning from Buddy

Those who read this column regularly are familiar with Buddy, our tri-color corgi. We adopted Buddy in 2009 and, across the years I have written numerous columns about all the things Buddy has taught me.

He was picked up starving off the streets of Fort Worth by animal control and given to Corgi Rescue. When we first met him he was skinny and sick. But we instantly knew he was right for us. Buddy and I bonded. He told me his story and I wrote it down in a book for my grandchildren, Buddy the Floppy Ear Corgi. He went with me everywhere and helped put life in perspective.

Across the years we had pets, mostly mutts and strays that wandered into our lives. They helped us raise our kids. Each was different. "Punkin" was our first. I brought her home on Christmas Day for our three-year-old son. I was too busy to give her much attention, but the children loved her. She grew old and blind.

After Punkin we adopted a cat. Rascal was a gray-and-white kitten our boys picked up off the street. He was part of our family for fifteen years and made the move with us from Texas to Minnesota. We picked up a puppy from a Minnesota farm and named him Max. We thought he would be a small dog, but in six months, he was bigger than our daughter, had eaten all the furniture and dug up the back yard. We offered him to a good home. One interested lady tried to take his picture and he ate her camera. Fortunately, a young couple with a farm adopted him. We threw in his crate, dog food and anything else we could think of. We last

saw them chasing him down the street.

So we went back to cats. My wife and daughter found a cute black and white

kitten that our son named "Fido." Our daughter loved Fido. But, Fido was apparently insulted by our move back to Texas and ran away. When our daughter left for college we found ourselves in an empty nest, the kids grown and the dogs and cats gone. It was peaceful. I guess a little too peaceful. After awhile I realized I missed having a dog.

Then, about the time I started writing these columns, we found Buddy. He was a pup, maybe one year old. He is now what the vet calls a "healthy geriatric." Across the years he taught me to live in the moment; to celebrate each day as a gift. So often I spend time reminiscing or regretting the past and dreaming or worrying about the future. But Buddy takes each day as it comes. Of course, it is good to cherish memories and learn from the past. And it is good to dream and plan. That is part of what defines us in God's image. But I am prone to miss the moment. Jesus said, "do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself..." (Mt 6:34). "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Ps. 118:24).

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Download Buddy the Floppy Ear Corgi free as an eBook on Amazon August 18-22. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.



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Cowboys announce 2021 regular schedule

By **DUSTIN POPE**

Sports Writer

With the 2021 Dallas Cowboys scheduled announced, we now realize the dates, times, and places the Cowboys will take part. First, let's go through this 17 games regular season schedule with four preseason games and determine if we can discover any interesting circumstances about this year's schedule.

The Sept 27 home opener against the Philadelphia Eagles is the latest, the Cowboys have opened a season at home since the strike shorted season of 1987. That year they eliminated the game on Sept 27 because of the strike, and it forced the home opener to Oct 11. For the first time in nine seasons, the Cowboys will open on the road for the initial two games of the year. Dallas will travel from coast to coast to open this year as they open in Tampa Bay for week one, then travel to Los Angeles to take on the Chargers in week two. For the third time since 2012, the Cowboys will open and close the season with a road game. Dallas will play both Superbowl teams on the road this season.

This will be the seventh time in franchise history that the Cowboys will play both teams in the previous year's Superbowl in the same season. Still, only the second time ever, both will be on the road. Dallas has opened up the NFL season once before, but not on a Thursday. In 2012, the Cowboys faced the contending champions, the New York Giants. Still, that game was a rare Wednesday game because of President Obama's Thursday night address at the Democratic National Convention. The Cowboys have never beaten Tom Brady, losing all five matchups with the Patriots in 2003, 2007, 2011, 2015 and 2019. When they take on the Chiefs, it will be the first time the Cowboys have ever faced off against Patrick Mahomes. Dallas will take on the Raiders on Thanksgiving, making this the third time the teams have matched up on Turkey-day. With the NFL adding a 17th game this season, the Jan 9 final against the Eagles will be the latest end to a regular season ever.

Now we know a few fascinating circumstances about this year: lets go game by game and let's see what I think about how the Cowboys might fare this year. Dallas will open up the NFL season Thursday, Sept 9 at 7:20 p.m. Against the defending Super Bowl Champions, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and the timeless wonder Tom Brady. The Buccaneers don't terrify me that much, having said that I was the guy

who said Tom Brady was washed up before last season. That did not age well for me. Dallas will have many inexperienced athletes on the field this year.

I would prefer that the first-ever professional game these kids ever play was not against a well-rounded team and has an intelligent QB, but it is what it is. I think the Cowboys have a shot in this game, but I'll give them the loss here. Week two will find them on the West Coast to take on the Los Angeles Chargers on Sunday, Sept 19 at 3:25 p.m. Justin Herbert showed he has a future in the NFL after his impressive rookie season. Still, if the Cowboys are healthy, they should win this game. I'll give them their first win of the year. Week three will find the Cowboys at home on Monday Night Football taking on the Philadelphia Eagles on Monday, Sept 27 at 7:15 p.m. Anytime we get into mobile QB, which is what Eagles QB Jalen Hurts is, things can be tricky, the Eagles also added Heisman Trophy Winner Devonté Smith in the draft. I believe the Cowboys are just a better all-around team, and they will get their second win in the year. Week four finds the Cowboys facing off against the Carolina Panthers at Cowboys Stadium on Sunday, Oct. 3, a noon start. The Panthers went out and got Sam Darnold this offseason to be their QB. Well, Sam Darnold is not good at football, an easy win for Dallas.

Week five will be the New York Giants coming into Cowboys Stadium. The game will be Sunday, Oct 10 at 3:25 p.m. While I think the Giants may shock some people this year with a healthy Saquon Barkley back and added Kenny Golladay, Dallas should win this game. Week six Dallas will travel down to New England to take on the Patriots. This game will be Sunday, Oct. 17, at 3:25 p.m. The Patriots are always tough to beat on their home field. Whether it's Cam Newton or Mac Jones under center, give the Cowboys a loss here. Heading into the bye week, I have the Cowboys at 4-2 so far. After the bye week, the Cowboys take on the Minnesota Vikings in Minnesota on a Halloween night game. Spooky things seem to happen on Halloween. I'm giving the Cowboys a loss here in a game they seemingly should be able to win. Week eight, the Denver Broncos come to Cowboys Stadium for a Sunday, Nov 7 game. No need to dive too much into this game.

The Broncos are not a good easy win here for the Boys. A week after that, Sunday, Nov 14, the Cowboys welcome Dan Quinn's old team, the Atlanta Falcons, to their home field. Quinn is the former

head coach of the Falcons and the new Defensive Coordinator for the Dallas Cowboys. No doubt this will be a revenge game and an easy win for Dallas. Sunday, Nov 21 at 3:25 p.m., the Cowboys will travel to Kansas City to take on one of the best teams in all of football, the Kansas City Chiefs. Arrowhead is consistently an arduous place to win a game with maximum capacity crowds expected to be back this season. Especially when that team has Patrick Mahomes. This will be a defeat for the Cowboys. Dallas then has a short week as they get ready to host the Las Vegas Raiders on Thanksgiving at 3:30 p.m. I have gone back and forth on this game, but I'll lean toward the Boys here and give them the Turkey Day win. On Thursday, Dec 2, the Cowboys go to New Orleans to take on the Saints.

This is life after Drew Brees for the Saints don't know how good they will be in giving the Cowboys another win here. Sunday, Dec 19, at Cowboys Stadium have their first game of the year against The Washington Football Team; the game will be in Washington. The Washington Team is the biggest threat to the Cowboys in the NFC East in my mind, I'll give Dallas a loss in this game. Sunday, Dec 19, the Cowboys take a trip to New York to take on the New York Giants. While beating a division team twice in the same year is always tough, I'll give the win to Dallas here think we are a better team.

On Sunday, Dec 26, the Cowboys will take on the Washington Football Team for the second time in three weeks; this game will be in Dallas. I'll give the Cowboys a home victory and a late Christmas present with a win. Sunday, Jan 2 The Cowboys will host the Arizona Cardinals. This could be a challenging game. Kyler Murray can be dynamic, I'll give the Cowboys a win here, but this will be a close game. The Cowboys close out the season when they go to Philadelphia to take on division rival the Eagles. This being the last game of the season could have many playoff implications, but I see the Boys taking the win.

So that gives the Dallas Cowboys a 12-5 record. Of course, all of this will depend on if the Cowboys can stay healthy or not. I'm basing this off they will have a healthy offensive line, a recovered Dak Prescott, and a revised defense. The Cowboys have all the tools to contend and be an elite team in the league this year.

They will have a top-three offense and surely a much-improved defense. While 12-5 may be hopeful, that's precisely what I am confident about this upcoming season.

Díaz hit in 10th propels Astros to 6-3 win over Royals

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Aledmys Díaz singled in the go-ahead run in the 10th inning and the Houston Astros beat the Kansas City Royals 6-3 on Thursday, avoiding a four-game sweep.

Díaz finished 3-for-4 with a double and two RBIs for the AL West leaders. With the bases loaded in the 10th, he fouled off a 3-2 pitch from Wade Davis and drove the next one up the middle.

"I was looking for a pitch in the middle," Díaz said matter-of-factly.

Houston added two more runs on a bases-loaded walk by Chas McCormick and a sacrifice fly by Taylor Jones.

"We haven't been very good in extra-inning games," Houston manager Dusty Baker said. "That's one more extra-inning game that we won."

Baker is excited about the stretch run for his team, which leads Oakland by 2 1/2 games in the division.

"I've been scoreboard watching every day," he said. "Scoreboard watching is something I do between innings when I'm not thinking about what to do. We're just looking forward to the finish line. We have a way to go, and we haven't played our best ball yet."

Ryan Pressly (5-1) worked a scoreless ninth for Houston. Christian Javier pitched a perfect 10th for his second save.

Davis (0-3) allowed two hits and a walk in the 10th and did not record an out.

Royals manager Mike Matheny was happy with his team's series against a tough opponent.

"We made our way through the clubhouse and made sure the guys know that's a great series," Matheny said. "The pain of this one is hard, but overall we went about this whole series the way we want to."

Nicky Lopez hit a two-run homer in

the third to put the Royals ahead 3-0, his first home run since Aug. 8, 2020 — a span of 464 at-bats.

Carlos Correa led off the fourth with a double for the Astros. He went to third on a single by Díaz, but the Astros only scored once, on a fielder's-choice grounder by McCormick.

Houston tied it in the sixth. Correa had a one-out single and scored on a double by Díaz, who then scored on a double by McCormick, chasing Royals starter Mike Minor.

"You can tell what (Díaz) means to this club (by looking at) the six weeks he was out," Baker said. "That was expensive to have him and (Bregman) out at the same time."

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: RHP Jose Urquidy (right shoulder) will begin a rehab stint Friday with the team's Florida complex team. He has not pitched since June 30.

Royals SS Adalberto Mondesi (left oblique strain) was to begin another rehab assignment Thursday night with Triple-A Omaha. Mondesi's last rehab assignment was cut short with tightness in his oblique on Monday. He's played in only 10 games this season, hitting .361 with four homers.

UP NEXT

The Astros return home to play a three-game series against division rival Seattle. RHP Lance McCullers Jr. (9-4, 3.22 ERA) will get the start against the Mariners' Yusei Kikuchi (7-6, 3.82).

The Royals head to Chicago to face the Cubs. RHP Brad Keller (7-12, 5.62) starts for Kansas City on Friday against RHP Zach Davies (6-9, 5.00).

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With short turnaround, FCS programs adjust practice regimens

By **HANK KURZ Jr.**

AP Sports Writer

K.C. Keeler didn't ask his Sam Houston players to stick around long after the school's first national championship last May, capping a long and draining season — physically and emotionally — because of the pandemic.

He's also not asking them to stick around as long at practice this year.

Throughout the Championship Subdivision, coaches are making concessions this fall to acknowledge that the quick turnaround from last spring is hard.

Practices that typically had 24 sessions in the Huntsville, Texas heat?

"We're down to 19 periods," Keeler said. "I give them a halftime after like the 11th or 12th period every day where they literally just go over and hydrate."

Keeler sent his team home after the championship win and didn't have them return until June 28, when the community finally honored them with a parade.

When the Bearkats resumed practice Aug. 4, just 80 days had passed since they beat South Dakota State 23-21 for the title on a pass with 16 seconds to play. With the season opener set for Sept. 2, that is 108 days between games for the Bearkats. Between the 2018 and 2019 seasons, the last time things were normal, Sam Houston had 286 days between games. By the time this regular season ends, assuming it goes on as scheduled, Sam Houston will have

played 20 games in 2021 — with the potential for postseason games a very real possibility.

Sam Houston is one of many programs that have banned, or severely limited, tackling in practice, but not every highly regarded program follows suit.

"Football is a collision sport," James Madison coach Curt Cignetti said, "... and you still have to develop the toughness, the mindset of your team in camp. So, we've had a physical camp. Everybody wanted a physical camp."

The Dukes, who played eight games in the spring, make concessions elsewhere, beating the heat by practicing in the morning, and gradually dialing things back in practice as the season wears on, Cignetti said.

Down the road at VMI, the Keydets are coming off their first winning season in 40 years. Coach Scott Wachenheim wants to keep the momentum going, but not at the risk of wearing his players out.

"We're well under the NCAA minimums for the amount of times that we're going to have contact on the field and the amount of time we're on the field," he said. "We just feel we've got to keep our team healthy."

His players, though, have been eager to get back to work, hoping to

build off what they accomplished in going 6-2 last season before losing in the playoffs at James Madison. The playoff berth was the first in school history.

"Everything's fresh in your mind. You're just still in kind of game shape because a lot of the guys were here in the summer," said linebacker Stone Snyder, the Southern Conference defensive player of the year.

Jakob Herres, the Keydets' All-American wide receiver, agreed. He played on a team that went 1-10 when he was a freshman and 5-7 as a sophomore.

"I think once we all got that little taste of what winning was like, we didn't want to let it go back to what it was," Herres said this week.

"The spring spring season was definitely tough on the body, you know, starting in the cold and everything like that, practicing outside," he said, "... but I really only took about a week's break and kind of just got right back to it."

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Annie's Mailbox

Is It Reasonable to Expect an Apology?

Dear Annie: After my mother died, my father married a woman he found online. She only visited us once in person before she moved in and they got married. She wasn't always the nicest, and honestly, I was scared of her. She'd even "jokingly" call me Cinderella when she wanted me to do tasks around the house for her. I was an adult in therapy before anyone told me this was emotional abuse. Thankfully, this woman is long gone from my life (and my father's life). I know people are only responsible for their own actions, but is

it wrong of me to want an apology from my father? I'm still hurt that he never apologized for not protecting me more. I was a child, and he put this woman in a position of power over me. Should I ask for an apology? Should I let it go? -- Still Hurting

Dear Still Hurting: I'm sorry that you lived through that. It's not wrong of you to want an apology from your father, but asking for one point-blank might not bring the satisfaction that you would hope: If he apologizes, you might feel he only did so because you asked him to. If he doesn't, you'll be angrier than ever. You abso-

lutely should express to him how this hurt you. It might help to write your feelings down in letter format first so that you can make sure to cover everything. Remember that your father is flawed like all humans, and he may not react the way you'd like. But speaking your piece can bring some measure of peace.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Vexed by the Ex Texts," who didn't like that her husband still regularly spoke with his ex-wife. My husband and I are in our 70s, and we both have children from previous marriages. We both have a very friendly relationship with his ex-wife and

her current husband. We socialize at family gatherings in celebration of our children's accomplishments and our grandchildren's. We are "friends" on Facebook. Our relationship with his ex has made it possible for our children to be friends, for his children not to have to decide who to spend time with and for family gatherings to be fun. Plus, we just enjoy being together. We feel blessed to know one another. -- Blended Family

Dear Blended: What a beautiful relationship. Thanks for your testimony to how we expand our hearts and worlds whenever we choose love over

bitterness.

Dear Annie: You provided great advice to "Couple in a Conundrum," who found themselves in a sticky situation when a friend confided in them regarding her credit card debt, which she was hiding from her spouse. I would also like to suggest this woman in secret debt look into Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace classes. This program provides excellent advice, and the couple who wrote to you could perhaps offer to pay for the friend and her spouse. This could provide real solutions for them to not just tackle one financial issue but also bring about substantive

changes in how they deal with money and get a handle on their money issues. -- Janet S.

Dear Janet: Thanks for the tip. There are also free debt-management courses available online, including the free Alison.com class entitled Introduction to Managing Your Personal Finance Debts.

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Seattle sweep: France 11th-inning HR as M's win 9-8 at Texas

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Baseball Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Ty France's two-run homer in the 11th inning finally put the Seattle Mariners ahead to stay to complete a series sweep in Texas. The unconventional double play the first baseman turned the inning before was really the difference in the game.

Without his strong throw across the diamond after he saw a Rangers runner way off third base, the game may have not gotten past the 10th inning to give France the opportunity to hit his 13th homer for a 9-8 victory on Thursday.

"Don't get the conventional double play, but Ty France makes an unbelievable throw and we get the backside double play," Mariners manager Scott Servais said. "Then he walks up to the plate and wins it with his bat."

Texas had a five-run ninth to force extra innings, and the Mariners intentionally walked Isiah Kiner-Falefa to start the 10th before All-Star slugger Adolis Garcia, who had already homered, hit what looked like a routine double-play grounder to third baseman Kyle Seager.

The first out was recorded, but after second baseman Abraham Toro's high relay throw pulled France off the bag, the first baseman threw to shortstop J.P. Crawford, who tagged Yonny Hernandez after his wide turn around third.

"Actually Adolis had stepped on my foot, so I took a couple steps to like shake that off. And when I peeked up, Hernandez was halfway up the line," France said. "So I just threw the ball and J.P. was right there."

France then went deep off Joe Barlow (0-1), who would have given up another homer if not for a spectacular inning-ending leaping catch by Gar-

cia, who had his glove extended over the wall in the awkward cutout fronting the Texas bullpen in right-center to rob Jake Fraley.

"A roller coaster of emotions," Rangers manager Chris Woodward said. "I was really proud of us for fighting back. Obviously, we didn't play a very good game up to that point. Early on I thought, 'Wow, this is one of our worst games.' And somehow we were still in the game and fought back in the ninth inning."

Joe Smith (2-1) walked a batter but benefited from that unusual double play when pitching a scoreless 10th in his 819th career appearance, the most among active pitchers. Paul Sewald worked the 11th for his sixth save in eight chances, though he gave up a two-out RBI single to Brock Holt.

Mitch Haniger hit his 27th homer for the Mariners (66-56), who won for the seventh time in eight games. They are 10 games over .500 for the first time since being 13-3 at the start of the 2019 season.

"The character that we show day in, day out, it's really incredible," Servais said.

The big Texas ninth was capped by Jason Martin's three-run homer with two outs off closer Diego Castillo, who suffered his fifth blown save in 20 chances. The Rangers opened the ninth with three consecutive hits off Anthony Misiewicz, who was gone after Jonah Heim's RBI double. Castillo then struck out two, but also walked a batter on a wild pitch that scored a run before Martin pulled his fourth homer into the right field seats.

Garcia's 27th homer was a solo shot in the sixth, his fourth homer in 11 games after going deep only once the previous 20 games. He is within three of Pete Incaviglia's Rangers rookie record of 30 homers set in 1986 and broke a tie with Mark Teixeira for the second most.

BIG INNING

The five-run ninth marked the first time since Sept. 2, 1997, that the Rangers had a five-run inning in the ninth or later when trailing by that many runs to tie the game — or win 13-12 like they did that night against the Los Angeles Dodgers with a six-run ninth. ... Texas had scored only six runs total in its previous 44 innings against Seattle, including four consecutive losses when scoring exactly one run.

EARLY LEAD

Seattle led 5-0 lead after two innings. Seager drove in a run with his 300th career double in the first, and Haniger hit a three-run homer in the second. The only other players with 300 career doubles as Mariners are Edgar Martinez and Ken Griffey Jr., both Hall of Famers.

FOR STARTERS

Seattle's Chris Flexin had a two-run lead to work with before throwing his first pitch, then left after seven strong innings with a 6-2 lead. The right-hander struck out five, walked one and hit one while giving up two runs (one earned). Spencer Howard, the 25-year-old right-hander Texas got when All-Star starter Kyle Gibson and closer Ian Kennedy were traded to Philadelphia three weeks ago, allowed five runs and five hits in two innings.

UP NEXT

Mariners: A three-game weekend series in Houston, with left-hander Yusei Kikuchi (7-6, 3.82 ERA) making his fourth start against the AL West-leading Astros this season. He is 1-1 with a 3.79 ERA against Houston.

Rangers: Dane Dunning (4-7, 4.06) starts the opener of a weekend series at Boston on Friday night. The right-hander is 3-1 with a 2.86 ERA in his last seven games.

Quinn has new pieces to lead makeover of Cowboys' defense

By **SCHUYLER DIXON**

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FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Defensive coordinator Dan Quinn isn't the only significant new piece for a Dallas defense that was among the worst in franchise history last year.

First-round draft pick Micah Parsons' speed is stoking the imagination of the former Atlanta coach, who will also have one of his safeties with the Falcons joining Parsons as free agent pickup Keanu Neal transitions to linebacker.

Rookies Kelvin Joseph and Nahshon Wright could challenge for playing time at cornerback, where Maurice Canady is having a strong training camp in his Dallas debut after signing with the Cowboys and opting out because of COVID-19 a year ago.

"I've never seen one side of the ball flip the way we've flipped it in one offseason," coach Mike McCarthy said. "I think that's a real credit to what we were able to do in free agency and in the draft. I think it will definitely be evident when we get into the regular season."

The biggest question is what Quinn will do with the new pieces — and old ones — as he returns to the role he had with Seattle in 2013-14, when the Seahawks went to consecutive Super Bowls and won the first by smothering Denver's Peyton Manning.

McCarthy hired Mike Nolan to run the defense in his first season with the Cowboys, who were a mess of blown assignments and couldn't stop the run while giving up the most points in club history.

Exit Nolan. Enter Quinn, whose first shot as a head coach was a result of his success as Seattle's defensive coordinator.

"During my time there, I had a vision of how we liked to play and make that come to life," Quinn said. "Through my time in Atlanta and even through last year, you have some experiences to draw back on."

"I would say, a lot of the formula would feel the same. I wouldn't say a lot of the calls are exactly the same. The process of how to get there, that part feels very familiar."

The Cowboys are a long way from a defense with the likes of Richard Sherman, Kam Chancellor, Earl Thomas and Bobby Wagner, some of the stars for Quinn's last defense in Seattle. It seems unlikely Dallas will get there with the current roster.

Still, Parsons has the attention of star quarterback Dak Prescott, who marveled at the former Penn State standout's skills on the first episode of HBO's "Hard Knocks" after Parsons intercepted one of his passes. He'll be rushing the passer, too.

"There's a lot of differ-

ent things and disguises when I'm coming, I'm not coming, when I'm dropping back, when I'm over the center, when I'm over the guard, could be over the tackle," Parsons said. "I think (Quinn) is going to help me do a good job of knowing how to do it, how to propose for it, and you also can't play pass all the time, so, you got to be able to play run."

Randy Gregory is finally getting the chance to be a first-team pass rusher opposite DeMarcus Lawrence, although neither has played so far in the preseason.

Parsons and Neal are challenging incumbents Jaylon Smith and Leighton Vander Esch, whose contracts leave both with murky futures beyond this season.

Second-year cornerback Trevon Diggs will start, while Canady, Joseph and Wright are in the mix with holdovers Anthony Brown and Jourdan Lewis to fill the other side and the slot position. Malik Hooker was a late add in training camp after four injury-filled years.

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