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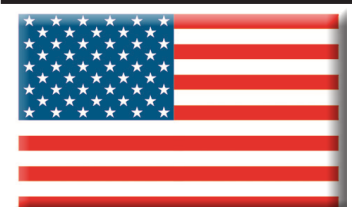
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Weather

Friday Night: Rain showers likely before 1 a.m., then a slight chance of rain and snow showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 33.
Saturday: A slight chance of rain and snow showers before 7 a.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 58.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 40.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 65.
 Source: NWS, via weather.gov

Upcoming Local Events

Dec. 3: The Heritage Museum of Big Spring located at 510 Scurry St will have a Christmas at the Museum beginning at 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The event will allow children to experience Christmas in a fun and historical way. Santa will also be present! The event is \$3 per child and must be paid in advance. Reservations can be made by calling 432-267-8255.
Dec. 10: The Coahoma Lions Club will sponsor Christmas at Coahoma in the Park from 3 to 6: 30 p.m. The event will feature hayrides and caroling, Christmas art projects, free coffee and hot cocoa, popcorn and cookies.

Today in History

1915: Albert Einstein presents the field equations of general relativity to the Prussian Academy of Sciences.
1999: A five-year-old Cuban boy, Elian Gonzalez, is rescued by fishermen while floating in an inner tube off the Florida coast.

Daily Quotes

"As I grow older, I pay less attention to what men say. I just watch what they do."
 — **Andrew Carnegie**
 "I felt invincible. My strength was that of a giant. God was certainly standing by me. I smashed five saloons with rocks before I ever took a hatchet."
 — **Carrie Nation**
 "There is always some kid who may be seeing me for the first time. I owe him my best."
 — **Joe DiMaggio**

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VA Domiciliary vets enjoy holiday meal thanks to DAV, Al's BBQ



Courtesy photo
 Residents of the Domiciliary and CLC at the West Texas VA enjoyed a special Thanksgiving meal provided by the DAV of Big Spring and Al's BBQ.

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Contributing Writer
 Together a community can make an impact that has a lasting effect. Recently, the D.A.V. of Big Spring Chapter 47 recognized two local businesses who have stepped up and supported lo-

cal veterans. Appreciation signs were presented to Higginbotham and Big Spring Outdoors.
 "We have tremendous support from the community, and we appreciate it," Ed Meiser, D.A.V. Commander of Chapter 47 Big Spring, said.
 Higginbotham and Big Spring Outdoor representatives were on hand to receive their signs, which were presented by Sr. Vice Commander Mike Tarpley.
 "These signs are our way of showing our appreciation for those businesses in the community who have stepped up and offered their continuous support for local veterans throughout the year," Tarpley said. "With these signs, the community is able to see who has supported us and while they are supporting

that business they can also extend their gratitude for their support."
 After the presentation of the signs, members continued with routine business and reviewed their recent activities. The most recent fundraiser for the D.A.V. was the Comedy Night hosted by Adrienne Green. According to Green, this event brought in a little more than \$2,400.
 "It was a fun evening of laughter and raising awareness for what we do through the D.A.V.," Tarpley said. "Before the evening concluded we were also able to present a Quilt of Valor to an attending veteran."
 In addition to local support, Veteran Mike Tarpley and Veteran Danny Martinez recently returned from the annual Purple Heart Hunt held in Eden, Texas.

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30 Days Til Christmas!

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Museum, Walmart, SMMC, Salvation Army Office host Angel Trees this holiday



Courtesy photos
 Left, The Grinch guards the Salvation Army Angel Tree at Walmart this year.

Special to the Herald
 The Angel Tree Program, along with The Salvation Army's iconic Red Kettle Campaign, is one of The Salvation Army's best-known Christmas efforts. More than 100,000 children across Texas, enough to fill the Dallas Cowboys stadium, will experience the joy of opening presents on Christmas morning thanks to generous donors and the help of The Salvation Army.
 "The Angel Tree program provides toys and clothing to children and families who might be struggling to afford Christmas gifts this year, thanks to the generosity of donors in the community," said Major Dean Moretz of The Salvation Army. "Angels are available for adoption by community members and businesses, who in no small way help deliver the magic and message of Christmas to those in need."
 The Salvation Army Angel Trees are typically located at area malls, Walmart and other businesses during the holidays. The trees are decorated with paper angels, each representing a child or senior who - without this program - may



not receive a gift at Christmas. "We are forever grateful for the generous support of our community and local businesses that work alongside The Salvation Army at Christmas, and all year round," said Moretz. "There is also the opportunity for your business, civic group or church to host an Angel Tree at your location. Please get in touch if you'd like to support in this way."
 Angels will be available for adoption throughout the months of November and December at Big Spring Heritage Museum, Walmart, The Salvation Army Administrative Offices, and Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Last year, 571 angels were available for adoption in Big Spring, and this year we expect to have 650 children enrolled in the program. Gift distribution will take place at The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club located at 811 W. 5th Street, from 9 AM - 2:30 PM on Saturday, December 17, 2022. Volunteers are needed to help sort and pass out the items to families who will come to collect them on distribution day.

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Support Groups

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.

WEDNESDAY

- Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-8600.

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.
- GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

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.

Submit your Support Group information to be included or updated. Email information to newsdesk@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331 ext. 235.

Contact the Herald at newsdesk@bigspringherald.com

Huge horde of Celtic gold coins stolen from German museum

BERLIN (AP) — A huge horde of ancient gold coins dating back to around 100 B.C. has been stolen from a museum in southern Germany, police said Tuesday.

Bavarian state police said it was stolen early Tuesday from the Celtic and Roman Museum in Manching, 60 kilometers (37 miles) north of Munich.

The 483 coins were discovered in 1999 during excavations of

an ancient settlement in Manching and are considered the biggest trove of Celtic gold found in the 20th century.

The German news agency dpa reported that authorities estimate the value of the coins, which together weighed about 4 kilograms (8.8 pounds), at several million euros (dollars).

"The loss of the Celtic treasure is a disaster," it quoted Bavaria's

Minister of Science and Arts, Markus Blume, saying. "As a testament to our history, the gold coins are irreplaceable."

He said the thieves had shown "incredible criminal energy."

Police are appealing for witnesses who might have seen suspicious individuals near the museum or have other information that could lead to the recovery of the treasure.

Bison's relocation to Native lands revives a spiritual bond

BULL HOLLOW, Okla. (AP) — Ryan Mackey quietly sang a sacred Cherokee verse as he pulled a handful of tobacco out of a zip-close bag. Reaching over a barbed wire fence, he scattered the leaves onto the pasture where a growing herd of bison — popularly known as American buffalo — grazed in northeastern Oklahoma.

The offering represented a reverent act of thanksgiving, the 45-year-old explained, and a desire to forge a divine connection with the animals, his ancestors and the Creator.

"When tobacco is used in the right way, it's almost like a contract is made between you and the spirit — the spirit of our Creator, the spirit of these bison," Mackey said as a strong wind rumbled across the grassy field. "Everything, they say, has a spiritual aspect. Just like this wind, we can feel it in our hands, but we can't see it."

Decades after the last bison vanished from their tribal lands, the Cherokee Nation is part of a nationwide resurgence of Indigenous people seeking to reconnect with the humpbacked, shaggy-haired animals that occupy a crucial place in centuries-old tradition and belief.

Since 1992 the federally chartered InterTribal Buffalo Council has helped relocate surplus bison from locations such as Badlands National Park in South Dakota, Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming and Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona to 82 member tribes in 20 states.

"Collectively those tribes manage over 20,000 buffalo on tribal lands," said Troy Heinert, a Rosebud Sioux Tribe member who serves as executive director of the InterTribal Buffalo Council, based in Rapid City, South Dakota. "Our goal and mission is to restore buffalo back to Indian country for that cultural and spiritual connection that Indigenous people have with the buffalo."

Centuries ago, an estimated 30 million to 60 million bison roamed the vast Great Plains of North America, from Canada to Texas. But by 1900, European settlers had driven the species to near extinction, hunting them en masse for their prized skins and often leaving the carcasses to rot on the prairie.

"It's important to recognize the history that Native people had with buffalo and how buffalo were nearly decimated. ...

Now with the resurgence of the buffalo, often led by Native nations, we're seeing that spiritual and cultural awakening as well that comes with it," said Heinert, who is a South Dakota state senator. Historically, Indigenous people hunted and used every part of the bison: for food, clothing, shelter, tools and ceremonial purposes. They did not regard the bison as a mere commodity, however, but rather as beings closely linked to

people.

"Many tribes viewed them as a relative," Heinert said. "You'll find that in the ceremonies and language and songs."

Rosalyn LaPier, an Indigenous writer and scholar who grew up on the Blackfeet Nation's reservation in Montana, said there are different mythological origin stories for bison among the various peoples of the Great Plains.

"Depending on what Indigenous group you're talking to, the bison originated in the supernatural realm and ended up on Earth for humans to use," said LaPier, an environmental historian and ethnobotanist at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. "And there's usually some sort of story of how humans were taught to hunt bison and kill bison and harvest them."

Her Blackfeet tribe, for example, believes there are three realms: the sky world, the below world — that is, Earth — and the underwater world. Tribal lore, LaPier says, holds that the Blackfeet were vegetarians until an orphaned bison slipped out of the underwater world in human form and was taken in by two caring humans. As a result, the underwater bison's divine leader allowed more to come to Earth to be hunted and eaten.

In Oklahoma, the Cherokee Nation, one of the largest Native American tribes with 437,000 registered members, had a few bison on its land in the 1970s. But they disappeared.

It wasn't until 40 years later that the tribe's contemporary herd was begun, when a large cattle trailer — driven by Heinert — arrived in fall 2014 with 38 bison from Badlands National Park. It was greeted by emotional songs and prayers from tribe's people.

"I can still remember the dew that was on the grass and the songs of the birds that were in the trees. ... I could feel the hope and the pride in the Cherokee people that day," Heinert said.

Since then, births and additional bison transplants from various locations have boosted the population to about 215. The herd roams a 500-acre (2-square kilometer) pasture in Bull Hollow,

an unincorporated area of Delaware County about 70 miles (113 kilometers) northeast of Tulsa, near the small town of Kenwood.

For now, the Cherokee are not harvesting the animals, whose bulls can weigh up to 2,000 pounds (900 kilograms) and stand 6 feet tall (nearly 2 meters), as leaders focus on growing the herd. But bison, a lean protein, could serve in the future as a food source for Cherokee schools and nutrition centers, said Bryan Warner, the tribe's deputy principal chief.

"Our hope is really not just for food sovereignty's sake but to really reconnect our citizens back in a spiritual way," said Warner, a member of a United Methodist church.

That reconnection in turn leads to discussions about other fauna, he added, from rabbits and turtles to quail and doves.

"All these different animals — it puts you more in tune with nature," he said as bison sauntered through a nearby pond. "And then essentially it puts you more in tune with yourself, because we all come from the same dirt that these animals are formed from — from our Creator."

Originally from the southeastern United States, the Cherokee were forced to relocate to present-day Oklahoma in 1838 after gold was discovered in their ancestral lands. The 1,000-mile (1,600-kilometer) removal, known as the Trail of Tears, claimed nearly 4,000 lives through sickness and harsh travel conditions.

While bison are more associated with Great Plains tribes than those with roots on the East Coast, the newly arrived Cherokee had connections with a slightly smaller subspecies, according to Mackey. The animals on the tribe's lands today are not direct descendants, he explained, but close cousins with which the tribe is able to have a spiritual bond.



Notice of Public Meeting
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The Coahoma Independent School District will hold
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6:00 p.m., December 12, 2022
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DAV

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"Since I was an honoree several years back I have been going back and volunteering my services of taking photographs and video for the veterans to

have," Danny Martinez, D.A.V. of Big Spring Secretary, said. "Mike (Tarpley) also offers his wood-working items as another way of bringing in donations for the hunt, and each year, they send a donation back with us."

This year, Martinez reported that the D.A.V. of Big Spring received a little more than \$800 from

those donations.

As the year is wrapping up, there are a few more activities to be supported by the local chapter of the D.A.V. Those wanting to offer monetary donations or join in any upcoming outreach and/or fundraising events may contact Mike Tarpley or Ed Meiser.

ANGEL

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"You can also shop for Angel Tree gifts from the comfort of your own home! Thanks to Walmart, donors can purchase gifts for The Salvation Army Angel Tree through Registry for Good," said Moretz. "Walmart will deliver these

items directly to The Salvation Army. You can search for The Salvation Army Big Spring at www.walmartangeltree.com and order items today that will benefit local families."

For more information about adopting an Angel or other Christmas programs, please call The Salvation Army at (432) 267-8239 or visit www.salvationarmybigspring.org

Witness: Walmart employee opened fire in break room; 6 dead

By ALEX BRANDON

Associated Press

CHESAPEAKE, Va. (AP) — A Walmart manager opened fire on fellow employees gathered in the break room of a Virginia store, a witness said Wednesday. Six people died in the country's second high-profile mass shooting in a handful of days.

The gunman, who apparently killed himself, was dead when police found him, said Chesapeake Police Chief Mark G. Solesky said. There was no clear motive for the shooting, which also left four people in the hospital.

The store was busy just before the attack Tuesday night with people stocking up ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday, a shopper told a local TV station.

Employee Briana Tyler said that workers had gathered in the store's break room as they typically did ahead of their shifts.

"I looked up, and my manager just opened the door and he just opened fire," she told ABC's "Good Morning America," adding that "multiple people" dropped to the floor.

"He didn't say a word, he didn't say anything at all," she said.

Solesky confirmed the shooter, who used a pistol, was a Walmart employee but did not give his name because his family has not been notified. He couldn't confirm whether the victims were all employees.

"I am devastated by the senseless act of violence

that took place late last night in our city," Mayor Rick W. West said in a statement posted on the city's Twitter account Wednesday. "Chesapeake is a tightknit community and we are all shaken by this news."

A database run by The Associated Press, USA Today and Northeastern University that tracks every mass killing in America going back to 2006 shows this year has been especially bad. The U.S. has now had 40 mass killings so far this year, second to the 45 that occurred for all of 2019. The database defines a mass killing as at least four people killed, not including the killer.

The attack at the Walmart came three days after a person opened fire at a gay nightclub in Colorado, killing five people and wounding 17. Earlier in the year, the country was shaken by the deaths of 21 when a gunman stormed an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas.

Tuesday's shooting also brought back memories of another at a Walmart in 2019, when a gunman police say was targeting Mexicans opened fire at a store in El Paso, Texas, and killed 22 people.

A 911 call about the shooting in Chesapeake, which is Virginia's second-largest city and lies next to the seaside communities of Norfolk and Virginia Beach, came in just after 10 p.m. The store was open at the time, but Solesky didn't know how many shoppers were inside or whether the gunman was working.

Asked whether there was a security guard present, the police chief said he didn't know.

Joetta Jeffery told CNN that she received text messages from her mother who was inside the store when the shots were fired. Her mother, Betsy Umphlett, was not injured.

"I'm crying, I'm shaking," Jeffery said. "I had just talked to her about buying turkeys for Thanksgiving, then this text came in."

One man was seen wailing at a hospital after learning that his brother was dead, and others shrieked as they left a conference center set up as a family reunification center, The Virginian-Pilot reported.

Camille Buggs, a former Walmart employee, told the paper she went to the conference center seeking information about her former co-workers.

"You always say you don't think it would happen in your town, in your neighborhood, in your store — in your favorite store and that's the thing that has me shocked," said Buggs, 58, of Chesapeake.

Walmart tweeted early Wednesday that it was "shocked at this tragic event."

U.S. Sen. Mark Warner said in a tweet that he was "sickened by reports of yet another mass shooting, this time at a Walmart in Chesapeake."

State Sen. Louise Lucas echoed Warner's sentiment, tweeting that she was "absolutely heartbroken that America's latest mass shooting took place in a Walmart in my district."

Take Note

• Christmas in Coahoma at the Park sponsored by the Coahoma Lions Club, will be Saturday, Dec. 10 from 3 to 6:30 p.m. The annual event will include hayrides, caroling, Christmas art projects for kids, free coffee and hot cocoa, popcorn and cookies. Enter your house for the Best Decorated House contest - houses must lie within the Coahoma city limits. Pick up an application at City Hall and return by Dec. 9. The winner will be announced at the event in the park, and will receive a yard sign and a stocking full of goodies.

• Everyone welcome! Western Swing by Michael Leonard. New Life mature adult dance at Dora Roberts Community Center 100 Whiskey Dr. Every third Friday 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Entry fee \$5. Bring snacks to share. Refreshments provided. For more information call 432-517-9097.

• Mystic Wonders Healing, located at 204 S. Main St., presents: Full Moon Markets. Every month on the 8th join us from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and learn about the full moon, how to make moon water, take advantage of sales in the store and meet a variety of vendors.

• History Nerds - Great Courses Lecture Series of the American West: History, Myth and Legacy meets every Wednesday at 12 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 701 Rannels, in the Theater Room. Each 30-minute lecture is followed by an in-class group discussion. There is no charge.

• Starting in October, we will be switching food distribution to the fourth Friday of every month. Oct. 28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will not be distributing food in November or if there is inclement weather, i.e., snow or heavy rain. Distribution will take place at the Big Spring Seventh-Day Adventist Church, located at 4319 Parkway Rd. Our

food is provided by the West Texas Food Bank. People will need to bring a plastic bag or box and let us know how many are in their household to pick up food. We will post any updates on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/healthynuggetsofgold44>

• The BSAA meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to noon, in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you. For more information, call 432-263-4155; Michelle Worthan at 325-227-3911; Kay Smith at 432-213-1153.

• Howard County Community Health Center is offering the Moderna - a two dose and Janseen - a single dose, Covid-19 vaccine to those over the age of 18. Businesses, churches, groups or organizations of 10 members or more who would like the vaccine can schedule a time to have a mobile vaccine clinic. The staff will to the business, church, or organization to administer the vaccine. For ore information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124 or e-mail Covid19@sprhs.org

• St. Vincent de Paul food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
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Leonard Evans, 74, died Wednesday. Visitation Friday 9 AM until 9 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service Saturday 2 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive.

Vanessa Richardson, 58, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Obituaries

Leonard Ray Evans

Leonard Ray Evans, 74, died Wednesday, November 16, 2022. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Cemetery.

Leonard was born on February 8, 1948 in Brady, Texas, to Frankie and Jasper Evans. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and he was married to Jo Woodson. He loved Dallas Cowboys and playing Dominos.

Leonard is survived by wife, Jo Evans; sister, Debbie Collins; brother, Herman Evans; and several nieces and nephews.

Leonard was preceded in death by one son; parents; four brothers; and four sisters.

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

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Church News

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church- 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 and preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit filled praise and worship on Sunday's (onsite) at 9 a.m. (onsite and online) at 11 a.m. and Wednesday's (onsite and online) at 7 p.m.

You can find us live online at facebook.com/CCCBigSpring or at Cornerstone Covenant Church Live on YouTube (look for the CCC logo).

Please join us this week at one of the following events: Sunday, Nov. 27-

We are so excited and would love for you to be apart of what is happening at CCC. We believe that experiencing purpose, hope and joy is possible in Christ Jesus. Whether it's your first time or you've fellowshiped with us before, our desire every Sunday is for you to feel sense and embrace the presence of the Lord.

Wednesday, Nov. 30-Join us for our MDWK service. We offer classes for all ages at 7 p.m. Adults meet in the Main Sanctuary. Youth: High School age meet in ARC and Junior High age meet in youth sanctuary. Children's church is divided into two locations with age specific classes: Kovantville (1st and 2nd grade)(3rd and 4th grade)(5th and 6th grade)Tiny Land (Newborn- 23 months) (2 and 3 y.o.)(4 y.o.-Kindergarten).

Sunday, Dec. 18- Join us as we celebrate Operation Zoe immediately following 11 a.m. service. Operation Zoe is a community event where our church family pours back into the community with gifts for ages: New Born to College age as well as our Senior Citizens. We would love to have our church and community family join us on this day.

Sunday, Dec. 25-As we Celebrate this special day we will come together as One church, One Place, One Time and One Service at 10 a.m.

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

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First Presbyterian Church

Worship services Nov. 20 will begin at 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary at 8th and Runnels. Organist/Music Director Gabe Martinez will be leading music this week. The Rev. Allen Cross will be preaching a sermon entitled: Kingdom Come Scripture readings for this Sunday are Psalm 46; Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 23: 33-43. We will be "greening" the sanctuary for Advent following worship.

Adult Sunday School occurs each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. On Oct. 23 the Discovery of Class began looking at "Mysterries of the Messiah" by Rabbi Jason Sobel. Rabbi Sobel is adept at blending the Old and New Testaments. Take Ten fellowship follows Sunday School. Lectionary Bible Study of the



upcoming scriptures for Sunday's worship meets in the library at 5 p.m., also on Wednesdays.

Two popular weekly events are in full swing every Wednesday. The Women's Bible Study meets in the church library at 10 a.m. and the video history series about the American West meets in the theater room at noon. These weekly events are open to all the community so be sure to put them on your calendar.

Members and non-members alike are invited to take advantage of the spiritual resources available on our website and Facebook page. They include a six day each week prayer podcast, a weekly scripture reading and commentary, a weekly devotional, a Sunday worship preview, and a video release of each Sunday's sermon. The sermon is also available in podcast form. All these tools and resources prepare us for the coming Sunday worship.

Digital Spiritual Resources Church Calendar-Daily Prayer Podcast (Monday-Saturday); Scripture Commentary (Tuesdays); Video Devotional (Thursdays); Video Preview of this week's bulletin (Fridays); Sunday Sermon Video (Sundays).

Website: fpcbigspring.com. Facebook Page: FPC of Big Spring. YouTube Channel: FPC of Big Spring.

The following weekly events are open to the community: Wednesday-The Women's Bible Study meets at 10 a.m. The history seminar series meets at 12 p.m. The Lectionary Bible Study meets at 5 p.m.

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

All our worship services can be heard live on KBST 1490 AM and 95.7 FM at 11 a.m. as usual or seen recorded online at www.fpcbigspring.com by selecting the SERMONS tab and the correct date. The website also has a tab that shows ways you can connect to our church community.

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First Church of the Nazarene

This Sunday-Have you ever been weary? Tired. Exhausted. Empty. The dictionary tells us that the word "weary" means "to have one's strength or energy expelled from them." We live in a weary world that has a way of depleting our reserves. We are drained daily. Where do we go to refill, revive, and restore? Where do we go to renew our hope, joy, and peace? Join us

this Sunday at NazFamily Church as we begin a new series together - The Weary World Rejoices and discover a thrill of hope.

36th 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. Our 36th Annual NazFamily Live Drive Thru Nativity will be on Dec. 9, 10, 11 from 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Break

The Church Office will be closed Nov. 23 - 25 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. There will also be no MidWeek Service on Nov. 23.

NazKids 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. 11, during the morning service.

Dessert Auction-We will have a dessert auction after the service on Sunday, Dec. 18. Come get some goodies to share at your holiday family gatherings. All of the proceeds will go to support our NazFamily Children's Ministry. Contact Gloria Jimenez for more information: gloria@nazfamily.org

Christmas Eve Service-On Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m. we will have a special Christmas Eve Service. It will be a simple service of story and song focused on the true reason for the season. The service culminates with a beautiful time of lighting candles and singing together. We hope you will invite your friends and family to join us as we celebrate together.

Christmas Day Service-Join us for a special time of cocoa and carols as we celebrate Christ's birth together. Kids are welcome to come in the pajamas as we remember the greatest gift ever given. There won't be any morning Life Groups on Christmas Day, just a special time of family worship and communion.

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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 Wednesday's we have Bible study and coffee in the morning at 10:30 a.m. and evening we have Evening prayer and book study starting at 5:30 p.m. What a great opportunity to have meaningful fellowship and develop relationships with people who have a common interest, following the steps of Christ. Please come and join us for a time of worship and fellowship in a place that welcomes all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Alive in Christ Lutheran Church

"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 Riever 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. Please come and join us.

The readings for this Sunday are Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:(8-10)11-14, and Matthew 21:1-11. The psalm is Psalm 122.

Shyrlene Reid will present the scripture readings this week.

Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study is continuing. A meal is served at 5:30 p.m. and our Bible study begins at 6 p.m.. Please come and join us.

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 a.m. and 6:50 a.m. each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts." Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

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College Baptist Church

College Baptist Church- Christmas and the New Year is upon us. It's a great time to turn your hearts toward our Father. Come see what God is doing on SONday at College Baptist on the corner of 11th and Birdwell Lane. Join us as we study about Jesus and what we really believe.

Times on the Sign: Sunday morning-9:15 a.m. for Bible Study for all ages. 10:45 a.m. Worship time. 4:45 WOW Study on Women in God's Word. 5 p.m. Girl's Missions meet on Sunday.

Sunday Evening Service - 6 p.m. 7 p.m. Choir practice. Wednesday Evening: 6 p.m. Fellowship meal. 7 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting. Youth activities. Children meet for King's Kids and Krafts. Nursery and extended care is as needed. As we celebrate our God together during this Winter season, serving Him, services for Nov. 27, is a great time for families to gather.

Our services are in the building, live streaming, and on our Face Book page as well.

Pope visits immigrant father's hometown

ASTI, Italy (AP) — Pope Francis honored his northern Italian roots on Sunday by celebrating a special Mass in his father's hometown and encouraging younger generations to not be indifferent to the poverty and misery all around them.

Thousands of people turned out to greet Francis during his rare personal weekend getaway to the province of Asti, near Turin, and he returned the favor by taking a long popemobile ride around town.

On Saturday, he made a private visit to relatives who still live in the area and celebrated the 90th birthday of his second cousin.

On Sunday, he was given the honorary citizenship of Asti and celebrated Mass in the city's cathedral, where he assumed the role of a local parish priest ministering to his flock.

"From these lands, my father set out as an immigrant to Argentina, and to these lands, rendered precious by the rich fruits of the soil and above all by the native industriousness of their people, I have

now returned to rediscover and savor my roots," he said at the start of his homily.

Asti Bishop Marco Prastaro told Francis he is always welcome back home and recalled that when he was elected pontiff in 2013, Francis quipped that his fellow cardinals had gone to the "ends of the Earth" to find a new pope.

"Today we'd like to think that Asti, the land of your family roots, is the beginning of the world," Prastaro said as the pope chuckled.

Francis hasn't returned home to his own birthplace in Buenos Aires since assuming the papacy nearly 10 years ago and he rarely speaks about his family, siblings or childhood.

The exception is his frequent reference to the important role his paternal grandmother, Rosa, had in his upbringing and in passing along her Catholic faith.

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Sunday Bible Study: 9:30am
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When I Wake Up!

When I was very small, my daddy would enter my room in the early morning calling my name.

He would first whisper it, then get a little louder, then speak right out to wake me up.

Then he would invite me for a cup of coffee with him.

I would jump out of bed and join him in the kitchen.

I don't remember what we talked about, I don't even remember if the other 5 kids got that privilege, but it was something I always looked forward to.

When he passed on to Heaven many years ago, I remembered all the things I loved about my dad.

He became my best friend growing up, and was so easy to talk to, even when I messed up.

We went for dinner, coffee, shopping for Christmas presents, and oh how he loved to take his family fishing.

I think the best time was when I was 16 and followed him upstream, catching the second fish in the fishing hole after he caught the first one.

He got upset with me when I caught more fish than He did.

He always fished in the same hole coming downstream to catch the second fish.

I told him, "But, Daddy, I was

only following in your footsteps."

When my husband passed on a short time ago, I could only imagine them fishing together on the River of Life, side by side, laughing at all my antics down here.

I could imagine them catching fish, eating them right away, then reaching up to the fruit trees above them and selecting a fruit fresh off the tree, and eating it for desert.

When my Lord wakes me up in the early morning, I hear His sweet voice saying, "I love you, get up, it's time to start the day."

I tell Him, "I love You, too." Then I have sweet communion in His Word, and follow Him into the day to try to run the race He has set before me.

I didn't always please my daddy, and I don't always please my Lord, but one of these days the Rapture will happen, the gathering together of His children to Heaven, and sweet communion will be ours for all eternity.

I can't even imagine what the fishing will be like up there.

I can't even imagine when I wake up in Glory to the sights I shall behold and experience up there.

But the Scripture says, I will be like Him.

I will know even as I am known. I will be sinless, perfectly fit for this beautiful place, Jesus is preparing for me to be with Him throughout all eternity.

I can't even imagine, and I can hardly wait.



DR. LILLIAN
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An Interesting Phenomenon

Something to think about...

I once read about an interesting phenomenon that can be found in some parts of Mexico. There are a few unique areas near local villages where one can find hot springs and cold springs side by side. It is a beautiful thing in these rural areas because the people can bring their laundry and boil their clothes in the hot springs and then rinse them in the cold ones. A tourist watching this commented to their guide: "I imagine they think old Mother Nature is pretty generous to supply so much clean hot and cold water side by side for free." The guide replied, "No señor, there is much grumbling because 'she' supplies no soap."

There was an abundant supply of free hot and cold water easily accessible to them and they were complaining because they had to bring soap. It is kind of funny, but if we're being honest, are we any different? Rather than expressing genuine gratitude for all the blessings in our lives, we are found more often grumbling and complaining about what we think we lack. When we focus on how much we have, we feel full. Gratitude and praise flow out of our lives and our lips. The problem is that we spend more time focused on what is wrong, what is broken, and what we think



RICHARD
SCHNEBERGER

is missing. We fixate on what we think we need and it leaves us feeling empty and incomplete, rather than giving thanks for all that we've been given.

We take a great deal for granted! Some years ago a speaker posed a question that stuck with me and I think about it often. He asked, "What if you woke up today with only the things that you thanked God for yesterday?" Think about it. What would you have this morning if you woke up with only the things you thanked God for yesterday? Would you still have your life, your breath, your sight, your mobility, your family, friends, food, shelter, clothing, and transportation? What about trees, air, beauty, and wonder? We could go on and on, couldn't we. We take way too much for granted, which leads to a spirit of grumbling in our lives.

I'm convinced that grumbling and gratitude have difficulty coexisting in the human heart. There is a power in praise that breaks the negative, critical, bitter spirit from taking hold in our lives. It gives us a new perspective so that we don't continue to take things for granted. You can break the negative spiral right now! What are you grateful for today? Take time to give thanks. Let's develop an attitude of gratitude and practice genuine thanks-living this week!

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"It was a glorious day for grandparents..."

Reflections...

This is Thanksgiving week, 2022. The first snow is melting outside my window as I write. Yesterday we spent the afternoon sledding on the hill behind our house with our younger grandchildren, ages 11, 9 and 6. It was a glorious day for grandparents in their 70s who are still healthy enough to mount a sled and tumble down the hill without ending up in Urgent Care or the nursing home.

On Thursday, we are expecting all our grandchildren to be at our house and two of our three children with their spouses. My wife has been shopping for a week. She has the menu planned: traditional turkey and ham, mashed potatoes (that I will peel and chop), corn bread dressing (her mother's southern recipe), gravy, green beans, salad (both vegetable and fruit), cranberries, and, last but not least, our traditional pecan pie baked by our daughter who cooks it just the way my mother did.



BILL
TINSLEY

Every family, I suppose, has their traditions for this particular day, traditions filled with memories. But, as we age, the empty spaces continue to grow. Our parents, who bestowed upon us our earliest memories for this holiday have long since left this earth. My wife's mother died unexpectedly in her sleep the day after we celebrated Thanksgiving at their house in 1986. It was the year our daughter was born who is now the mother of the children who keep us young sledding in the snow.

This is a uniquely American holiday, a time set aside to give thanks with family and friends. From the first it has been a multi-cultural day.

Most trace its earliest roots to the Plymouth Colony that landed in Massachusetts in 1620. Half of the colonists died during the first year. Perhaps many more would have had it not been for the assistance of the Wapanoag Indians who welcomed them. In spite of their losses, they gave thanks in a feast in 1622 that included the Indians who outnumbered them 2:1. We are no longer simply Anglo-European Americans. In fact, we never have been. There are at least 350 different languages spoken in homes in the United States making us one of the most linguistically diverse

populations on earth. We are Americans of every stripe and color and language. This week American families and friends of different ethnicities and languages will gather to give thanks for God's goodness and His grace. The foods will vary from house to house as will the words spoken. The absence of loved ones will remind us that we are mortal men and women. The laughter of our children will inspire us for a better future.

Thanksgiving can give us a preview of Heaven. John declared in the book of Revelation, "I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all the tribes, peoples, and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb."

May we all give thanks to the Creator of all that is beautiful and good, and to our Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ who has prepared a greater feast awaiting us in Heaven. (Revelation 19:9).

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. His Civil War novel, Bold Springs, is free as an eBook on Amazon this week Nov. 22-26. Visit www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.

POPE

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Francis used some of the Piedmont dialect Rosa taught him in thanking the people of Asti for welcoming him and urged young people in particular to not "stay still thinking about ourselves, wasting our lives and chasing after comfort or the latest fads, but to aim for the heights, get on the move, leaving behind our own fears to take someone in need by the hand."

Francis' grandmother, Rosa Vas-

sallo and the pope's grandfather ran a café in Turin and left Italy to join family members who had settled in Argentina, part of the mass migration of Italians to the Americas at the start of the last century.

They and their only son, the pope's father, Mario Jose Francisco Bergoglio, arrived in Buenos Aires in early 1929.

Once there, Mario Bergoglio met another descendant of Italian immigrant stock, Regina Maria Sivori, whom he married in 1935. A year later, the first of their five children

was born: Jorge Mario Bergoglio, the future pope.

The Bergoglio family had originally planned to set sail from Italy at the end of 1927 on the Principessa Mafalda ocean liner, but their departure was delayed as they sold off their home and the Turin café. In the end, the Mafalda sank off Bahia, Brazil, on Oct. 25, 1927, killing at least 300 of its more than 1,000 passengers and crew. The Bergoglios set sail the following year, on the Giulio Cesare liner, and have always "thanked divine providence" that they didn't leave on the

Mafalda, the future pope wrote in 1990.

According to family legend, grandmother Rosa stepped off the Giulio Cesare in Buenos Aires wearing a full-length fox-trimmed coat, even though it was the height of summer in the southern hemisphere. In his biography of the pontiff "Pope Francis: Untying the Knots," historian Paul Vallely explained: "Sewn into its lining was the entire proceeds of the sale of the family's home and café back in Piedmont."

Wide Awake at 3 a.m.

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It feels like we're waiting for something to happen.

People are still buying new cars. New homes, stocks, marrying.

Eating and drinking.

Which leads me to thinking of the church

we are a life support system. Our responsibility to reach out to our families, the lost and tell them to come into the ark. Yes, life goes on, but at the same time nothing is more important than a soul to God.

Matthew 24:38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark.

I'll never forget when I read about when God flooded the earth. I envisioned bodies of men, women, children, even infants floating above the



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water lifeless.

I remember asking God, why. Up to this day I can recall what he spoke to me, He said to me, and I understand that there are depths of sin. That some don't or can't return back from. But what he said there is no little sin or big sin, sin is sin. Jesus paid the same price for both.

Salvation. I say that to say this - it's written in the Bible that as it was in the day of Noah so shall it be when He returns.

Matthew 24:37 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

They kept on mocking God and laughing at Noah. They were warned to get into the Ark.

Well, today God is calling every man, woman and child. Get in the Ark the church of he living God. Get saved.

Romans 10:9 NIV: If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Jesus Christ is Lord!

New cemetery chapel honors victims

SHALER, Pa. (AP) — Until recently it was a garage with a dirt floor. But what had been an outbuilding for the cemetery of New Light Congregation has been transformed into a chapel with stained glass windows and other mementos honoring victims of the 2018 Pittsburgh synagogue massacre.

At a private ceremony last weekend, the congregation dedicated the chapel and honored the 11 people killed in the massacre, with a particular tribute to three of its own members who had served as "the religious heart" of New Light, congregation Co-President Stephen Cohen said. New Light was one of three congregations targeted at the Tree of Life synagogue building on the Sabbath morning of Oct. 27, 2018, by a gunman who authorities say spewed antisemitic hate online and at the scene. The chapel, and New Light's cemetery, are located in this small suburb several miles north of Pittsburgh's Squirrel Hill neighborhood, where the congregation has worshipped for decades. The congregation opened the chapel to a media preview on Wednesday.

The New Light Memorial Chapel includes a display of religious items that had belonged to the three martyrs — a shofar used by Richard Gottfried for High Holy Day services, a travel prayer book used by Melvin Wax and a biblical study guide used by Daniel Stein. The three "were our leaders for the most important aspect of congregational life," Cohen said. The chapel includes displays about New Light's founding by Romanian immigrants fleeing 19th century antisemitic persecution. And it includes a stained glass window that has three stars honoring Gottfried, Stein and Wax and that depicts a scene from the Torah passage that would have been read on the morning of the attack. An adjacent window includes eight more stars honoring the victims from the Tree of Life and Dor Hadash congregations, which were also meeting in the building at the time of the deadliest antisemitic attack in U.S. history. "It's very meaningful," said Carol Black, a survivor of the attack and sister of Gottfried. "It's a wonderful tribute to the three people that we lost." The chapel also gives the congregation a sanctuary to call its own. It had sold its own building in 2017 as part of a downsizing and has since met in rented space, first at Tree of Life and now at another nearby synagogue in Squirrel Hill, where many of the congregants live. The suspect in the shootings faces an April trial date.

Howard Co. Area Sports Schedule

Nov. 25-26: Howard College Hawks Basketball at MSU-West Plains Grizzly Classic against North Arkansas College. Game starts at 5 p.m for Nov. 25 & game time TBA on Nov. 26.

Nov. 29: Big Spring Steers Basketball (Freshmen, JV, & Varsity) non-district matchup against Midland Greenwood at Greenwood. Games start at 4:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., & 7 p.m.

Nov. 29: Big Spring Lady Steers Basketball (JV & Varsity) non-district matchup against Midland Christian at Big Spring. Games start at 4:30 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Nov. 29: Coahoma Bulldogs Basketball (JV & Varsity) non-district matchup against Grady at Grady. Games start at 5:15 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Nov. 29: Coahoma Bulldogs Basketball (JV & Varsity) non-district matchup against Grady at Grady. Games start at 4 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 29: Forsan Buffaloes Basketball (JV & Varsity) non-district matchup against Garden City at Forsan. Games start at 5 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 29: Forsan Lady Buffaloes Basketball (JV & Varsity) non-district matchup against Garden City at Forsan. Games start at 4 p.m. & 6:15 p.m.

Nov. 30: Howard College Hawks Basketball at Ranger College. Game starts at 7 p.m.

Nov. 30: Howard College Lady Hawks Basketball at home vs Cisco College. Game starts at 5:45 p.m.

Dec. 1-3: Big Spring Steers Basketball (JV & Varsity) at Denver City Tournament in Denver City. Game times TBA at a later date.

Dec. 1: Big Spring Junior High Lady Steers Basketball (7th A/B teams & 8th A/B teams) against Snyder at Big Spring. Games start at 5 p.m. ((7th A-team/8th B-team) & 6:15 p.m. (7th B-team & 8th A-team)

Dec. 2: Big Spring Lady Steers Basketball (Freshmen, JV, & Varsity) non-district matchup against Abilene Cooper at Big Spring. Games start at 4:30 p.m., 6 p.m., & 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 2: Coahoma Bulldogs Basketball (JV & Varsity) non-district matchup against Jayton at Jayton. Games start at 5:15 p.m. and 8 p.m.

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Dec. 1-3: Forsan Buffaloes Basketball (JV) at Irion Co. JV Tournament in Mertzon. Games times TBA at a later date.

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Howard County Hawks teams dominate in PBYFL West Texas Championships



Top, The Howard County Hawks Varsity team pose with their championship trophies on Sunday Nov. 20. The team is coached by Eric Dials, Jonathan Granados, Daniel Pierce, Ty Froman, Marcelino Padilla, Angel Salazar, Nick Rodriguez, and Kade Kelso. The Howard County Hawks Varsity team won the PBYFL D2 Varsity Championship Game Sunday night against Pecos (PFA) 18-0. The Varsity Hawks also finished the season undefeated. **Middle,** The Howard County Hawks Freshman team pose with their own championship trophies on Sunday Nov. 20. The team is coached by Jacob Rubio, Dylan Kelly, Jonathan Nieto, Carlos Viera, Bryan Valle, Calvin Butler, Jonathan Mendoza, and Marcelino Padilla. The Freshman Hawks team won the PBYFL D2 Freshman Championship Game Sunday against Andrews Mustangs 14-12. **Bottom left,** Gabriel Granados (left) from the Varsity Hawks team was named MVP of the Game against Pecos. Jovi Nieto (right) from the Freshman Hawks team was named MVP of the game against Andrews. **Bottom right,** Howard County Hawks Youth Organization President Jacob Rubio, was named Athletic Director of the Year for having the most successful organization in PBYFL this season. Congratulations to Howard County Hawks Youth Organization and to all the players on a great season!

Courtesy photos/Howard County Hawks Youth Organization

Second Time Around

By Steve Belvin

Contributing Sports Writer

MITCHELL COUNTY STANDNG STRONG

Down the road a few miles east of here, high school football fever is alive and well in Mitchell County. The Loraine Bulldogs and Westbrook Wildcats are going strong heading into the third round of six-man playoffs.

Westbrook, in Division I, is looking for a state championship repeat. Loraine, in Division II, is trying to get there. The Bulldogs, under the direction of coach Jake Popham, are 12-1 and ranked No. 5 in the state. The Bulldogs will have their hands full against Cherokee who is 11-0 and ranked No. 2 in the state.

To get here Loraine dismantled nine time state champion Richland Springs 52-0. Cherokee beat Blanket 52-6, Richland Springs is the common opponent for the teams. Cherokee defeated Richland Springs 78-47 earlier in the season.

The Bulldogs will rely on speedsters AJ Williams at running back Davion Walthall at quarterback. Jonathan Lujan, Xander Ybarra and Malaki Williams are other key players. Popham said he has all of his starters returning from last year's 8-4 squad.

"The key to our success has been our ability to play as a team and utilize our fundamentals. We also have a good group of athletes that have been together since elementary school. The key to our success against Cherokee is the same as all year - consistency," said Popham.

The Bulldogs haven't been this far since 2014 when they got beat 72-54 by Groom in the semifinals. Down the road 20 miles away is Westbrook, headed to another showdown with Rankin, a team Westbrook beat 59-58 earlier in the season. Westbrook is ranked No. 1 in the state and Rankin is ranked No. 4.

DYNAMIC DUO

What a night for the Howard duo of Kwo Agwa and Lorenzo "Trey" Fort. In How-

ard's 105-97 win over Weatherford College, Fort came off the bench and scored 38 points. Agwa, a , sophomore forward from Calgary, Canada added 25 points and nine rebounds. He was 11-for-18 from the floor.

Fort, a sophomore guard from Jackson, Ms., lived up to his name, knocking down 8-of-10 three pointers.

That's the beauty of collegiate sports. You have athletes coming together for an education and competition. Think about it - Jackson, Ms. and Calgary. An unlikely cohesion.

BULLDOGS TRYING TO TURN THE CORNER

It was a good season for the Coahoma Bulldogs football team. The Bulldogs are just turning the corner. The corner that comes with a good district team that goes a few rounds in the playoffs.

Good group of athletes on this team. Lean and mean. Unfortunately, didn't have the interior strength in the line.

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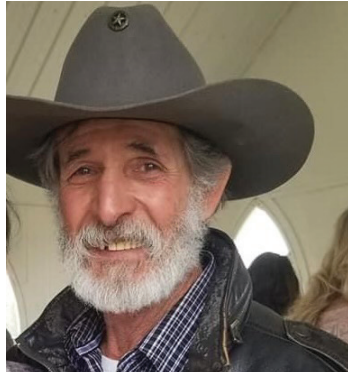
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Preceded by death..Father Roy Lee O'Brien, Mother Lucritia Marie Volente, Brother David O'Brien, Sister Patricia Bennett.

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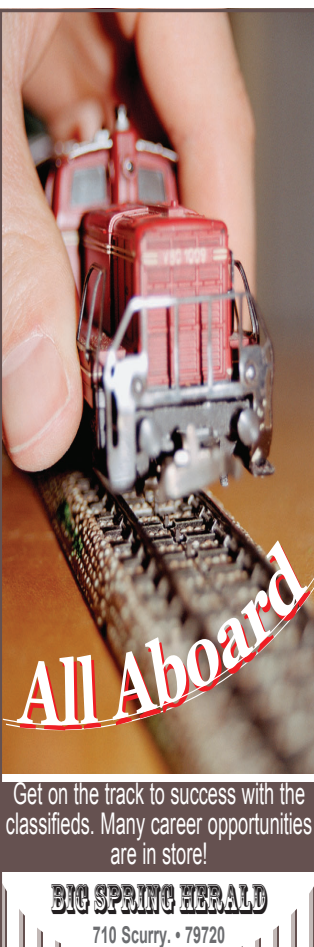
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The skill positions were very good. What did the Bulldogs in however was they gave up more than 1,200 yards on the ground their last four games. Gotta stop the run first. Coach Chris Joslin made the most of what he had.

Freshman quarterback Boyd Cox passed for 2,200 yards, completing 55 percent of his passes. He threw 19 touchdown passes and 9 interceptions. Sophomore running back Jaidyn Vineyard averaged five yards per carry while running for 860 yards. Junior Billy Bailey was "Johnny on the spot", rushing for 340 yards, catch-

ing passes for 460 yards and passing for 260 yards.

Big play receiver Austin Perkins, a junior, caught 46 passes for 10 touchdowns. Coahoma's biggest loss is that of senior Tristan Guerrero. Guerrero was the man making the big plays in the right moments. He averaged 25 yards per catch on his 28 catches for 8 touchdowns.

Another big loss will be Isiah Eleda who was key at both running back and corner back. Sophomore Mikey Hernandez (4 interceptions) and junior lineman Braiden Boaz return to lead next year's defense. Vineyard may be a better linebacker than he is running back. Undersized, but very heads up.

Bulldogs will have a hard time replacing senior linebacker Rance Redden and linemen Braiden Boaz. Future looks bright however, the drive to turn the corner continues for the Coahoma Bulldogs.

THANKFUL

The holiday season. A time we gather together and celebrate all the blessings the Good Lord has bestowed on us. It's festive time for breaking bread, showing love and giving thanks.

As far as sports goes this Thanksgiving, I'm grateful for the Cowboys and their 7-3 record. I can't say I saw this coming, especially after trading away Amari Cooper, losing Tyrone Smith and a host of wide receivers

to injuries and Dak Prescott getting hurt the first game of the season.

I'm thankful for the Howard College Hawks basketball team for getting off to such a good start after coming into this season with a totally new basketball team. I'm thankful for our Crossroads Country high school football coaches that strive to help these young student-athletes grow into productive adults.

All the way from Colorado City coach Monty Leaf, who inherited a team that had one win in its last 29 games, to Westbrook coach Homer Matlock who's trying to steer his squad to a second straight championship. Happy Thanksgiving everybody!

NCAA awards Final Four to Las Vegas for first time

By DAVE SKRETTA

AP Basketball Writer

The Final Four is headed for the first time to Las Vegas, where wagering on the NCAA Tournament has long been a staple of March Madness revelry, after the NCAA awarded the men's national semifinals and championship game to Allegiant Stadium for the 2027-28 season.

The NCAA also announced Tuesday that Ford Field in Detroit would host the Final Four in 2027, while Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis would get the 2029 event and AT&T Stadium in Dallas would get the 2030 event.

"We are excited to bring the NCAA's premier championship to Las Vegas, a city that for a number of years has hosted numerous championships from several member conferences," said Bradley athletic director Chris Reynolds, who chairs the NCAA selection committee. "The feedback from leagues, the fans of their teams and the media covering the events staged there has been overwhelmingly positive, and we are confident we'll get the same reviews."

The national championship this season will be decided at NRG Stadium in Houston, while State Farm Stadium in Phoenix, the Alamodome in San Antonio and Lucas Oil Stadium already had been chosen for the following three Final Fours.

The NCAA long shied away from taking marquee events to Las Vegas because of its reputation as a gambling mecca. But the stance softened over the years, particularly as sports wagering became legal in states across the country, and many leagues have made its glitzy arenas the homes of their post-season basketball tournaments.

The Mountain West will play its championship game this season at the Thomas & Mack Center, the Pac-12 at T-Mobile Arena, the West Coast Conference at Orleans Arena and the WAC split between Michelob ULTRA Arena and Orleans Arena.

Las Vegas already was scheduled to host nine other NCAA championships over the next four years, and the men's NCAA Tournament will head there for the first time next March when a regional round is played at T-Mobile Arena.

"We're thrilled. It's pretty exciting to have such a marquee event come to town," said Steve Hill, CEO of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority. "Vegas has been a basketball town for decades. We've had an interesting road with the NCAA along that time. It is really gratifying to be able to work with the NCAA to bring their marquee event here and really celebrate what basketball is all about in this town."

Once a pariah for sports, Las Vegas has suddenly become a destination. The Raiders and Golden Knights of the NHL play in sparkling new facilities, the NFL had such success with its Pro Bowl last season that it's bringing back a reinvented version of it in February, and Formula 1 is returning to the Las Vegas Strip for the first time since 1982 next summer.

The other Final Four sites chosen Tuesday have a history of hosting the men's basketball championship.

Ford Field was the site of the 2009 tournament, when 72,922 fans packed the home of the Detroit Lions to watch North Carolina beat Michigan State. AT&T Stadium will also get its second Final Four after hosting it in 2014, when Connecticut beat Ken-

tucky before a crowd of 79,238 at the home of the Dallas Cowboys.

Lucas Oil Stadium has hosted the Final Four six times in the past 25 years, including the 2021 event, when the entire NCAA Tournament was conducted in front of a limited number of fans at venues scattered across Indiana. When it hosts the Final Four in 2029, Indianapolis will tie Kansas City for the most times conducting the title game with 10 apiece.

"It's been said many times about how coaches, players, fans and media love coming to the Final Four in Indianapolis, but I don't think you can overstate just how much everyone enjoys their experience when they go," Reynolds said. "The people not only embrace major events, but they don't take a single thing for granted."

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At 1-8-1, Texans try to shake worst loss yet vs Washington

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Davis Mills threw an interception that was returned for a touchdown on Houston's second offensive play, setting the tone for the terrible Texans' worst game of the season in a loss to Washington.

The Texans (1-8-1) were behind 20-0 at halftime before falling to the Commanders 23-10 for their fifth straight loss.

"We were never in the game," coach Lovie Smith said. "There's total disappointment."

Houston had five yards of offense at halftime, lowest in franchise history. The team's offensive line was dominated on a day the Commanders sacked Mills five times and limited the Texans to a season-low 21 yards rushing.

The crowd was mostly filled with Washington fans, but the few Texans supporters who showed up expressed their displeasure by pelting the team with boos throughout the game.

Smith was asked how he's able to keep the team positive as it goes through such a difficult stretch. He noted that Sunday's loss was the only blowout in that span.

"You can't group them all together," he said. "As a coach, you keep talking about one positive play, one positive game. That's what we have to continue to do. We have not been dominated the way we were dominated (Sunday), so that's what's giving us hope."

The Texans are trying to move past the loss and look for ways to improve. A win Sunday against the Miami Dolphins would be their first since Oct. 9.

"It is kind of hard, we haven't won a game in a minute," receiver Nico Collins said. "So, all you can do is keep going, keep faith. You can't get down on yourself and start pointing fingers at everybody because then nothing happens from there. It just sinks the ship."

WHAT'S WORKING

After giving up two touchdowns in the first half, Houston's defense allowed just one field goal after the break. Put in bad situations by the ineptitude of the offense, the Texans made some good plays to keep the Commanders out of the end zone after halftime.

Houston limited Washington to 3 for

13 on third downs and 1 of 4 in the red zone.

WHAT NEEDS WORK

Lots to pick from here, but Mills must take care of the ball and make better decisions for the Texans to have any hope of improving their passing game. The second-year player from Stanford had two interceptions Sunday to give him seven in the last five games.

Despite Mills' struggles, Smith doesn't appear to have any intention of benching him, so he'll get seven more games to see if he can progress this year.

STOCK UP

WR Brandin Cooks had three receptions for 70 yards Sunday a week after managing just 37 yards receiving in a loss to the Giants.

STOCK DOWN

Rookie offensive lineman Kenyon Green, the 15th overall pick in the draft, had a tough day Sunday, getting beat again and again by Washington's Jonathan Allen. Green has appeared in each game this season with nine starts but has failed to make much progress.

"There's been a lot of learning moments that we've gone through with him," Smith said. "But a part of going through that next step is going through some of those days when the guy that's playing against you may be better than you right now. But you learn and just hope you get better and better."

INJURED

CB Derek Stingley, the third overall pick in this year's draft, missed Sunday's game with the hamstring injury. Smith he wasn't sure when he would return Monday.

KEY NUMBERS

246-5. That's the margin the Texans were outgained in the first half Sunday. The five net yards undercut the eight they managed in the first half of a 40-0 loss to the Bills last season for the worst half in team history.

It was the fewest yards by a team in a half since the Raiders had minus-12 in a win over the Broncos in 2015. Mills had minus-1 yard passing in the first half as he was sacked three times.

NEXT STEPS

The Texans will need to get off to a much better start if they hope to compete with the Dolphins, who have won four in a row.

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