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Big Spring High School Choir students advance to Area contest

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

And the song plays on ... at least for nine Big Spring High School Choir students. The following students have advanced to Area Competition: Gloriann Ortiz, Senior Soprano; Emily Reyes, Senior Soprano; Kayla Lara, Senior Alto; Naomi Reyes, Junior Alto; Joseph Fierro, Senior Tenor; Cecilio Galvan, Senior Bass; Robert Fierro, Junior Bass; Natalia Lopez, Junior Alto; and Jayden Tubb, Senior Bass

Since August these students have been putting in the work to ensure they are performing at the top of their game. Despite the restrictions and hurdles that the current pandemic has thrown into the competition world, these Big Spring High School students have persevered and advanced to the Area Choir Contest to be held on Jan. 16.

"This year has been unique in its challenges, but from the moment we let these students know about the possibility of competing they have been serious about it and put forth their best efforts," Choir Director Gershom Garcia said.

The opportunity to compete and the



Courtesy photo

Big Spring Choir students advanced to Area Competition that will take place in January. Pictured above (not in order) are Choir Students: Gloriann Ortiz, Emily Reyes, Kayla Lara, Naomi Reyes, Joseph Fierro, Cecilio Galvan, Robert Fierro, Natalia Lopez, Jayden Tubb.

family that is built around the choir world are just two of the main reasons these students have invested years building on their talent. For these nine students, choir and music have been part of their lives since junior high if

not longer. "There is just something about the way the music speaks to me," Robert Fierro, Big Spring High School Junior

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SARS-CoV-2 aka COVID-19 Information from a Nurse Practitioners Point of View

Editor's Note: Stacy Flores is a local Nurse Practitioner who has been serving the Howard County community for a few years. Her research cited in this article came from different clinical resources such as WebMD, medical journals and personal experience as she served Howard County patients. The following information has been composed as a way of putting day to day experience with clinical information that will help educate the community on ways to slow the spread of coronavirus.

By STACY ARMSTRONG-FLORES, MSN, APRN, FNP-C
 Special to the Herald

The year 2020 has been a year of many unknowns, questions left unanswered and an uncertain future for the coming year. Throughout the past several

months, we've been inundated with coronavirus information that's caused sensory overload and people are tired of hearing stuff about the virus. In addition, there has been a lot of unpleasant spins delivered through news sources, social media and word of mouth, so it's challenging for people to know what they should or shouldn't believe.

We live in a wonderfully developed nation that usually distributes immediate answers to problems and issues, but unfortunately, not even the USA has all the answers to this new virus. Because the SARS-CoV-2 virus is a new (novel) virus, the hindrance with research is that we don't have enough time or data to effectively and thoroughly understand



Stacy Flores

the disease. So, I could throw a bunch of studies and theories at you or I could tell you what I've seen clinically for the past 10 months that back up some of those studies and theories (also known as evidence based practice). Either way, the fact of the matter is, our community needs more education when it comes to understanding COVID-19 symptoms, care of the person who is infected with COVID-19 and the next steps to take.

I've treated thousands of people who have been exposed to the coronavirus and many who've tested COVID-19 positive. There are common

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Special election set for March 6; deadline to register to vote is set for Feb. 4

By AMANDA DUFORAT
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The Special Election which will allow residents to cast votes for the recently recalled seats for District 5 and District 6 has been scheduled for Saturday, March 6, 2021. While the election is in the early stages, there are a few details that are set and ready to be dispersed to the community.

"Local seats are on the frontline to our view of how the government is working for the people," Jodi Duck, Howard County Election's Administrator, said. "We have a voice of who will represent us, and we have the power to choose the right people."

Former Councilmember Jim DePauw, representative of District 6 and Former Councilmember Camilla Strande, representative of District 5 were officially recalled in the November election. Once the votes were canvassed the City Council set the date for the Special Election during a subsequent council meeting.

"Every vote counts and every vote matters," Duck said. "Many local races are won by just three to five votes. "Spe-

cial Elections are not common in Howard County. I believe the last one was in March 4, 2000 which was held to fill an unexpired term for the mayor seat."

The Special Election for Districts 5 and 6 representatives will only be open for residents residing in those districts. Since the election is not contingent on any of the prior elections, voters did not have to cast a ballot in the November election to take part in the upcoming March election. However, for those who are not yet registered to vote, registration and updates need to be completed before Feb. 4.

At this time, according to Duck, the election locations have not yet been determined. Before the special election takes place an amended order will be issued naming the polling places and special procedures.

To get registered to vote or for more information, call the Howard County Elections Office at 432-264-2273.

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Concert. Be watching our Facebook page, Symphony website (Big Springsymphony.org), the Big Spring Herald, KBYG and KBST for further details and a new kick-off date for our season, appropriately entitled, "The Versatile Big Spring Symphony". Thank you for your continued support and patience as we navigate through these unusual times. We hope to see you very soon. May you and your family stay safe and healthy through the rest of this Holiday Season!

• The Howard County Courthouse will only be open by appointment. All doors except the handicapped entrance located on the west side of the building will be locked. All who enter will be screened following Covid guidelines. Face masks are required for all who enter.

• City of Big Spring offices have moved to by appointment only or electronic communication only. Contact information for all departments can be found on the city website at mybigspring.com.

• Forsan Food Pantry will be open twice a month from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Families who are in need can pull up to the front doors of the Junior High/High School and receive a free box of pre-packed meals. If you have any questions or need to pick up a box at a different time, contact Kaci Wash at 432-457-2223 ext 821 or Jenny Sayles at jenny-sales@yahoo.com.

• Cub Scouts meet Monday from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Naz Family Church, located at 1400 S. Lancaster.

• Howard County Republican Club meets the second Monday of each month at 421 Main Street. Everyone is welcome. The meeting takes place at Noon. For more information call 432-213-7628.

• A new group named Taking Care of Business has started in Howard County. It is made up of people of all ages and genders who want to be better than they are. The focus of the fledgling organization is to engage in meaningful discussions that promote personal growth. Additionally, the organization will plan and execute worthwhile activities within the community. There is no membership fee and attendance is not taken. The only requirements are that you be positive or want to be more positive than you are, consider yourself to be a good person but want to be better than you are, and that you have a desire to help others be better too. Childcare is available during the discussion time if you let us know. Topics to be avoided include Religion and Politics, though we can dance around them.

Taking Care of Business is being sponsored by the local Masons and it meets in the Masonic Lodge on the court square. It is not necessary that you have any masonic affiliation to participate in this Growth Group. All Covid-19 safety protocols will be followed as defined by local, state, and federal authorities.

At this time refreshments will not be served but you are welcome to bring your own and not share. The meetings take place at 219 South Main Big Spring, Texas.

Support Groups

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, 1800 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? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. The next session begins Sept. 3, 2019. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

WEDNESDAY

• Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups.

GasBuddy reports West Texas weekly gas prices

Special to the Herald

GasBuddy Texas gas prices have risen 5.7 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$1.90/g today, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 11.5 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 30.9 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$1.59/g today while the most expensive is \$2.69/g, a difference of \$1.10/g. The lowest price in the state today is \$1.59/g while the highest is \$2.69/g, a difference of \$1.10/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 4.8 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.21/g today. The national average is up 9.8 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 34.5 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

Historical gasoline prices in Texas and the national average going back ten years:

December 21, 2019: \$2.21/g (U.S. Average: \$2.55/g)
 December 21, 2018: \$2.00/g (U.S. Average: \$2.34/g)
 December 21, 2017: \$2.17/g (U.S. Average: \$2.44/g)
 December 21, 2016: \$2.05/g (U.S. Average: \$2.26/g)
 December 21, 2015: \$1.79/g (U.S. Average: \$1.99/g)
 December 21, 2014: \$2.15/g (U.S. Average: \$2.39/g)
 December 21, 2013: \$3.02/g (U.S. Average: \$3.23/g)
 December 21, 2012: \$3.03/g (U.S. Average: \$3.23/g)
 December 21, 2011: \$3.04/g (U.S. Average: \$3.20/g)
 December 21, 2010: \$2.82/g (U.S. Average: \$2.97/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:
 Midland Odessa- \$2.07/g, up 8.2 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.99/g.

San Antonio- \$1.87/g, up 13.1 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.74/g.

Austin- \$1.90/g, up 10.4 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.79/g.

"The sudden spike in gas prices last week was brought on by a continued rise in the price of oil, which jumped last week to nearly \$50 per barrel, the highest we've seen since March, when prices collapsed due to COVID-19. While last week's gas price surge isn't likely to repeat this week, it could be a sign of things to come in the year ahead," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "A weakening U.S. dollar and vaccine optimism continued to push oil higher last week, along with stock markets. While some are wrongly pointing to the coming shift in the White House as driving up prices, I can assure motorists that what we're seeing has nothing to do with such a change and everything to do with market optimism

that demand will rise, and the weaker dollar which makes oil cheaper to anyone holding non-dollar currencies, putting upward pressure on demand."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. Unlike AAA's once daily survey covering credit card transactions at 100,000 stations and the Lundberg Survey, updated once every two weeks based on 7,000 gas stations, GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data is accessible at <http://FuelInsights.GasBuddy.com>.



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and Bass singer, said. "I am really happy that I made it this far. I worked hard to get where I am. The people around me have not only helped me with my musical ability, but in so many other ways; they are good friends."

This year's competitions have looked a little different, as many UIL sanctioned events have. While competitions are normally held in person at area schools, this year students have had to compete virtually. Each student auditions on a set list of music designated by TMEA and students begin preparing for the initial round of auditions which is held in October.

"I have seen these students grow musically as well as grow in their self-confidence and that is great to see," Garcia said. "The other directors and I have had the opportunity to work with these students one on one, and we are amazed when we hear their talent and their musical artistry."

Garcia is joined by Miss Muller, Mr. Hauger and Miss Galindo who have watched the maturity in this set of students grow over the past several years. Each of the students expressed the family atmosphere that has been formed, which has laid the foundation for continued pursuit of their passion.

"It really seems unreal that I've made it this far," Natalia Lopez, Big Spring High School Alto singer, said. "I have learned that hard work really does get you to where you want to be, but it helps to have a team behind you."

Senior Soprano Gloriann Ortiz added, "I've been in choir since the eighth grade and one of the reasons I have continued is because of the people I've met; they are like family. It feels really good to accomplish something, and this is really exciting for all of us."

The environment that surrounds the students is one that each of the students mentioned in speaking of the process and path they have taken through choir. While each of them has a love for music, enjoys the competition, they each hold dearly the connections they have made and the support that walks with them through the different levels of preparation and competitions.

"I love the environment I get to be in every day. I've been involved with choir since the 7th grade and I am so grateful for the friends I have made along the way," Emily Reyes, Big Spring High School Senior Soprano singer, said. "I have never been able to make it this far; I am really excited and I hope that I make it to the next level."

While several of the students have intentions of pursuing music after graduation, there are those who want to incorporate music into their career

choices. Reyes is one of the students who has a dream of a double major, nursing and music.

The hard work that is required to prepare fully for competitions is one lesson that rolls into other areas of the student's lives. The determination has served each of the students well, including Joseph Fierro, Senior Tenor singer.

"I love singing and the people I have met along the way are amazing, but one of the most important lessons I have learned along this path is that you should never settle," Fierro said. "You can always be better and as long as you don't settle, you continue to strive to do better and get better."

While in choir, Senior Alto singer Kayla Lara enjoys the competition that is involved in choir. "Singing is one of my favorite things to do, and I am hoping I make it to the next step," Lara said. "I've learned that no matter how far you go you can't ever give up. You have to keep trying."

The musical talents also flow over into marching band for a few of the students, including Naomi Reyes. She utilizes her musical talents in the Big Spring Pride Drive Marching Band as well. Reyes was one of the hundreds of students who was able to enjoy the performance in the Alamodome.

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COVID

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misconceptions that countless patients express and some of those are "I don't have flu-like symptoms", or "I never ran a fever" or reasons especially in West Texas "I thought it was just allergies and sinuses". To be quite honest, what I have seen clinically suggests there is no rhyme or reason with COVID-19 symptoms. The unhealthiest of people may not have any symptoms and never need to go to a hospital and the healthy ones may end up on respirators and succumb to the disease. For some people, they have none or one symptom, while others may have multiple.

However, the three key symptoms of COVID-19 are continuous dry cough, fever or loss of smell and/or taste. Other common COVID-19 symptoms include nasal congestion, runny nose, sneezing, sore throat, diarrhea, nausea, headache, body aches and fatigue. Here are some answers to common questions:

When is the best time to get COVID-19 tested? After a person is exposed, it takes approximately five to

six days to develop symptoms. However, some people may never develop symptoms. The virus needs time to develop in the person's body in order to trigger a positive test. The best time to test for COVID is on or after seven days post exposure. In the meantime, you may be contagious and should take precautions.

Is it safe to take ibuprofen when infected with COVID-19? The answer is yes. There is no evidence that ibuprofen or other anti-inflammatories or fever reducers make coronavirus worse. Most COVID symptoms can be treated with over the counter (OTC) medications such as pain relievers, fever reducers, decongestants, and anti-nausea or anti-diarrheal medications. If symptoms are more severe and OTC medications are not relieving symptoms then contact your health care provider or seek emergency assistance.

How long do the symptoms last? For mild COVID cases, some people have symptoms only for a few days while others may last longer and experience residual effects that could linger for months such as a dry cough, a headache, or shortness of breath. Loss of

taste and smell may take weeks to months to return.

Can I get COVID again? Most studies show that once a person has had COVID-19 infection, they developed antibodies that make them immune from getting it again for approximately 90 days or longer. However, since everyone's body is different, it's still best to take precautions such as wearing a mask and practice good hand hygiene to prevent spread of the virus. Some people may have symptoms that re-occur or relapse known as a re-infection and clinicians believe it could be because the coronavirus lays dormant in their bodies and reemerges, but re-infection is rare.

If you have been exposed to someone who has symptoms or is COVID positive, contact your health care provider to determine the next course of action.

As mentioned earlier, we don't know what the future holds, but we do know Who holds the future. We cannot live in fear and stay cooped up in our homes for the next few years until the virus is under control. What we can do is protect ourselves, our families and our neighbors.

One of the greatest commandments

in the Bible is to "Love your neighbor as yourself". We have a duty to protect our neighbor and if that means wearing a mask, then so-be-it.

An excerpt from Madison Welch (with her permission):

I put a mask on every day because I do live in fear. I live in fear that my mom and granny will catch it and won't survive. I live in fear that I will catch it and won't survive. I live in fear that more friends, colleagues and students will catch it and won't survive.

I put a mask on AND I'm a Christian. I put my faith in God and He has given me ears to listen, eyes to see, and a brain to understand that science is telling us this is getting worse. I fully believe that when my time is up, it will be on HIS will. However, when my time is up, I will wholeheartedly know that I wasn't willingly and ignorantly going without doing my part to stop the spread. You can be both a Christian and respect science during these times. Quit placing burdens on healthcare workers, on essential workers, on family members, on our neighbors and loved ones. Step up and do your part.

Wear a mask.

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Alvin Marin, 83, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Richard Mills, 72 died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

James Ray Roger, 78, died Saturday. Family will receive friends from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2:00 PM Saturday at College Baptist Church.

John Puga, 79, died Sunday. Viewing and

visitation will be from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM with a Vigil service at 7:00 PM on Sunday, December 27, 2020 at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be on Monday, December 28, 2020 at 1:00 PM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Jonathan Harmon, 37, died Wednesday. Family will receive friends at Myers & Smith Funeral Home on Saturday, December 26, 2020 from 2:00 PM until 3:00 PM.

John Fisher, 83, died Sunday. Viewing and visitation will be Saturday from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Memorial service will be Saturday, December 26, 2020 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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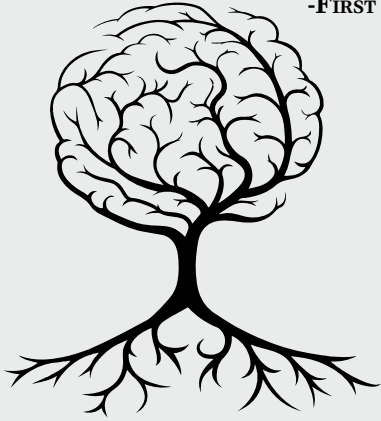
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Gladewater's famous Christmas store

“We have Christmas all through the house and never take the trees down,” says Jan Greenwood of Gladewater. “Our Christmas collecting sort of got out of hand,” says her husband Don, “so we just got in the Christmas business.” They have the Greenwood Christmas Store in Gladewater.

“We have more selection and more glass ornaments than anyplace,” says Don. “I mean you cannot go to Dallas and get some of the things in our store.” It has some expensive Christmas tree ornaments made from hand blown glass. Don showed me one. “I’ve never seen this go below a thousand dollars and I’ve never seen it any higher than fifteen hundred. If I put it up for sale it goes in a hurry. We’ve got bunches of them in the 500 to 800 dollar bracket.”

They carry the Old World Christmas ornament brand.

Another brand is Christopher Rothko. “It’s one of the best ornaments,” says Jan. “They have good resale value and are very collectible. People search them out.”

They have had their store 22 years. It’s open Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Their building has been in the same corner location since 1907. They have all kinds of Christmas display items including lighted miniature houses, manger scenes, snowmen and Santas. The hottest sellers are water lanterns. The most popular single ornament is a glass pickle from Germany. “Legend says they would hide the pickle and whatever kid found it got an extra present.” Much of their merchandise is from countries that used to be behind the iron curtain. Some are made the same way they were made in 1820 and from the same family.

Don and Jan are experts on Christmas legends. When you go to the store, be prepared to stay a while because there are so many things to see and so many stories to hear. Don loves to tell about Christmas legends. He told me

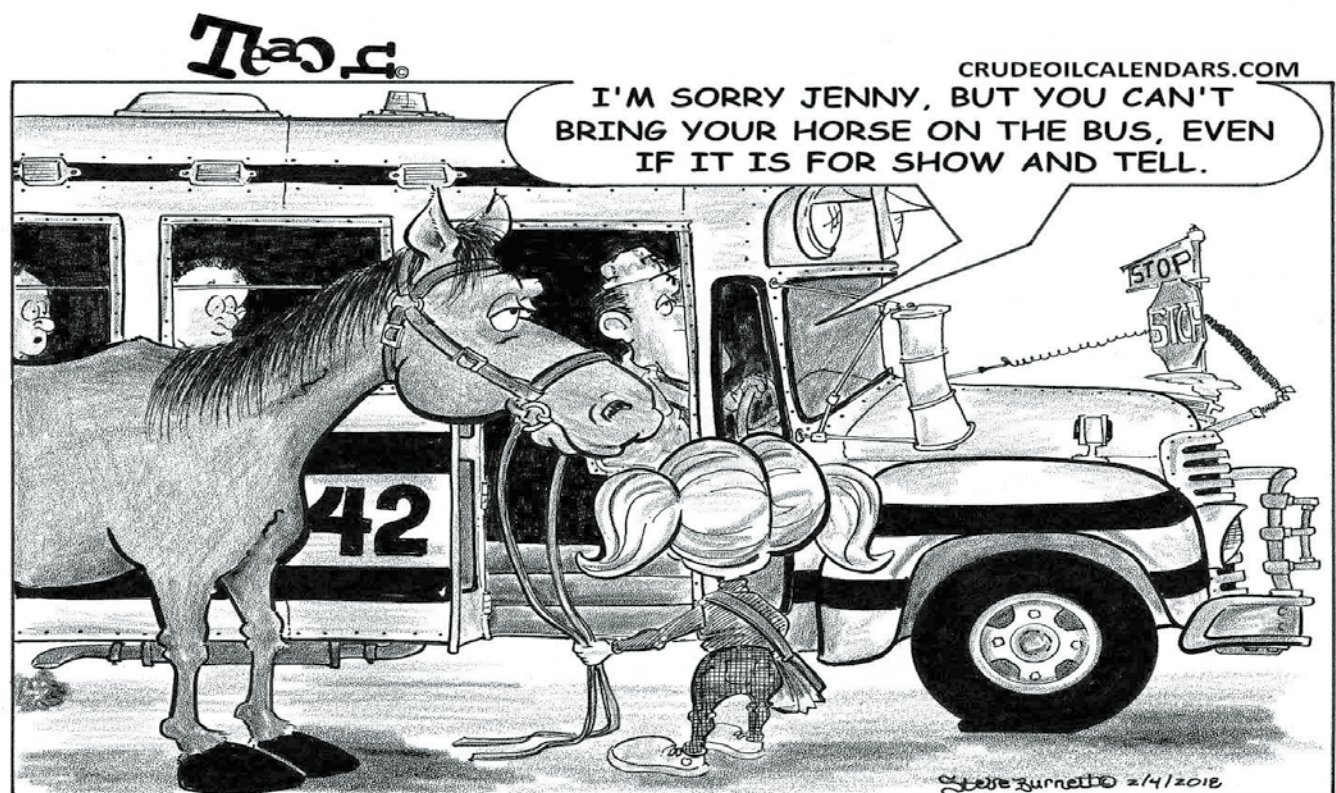
one about Christmas stockings. “There were three sisters. They were from a poor family and their father couldn’t afford a dowry. Back then a woman had to pay to get married. So one cold winter night the three girls took off their stockings and hung them up by the fireplace and went to bed. Well, Saint Nicholas came through there and took some gold coins and threw them down the chimney and they landed in their stockings. So when they got up the next morning they went to the fireplace to put their nice warm stockings on and found the coins. Now they had a dowry and could get married. So after that, everybody started hanging their stockings up around the fireplace hoping that Saint Nicholas could come along and fill them up. Even today, they’re making new legends that go with the ornaments. Jan’s favorite is the ice cream cone. It’s a wonderful treat.

However, if it’s not enjoyed quickly it soon melts and disappears. The ice cream ornament reminds us to enjoy and appreciate what we have today because it may be gone tomorrow.”

People from all over the world have been in their store.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH



Donor Alert: A sliver of liver

I have never read columns as entertaining as those penned by the late Erma Bombeck, who survived by cancer surgery, only to be claimed by kidney disease at age 69.

Her battle was valiant as she underwent five years of dialysis before ultimately failing to survive transplant surgery that came too late.

(Never mind she refused to be moved up on the list, instead insisting on waiting her turn.)

She was magical in finding “household humor” despite dealing daily with realities that were decidedly “unfunny.” Here’s one example: Chances of inheriting polycystic kidney disease—one that she dealt with for 50 years—is 50%. Two of her three children have it, too, and have been beneficiaries of advanced treatment options to lead productive lives.

Anyways, learning recently of thousands of people waiting for organ donors—or, in the case of liver disease, “just a sliver”—should be a great concern to all of us, particularly in this season where “giving” comes up in many conversations.

Millions are praying, but too often their prayers are for “me and mine.” They should include “thee and thine,” if we truly are our brothers’ (and sisters’) keepers.

Two examples are cited. One is a 33-year-old mom in an adjacent state needing a liver transplant within 90 days. She has had health issues most of her life, but she and her hubby became foster

parents four years ago. They are now parents to three sons, four years of age and younger. In her case, a “liver sliver” will do, depending on donor’s age, weight, blood type and pre-existing conditions.

Such a donor must have insurance, but all related expenses will be paid. And the sliver grows into an organ!

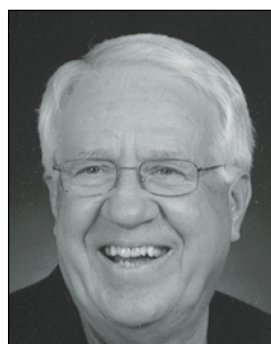
The other example suffers from primary sclerosing cholangitis, a disease that destroys the liver; she has been dealing with it for a decade, and the need is now critical.

Like the other patient mentioned, a live donor is needed. There’s a current campaign which can save the life of this young lady, herself a giver. She’s song leader at her church, and recently drove a friend from Virginia to Oregon to begin a new job

there.

A website provides answers for folks who have questions about how they can help—alivfordallas.com. Also, Hopkinsmedicine.org provides sobering statistics, including the fact that 17,500 folks are on liver waiting lists, with fewer than 400 getting livers from live donors each year. Some 1,700 die annually while waiting.

We can provide a personal testimony on “just because” kind of generosity, and fully endorse a slogan used by some charity: “Don’t give ‘til it hurts; give ‘til it feels good!”



DON NEWBURY

In August, a pulmonary embolism claimed the life of Julie Choate, our 50-year-old daughter who gave 29 years of her life to education, including the past decade in administration. A few years ago, she and others in our family decided to offer organs for transplant in the event of death. “No one will want my eyes,” she laughed, remembering that she began wearing glasses in the early grades.

A few weeks ago, we learned that two blind adults now have sight because the lenses of her eyes worked!

A while back, someone mentioned this being a terrible time for the meek to inherit the earth.

It’s a planet of billions of hurting people, many near death, many destitute and many facing utter hopelessness, unable to make it on their own.

Thankfully, there are many who can help. Maybe folks reading now will choose to do so, or at least discuss these needs with others who might. Long ago, we heard a preacher challenge: “If not you, who? If not here, where? If not, now, when?”

We plead for a Christian response.

Anyone can be a pessimist, like the guy who insists that at the end of the light, there’s a tunnel.

Let’s think GIVING in 2021!

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DAILY PRAYER

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Howard County basketball teams preparing for second half of season



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Above left: The Forsan Lady Buffs and Coahoma Bulldogettes have met already this season with Forsan pulling out the win. Above right: The Big Spring Showtime Steers huddle together during one of their games from early this season.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

Basketball season is in full swing and all six teams around Howard County will be heading into the second half of their schedules this week. Both Big Spring teams are putting together solid seasons so far and hovering above or around .500 in the overall record department. In Coahoma, the Bulldogettes are having a strong start to the year while the Buffs are struggling to put points on the board and have picked up only one win so far. Finally, in Forsan, the Lady Buffs are lighting the area on fire and are sitting at 10-2 heading into the next part of the schedule. In addition, the Buffaloes were just on a four-game winning streak and look like a consistently improving squad.

One common factor that each local team has faced so far this season is that the competition they have been playing is top-notch. Each team has played a school that is ranked near the top of the state standings, but each coach believes that will only help their team in the long run.

"The losses we have right now are because the teams that we're playing are very good," Showtime Steers coach Kris Hise said. "We're not playing Cracker Jack schools that can't put the ball in the net. We're playing schools that will make us better in the long run."

"We've played some tough teams and played some decent basketball, our final scores just don't show that," Buffaloes coach Cory Richardson said. "We're looking more like ourselves now and finding out what everybody can do in their role and it's starting to pay off."

Let us take a look at how each team has been performing on the hardwood so far this season:

BIG SPRING STEERS

Game One: vs. Lamesa (W, 100-67)
Game Two: @ Andrews (W, 50-39)
Game Three: @ Grape Creek (W, 75-19)
Game Four: vs. Reagan County (W, 60-49)
Game Five: @ Idalou (W, 68-50)
Game Six: @ Odessa (L, 78-56)

Game Seven: vs. Hereford (L, 55-39)
Game Eight: vs. Lubbock Coronado (W, 53-48)
Game Nine: vs. Lubbock High (L, 51-42)
Game 10: @ Fort Stockton (W, 75-58)

BIG SPRING LADY STEERS

Game One: @ Garden City (W, 61-38)
Game Two: vs. Lamesa (W, 40-36)
Game Three: @ Borden County (L, 88-40)
Game Four: vs. Crane (L, 45-34)
Game Five: vs. Shallowater (L, 81-21)
Game Six: vs. San Angelo Central (L, 56-32)
Game Seven: vs. Midland Christian (W, 57-37)
Game Eight: vs. Pecos (W, 66-23)
Game Nine: @ Idalou (L, 89-35)
Game 10: @ Fort Stockton (W, 60-35)
Game 11: @ Midland Lee (L, 63-30)
Game 12: @ Lubbock Cooper (L, 96-33)
Game 13: @ Abilene Cooper (L, 59-41)

COAHOMA BULLDOGS

Game One: vs. Pecos (L, 32-29)
Game Two: vs. Grady (L, 48-43)
Game Three: vs. Eldorado (W, 45-41)
Game Four: vs. Sweetwater (L, 67-22)
Game Five: @ Forsan (L, 59-27)
Game Six: @ Borden County (L, 59-17)
Game Seven: @ Colorado (L, 60-24)
Game Eight: vs. O'Donnell (L, 56-42)

COAHOMA BULLDOGETTES

Game One: @ Andrews (L, 46-38)
Game Two: @ Ozona (W, 50-31)
Game Three: vs. Post (L, 39-36)
Game Four: vs. Monahans (W, 57-41)

Game Five: vs. Grady (W, 54-33)
Game Six: @ Fort Stockton (W, 50-30)
Game Seven: vs. Sweetwater (W, 53-50)
Game Eight: @ Forsan (L, 47-40)
Game Nine: @ Borden County (L, 65-50)
Game 10: vs. Snyder (W, 60-56)

FORSAN BUFFALOES

Game One: @ Midland Classical (L, 47-39)
Game Two: @ Reagan County (L, 56-55)
Game Three: vs. Christoval (L, 43-22)
Game Four: vs. Jayton (L, 56-23)
Game Five: vs. Coahoma (W, 59-27)
Game Six: @ Grape Creek (W, 63-36)
Game Seven: vs. Grady (W, 49-24)
Game Eight: vs. Stanton (W, 65-49)
Game Nine: @ Sands ()

FORSAN LADY BUFFS

Game One: vs. Robert Lee (W, 47-44 (OT))
Game Two: @ Garden City (W, 46-29)
Game Three: Midland Classical (W, 58-12)
Game Four: vs. Klondike (W, 35-25)
Game Five: @ Reagan County (W, 31-29)
Game Six: vs. Kermit (W, 56-34)
Game Seven: @ Christoval (L, 44-33)
Game Eight: vs. Coahoma (W, 47-40)
Game Nine: @ Westbrook (L, 48-36)
Game 10: @ Sterling City (W, 51-28)
Game 11: @ Winters (W, 59-32)
Game 12: vs. Colorado (W, 47-22)

All of Howard County is looking forward to seeing how these teams perform in the second half of the season.

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ESPN 2020 Top 50 JUCO Basketball Recruits

Rank	Player	Hometown	Position	College
1	Tyon Grant-Foster	Indian Hills CC	Wing	Kansas
2	Jay Scrubb	John A. Logan	Wing	Louisville
3	Kedrian Johnson	Temple College	SG	West Virginia
4	Sardaar Calhoun	Missouri W. Plains	SG	Florida State
5	Keon Ellis	FL Southwestern	CG	Alabama
6	Vince Cole	USC Salkehatchie	SG	St. Johns
7	Russell Harrison	Clarendon College	Wing	UL Monroe
8	Teddy Manuel	Harcum Nebraska	Wing	Penn State
9	Vaddir Allen	Harcum College	PF	Nebraska
10	Kevin Osawe	Vincennes	Wing	W. Kentucky
11	D'Moi Hodge	SCF - Manatee	SG	Cleveland St.
12	Shahada Wells	Tyler JC	PG	UT Arlington
13	Justin Johnson	South GA Tech	Wing	Southern Miss
14	Isaih Moore	Pearl River CC	PF	St. Johns
15	Craig Porter	Vincennes	CG	Wichita State
16	DeAndre Pinckney	Broward College	PF	Southern Miss
17	Tariq Silver	Tallahassee CC	SG	Oregon State
18	Lat Mayen	Chipola College	PF	Nebraska
19	Travis Henson	Angelina College	Wing	Cal St. Bakers.
20	David Walker	Casper College	CG	S. Alabama
21	Tyron McMillian	Kilgore College	PF	Georgia
22	Jason King	Snead State	G	N.M. State
23	Clarence Jackson	Polk State	G/F	Wichita State
24	JD Muila	Indian Hills CC	F	S. Illinois
25	Marial Mading	Chipola College	F	Pacific
26	Eric Boone	John A. Logan	PG	GA Southern
27	Berrick JeanLouis	FL Southwestern	G	Iona
28	Rodrigue Andela	Kilgore College	PF	Oregon State
29	Osborn Shema	New Mexico Military	C	Iona
30	Esahia Nywie	Clarendon College	PF	Texas Tech
31	Seth Millner	NW Florida State	Wing	Toledo
32	Miles Norris	CC of San Francisco	F/C	UC Santa Bar.
33	Osayi Osofi	Eastern Florida State	F	Florida
34	DeAndre Gholston	Tallahassee CC	Wing	Milwaukee
35	Tekorian Smith	Polk State	SG	Kent State
36	Chris Childs	Indian Hills CC	G	Bryant
37	Tae Hardy	Pearl River CC	PG	Southern Miss
38	Justice Hill	Salt Lake CC	PG	Murray State
39	Maurice Calloo	Indian Hills CC	F	Oregon State
40	Keaton Hervey	New Mexico JC	W/F	Missouri State
41	Ahmad Rand	USC Salkehatchie	F	Memphis
42	Nighael Ceaser	Collin County	F	Texas State
43	Shawndarius Cowart	Pensacola State	CG	Hofstra
44	RayQuawndis Mitch.	Otero JC	G	UIC
45	Demarcus Sharp	Colby CC	G	Missouri State
46	Malcolm Stevenson	Polk State	G	Queens (D2)
47	Marco Morency	Daytona State	G	UL Monroe
48	CJ Roberts	Ranger College	CG	N.M. State
49	Jonathan Ned	Eastern Florida State	Wing	Georgia
50	Malik Zachery	Chipola College	PG	Buffalo

U.S. rowers aiming to make 2021 Olympic team stick together

ON THE OAKLAND ESTUARY, Calif. (AP) — With a thick, gray morning haze hanging extra low over the Oakland Estuary and limiting visibility, U.S. men's rowing coach Mike Teti lifted a bullhorn to his masked face from the coach's boat and asked pair Liam Corrihan and Chris Carlson whether they had seen the American four crew in the water ahead.

They were indeed down the way, all fine — getting through another tough day of training for the delayed 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Teti motored on through the debris and dirty water from a recent storm until the boat came into view from a distance. In stroke position sat veteran Tom Peszek, just the experienced athlete to be leading the way when training conditions are far from ideal.

With everyone safe and accounted for, Teti could turn back and check on the others, as he does daily by capturing video snippets of each rower — fortunate to never have lost a phone to the estuary given how regularly he reaches it out over the water.

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SOMETHING I CAN EXCHANGE FOR WHAT I REALLY WANT!

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MOMMA

BY MELL LAZARUS

MOMMA, I'M THINKING OF OPENING A BED AND BREAKFAST.

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I'LL HANDLE THE BED. CAN I COUNT ON YOU FOR THE BREAKFASTS?

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Agnes
by TONY COCHRAN

HEY! LET'S CHECK OUR HEART RATES! HOW DO WE DO THAT?

I SAW GRANDMA DO IT! YOU HOLD THESE TWO FINGERS ON YOUR NECK FOR SIXTY SECONDS AND COUNT THE BUMPINGS!

UHOH... MY FINGERS ARE STUCK. ME, TOO... MAYBE YOUR GRANDMA WASHES THE JELLY OFF HER NECK FIRST.



ANDY CAPP

by Smythe



Athletic Support: "Christmas Break?"

Dear Athletic Support: My son's basketball coach has six practices scheduled over Christmas Break: three before Christmas and three after. With everything that's happened this year, we were really hoping to just get some time off over the next two weeks. I've seen a bunch of posts on social media blasting teachers who've assigned homework or projects over the holiday, and I feel like these practices are much the same. The players, parents, and coaches need a break at the end of this crazy year. Don't you think?



—Give Me A Break

Eli Cranor **Dear Break:** Remember the old story, "The Tortoise and the Hare?" The one where the slow but steady turtle wins the race against the rabbit who's constantly jumping out ahead of the competition?

That timeless parable is the perfect analogy for what every coach and player is up against at the end of 2020. This year has been anything but normal. People are exhausted, both mentally and physically. They're at wit's end.

The best way to overcome this sort of fatigue —

any fatigue, really — is by actually resting. I realize this isn't easy for highly-motivated athletes and coaches (I battle with the exact same problem in regard to my writing workload), but if there were ever a time for rest, this is it.

My advice here goes further than just preparing for the upcoming season. Many of us have been hunkered down, trying to weather the latest spike in COVID cases. If you're transporting your son to basketball practice, there's a better chance your Christmas plans could get cancelled.

Time with family isn't worth a couple of holiday practices. For that reason alone, I'd urge you to withhold your child from participating. I know this won't be an easy or popular decision, but the results could be well worth the sacrifice.

After spending quality time with his family, your son might come back from the break feeling better than ever.

Dear Athletic Support: My daughter is nine, but she's very serious about sports. For the last few days she's been planted at the kitchen table trying to come up with an "athletic" New Year's resolution. Any suggestions?

—Just Tryin' 2 Help

Dear Help: First off, I'm impressed that your daughter is actively trying to better her game by setting goals. Planning for success is one of the best ways to actually achieve it.

When making goals — or in this case, resolutions — one thing to remember is that they need to be tangible. In other words, your daughter needs to be able to tell if she's actually reached her goal.

A resolution like, "I want to be a better player," won't do her any good.

Instead, I would urge your daughter to make a work-based goal. Something that involves a daily number of repetitions or time spent honing her craft. If she's a basketball player, something like, "Make fifty free throws a day," would be a great place to start.

Whatever she decides, just make sure your daughter can actually gauge whether or not she's achieved it by the end of 2021.

Have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Eli Cranor is a former professional quarterback and coach turned award-winning author. Send questions for "Athletic Support" to eli.cranor@gmail.com or use the contact page on elicranor.com.

Reading together



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Student Council member Jade Valenzuela is pictured reading to pre-k students at Kentwood. This is an opportunity for the older students to set an example for the younger students and see the importance of giving back and community service.

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Think of the worlds exhilarating jobs, firefighters, safari guides, secret agents! Each day must be an action-packed escapade worth front-page treatment. While these gigs are surely full of adrenaline there is one day job that is just as full of adrenaline...a newspaper carrier!

Many people are dedicated to their jobs, but few match, a dedicated newspaper carrier. Even with social media there are still those who love to hold a newspaper in their hands

Most people think that a newspaper carriers job starts and ends by throwing a paper into the customers yard, that is not the case. Delivering newspapers is not for everyone, the hours and demanding nature of the job can get to newspaper carriers from time to time. Originally, a newspaper carrier was a boy- often an older child or adolescent- who delivered newspapers to homes, offices or businesses on a regular route, usually by walking or riding a bike. In the heyday of print newspapers, in the early 20th century, this was often a young person's first job, often done before or after school. Some very famous people were once newspaper carriers:

Walt Disney, started delivering 600 papers a day when he was 9 and by the time, he stopped at 15 he was delivering 700 papers. To get them all delivered by the time school started he had to get up at 3 a.m.

Martin Luther King Jr. at age 13 was the youngest assistant manager of newspaper carriers in Atlanta.

America's 47th vice president, Joe Biden, used a childhood paper route to hone his people skills. Biden had a noticeable stutter, to make small talk with his subscribers go better he would anticipate the conversations to come then rehearse some sentences

Bob Hope was helping support his family as a paperboy he said "at 8 I had a paper route, at 12 I worked in a butcher shop at 18 I was on the road singing and dancing at 19 I was back on a paper route."

Warren Buffet one of the richest men in the world got his start delivering newspapers at the age of 14. He filed his first tax return and knew he could write off the cost of his watch and various bicycle repairs as business expenses.

Most newspaper carriers today are adults with cars or in the case of one of our carriers a motorcycle. Most are doing two jobs or are retired and trying to supplement their incomes. They are not employed by The Herald; they are independent contractors. The job pays per paper per day, therefore profits hinge on perfection and mistakes cost the carrier. Being late is one of the reasons they may lose a customer. Most times a carrier being late is

due to problems beyond their control., a flat tire, car problems, an accident or weather. Carriers drive with vehicle windows down when it's 100+ degrees, below freezing, raining, snowing or sand blowing.

Newspaper carriers are like DJ's; they honor request: hand deliver, porch or place in special locations. A carrier will gladly hold papers when a subscriber is going to be on vacation, when notified. Letting the subscriber know when their subscription is running out is very important, to a carrier since losing a customer even for one day cost the carrier. While carriers are not responsible for collecting payments any longer most will pick up a payment for a subscriber to make it easier on them to continue receive their newspaper.

A good route is everything and can be passed down

we are in the same neighborhood every day and notice when something changes or is out of place, and sometimes we are in the right place at the right time to witness a crime and report it. In 2019, 45 carriers were murdered while delivering papers, fortunately none here. Also, carriers know their customers and will call the police for a welfare check if we notice papers piling up in the yard and the customer does not answer the door. Several times this has resulted in a senior citizen being found after a fall. For some of the older customers their newspaper carrier is the only person they will see for days at a time. This is one reason carriers do not mind putting a paper on the porch or hand delivering papers. One carrier here will read the headlines to his customers as he delivers them. This is because all of our customers are important to us.

Being a carrier requires organization, time management and the ability to lift heavy loads, it takes muscles to lift bundles of papers that can weigh up to 35 pounds and load them in their cars. Carriers roll their own papers, usually before they start their routes, however sometimes when papers are late, they will do what is referred to as "roll and go" where they roll papers as they drive.

Gas prices are a big expense for carrier's, some carriers travel 15 to 100 miles a day. Not only does a carrier have to deal with gas prices, but almost every carrier will go through at least one set of tires in a year sometimes two when there is construction in an area. Carriers have their oil changed every month and brakes at least every three months. Carriers buy their own supplies this includes bags and rubber bands.

Christmas cards expressing a customer's appreciation means a lot to us. The gifts, homemade goodies and special treats are always enjoyed. Just as the cups of hot chocolate in cold weather or the bottle of cold water in the heat of summer.

Some may say being a newspaper carrier is a thankless job and wonder why anyone would do it. We do it because we enjoy it, we like helping our customers, we like being out in the town and surrounding area and seeing the daily changes. For some of the older carriers they do it because they remember the glory days of being the first to see the news. Every carrier has a funny, touching or heart breaking, story to tell.

I started as a carrier ten years ago, the last four years I have been the Assistant Circulation Manager as well as a carrier. I am proud to be a carrier for The Big Spring Herald and enjoy visiting with my customers.

I appreciate all our customers and thank them for their business and look forward to another year as a carrier. We all give our best, because being a newspaper carrier is who we are.



Courtesy Photo

Big Spring Herald newspaper carrier Carrie Harvell is pictured above surrounded by the many gifts she receives for her service to the community.

from generation to generation. A man on his deathbed is sensing his time is over, so he calls his family to come see him, his two sons, James and Mark and his wife Lisa. He says to Mark, as my oldest son, I bequeath to you the condo's and lake houses. To James he says, I bequeath the apartments to you. Finally, he turns to his wife and says "and to you I leave all the houses in the suburbs." As the family is leaving the nurse stops the wife and says, "you are lucky to have such a rich husband who left you all that property." And to that the wife says "Rich my foot, those are his paper routes"

Newspaper carriers don't just deliver papers, without carriers many people would not receive the news that keeps them informed about their communities. during the current pandemic we were on the front line too, we wore gloves and masks and ran our routes. With shelter in place this helped customers stay informed while staying in and staying safe. We deliver to individual customers, store's and racks. Carriers help keep the communities safe, because

Check this out, at the library this week

This week the library will be closed Friday, Jan. 1 for the New Year Holiday, we will reopen Monday, Jan. 4 at 9 a.m. Howard County Library wishes everyone a joyous and prosperous New Year!

This week's reviews are all fiction titles.

England, May 1536 in "The Mirror & the Light" (F MAN H) by Hilary Mantel, Anne Boleyn is dead, decapitated in the space of a heartbeat by a hired French executioner. As her remains are bundled into oblivion, Thomas Cromwell breakfasts with the victors.

The blacksmith's son from Putney emerges from the spring's bloodbath to continue his climb to power and wealth, while his formidable master, Henry VIII, settles to short-lived happiness with his third queen Jane Seymour. Cromwell is a man with only his wits to rely on; he has no great family to back him, no private army. Despite rebellion at home, traitors plotting abroad and the threat of invasion testing Henry's regime to the breaking point, Cromwell's robust imagination sees a new country in the mirror of the future.

But can a nation, or a person, shed the past like a skin? Do the dead continually unbury themselves? What will you do, the Spanish ambassador asks Cromwell, when the king turns on you, as sooner or later he turns on everyone close to him?

In September 1969, a fumbling, cranky old church deacon known as Sportcoat shuffles into the courtyard of the Cause Houses housing projects in south Brooklyn, pulls a .38 from his pocket, and in front of everybody shoots the project's drug dealer at point-blank range in "Deacon King Kong" (F MCB J) by James McBride. McBride brings to vivid life the people affected by the shooting: the victim, the African-American and Latinx residents who witnessed it, the white neighbors, the local NYPD cops assigned to investigate, the members of the Five Ends Baptist Church where Sportcoat was deacon, the neighborhood's Italian mobsters, and Sportcoat himself.

As the story deepens, it becomes clear that the lives of the characters, caught in the tumultuous swirl of 1960s New York, overlap in unexpected ways. When the truth does emerge, McBride shows that not all secrets are meant to be hidden, that the best way to grow is to face change without fear, and that the seeds of love lie in hope and compassion.

One summer morning,

twelve-year-old Edward Adler, his beloved older brother, his parents, and 183 other passengers board a flight in Newark headed for Los Angeles in "Dear Edward" (F NAP A) by Ann Napolitano. Among them is a Wall Street wunderkind, a young woman coming to terms with an unexpected pregnancy, an injured vet returning from Afghanistan, a business tycoon, and a free-spirited woman running away from her controlling husband. Halfway across the country, the plane crashes.

Edward is the sole survivor. Edward's story captures the attention of the nation, but he struggles to find a place for himself in a world without his family.

He continues to feel that a piece of him has been left in the sky, forever tied to the plane and all of his fellow passengers.

But then he makes an unexpected discovery, one that will lead him to the answers of some of life's most profound questions: When you've lost everything, how do you find the strength to put one foot in front of the other? How do you learn to feel safe again? How do you find meaning in your life?

Lizzie works in the library of a university where she was once a promising graduate student in "Weather" (F OFF J) by Jenny O'fills. Her side hustle is answering the letters that come in to Hell and High Water, the doom-laden podcast hosted by her former mentor.

At first it suits her, this chance to practice her other calling as an unofficial shrink. She has always played this role to her divorced mother and her recovering addict brother. But everyone who writes in to the show is either crazy or depressed, and soon Lizzie finds herself struggling to strike the obligatory note of hope in her responses. The reassuring rhythms of her life as a wife and mother

begin to falter as her obsession with disaster psychology and people preparing for the end of the world grow.

"For last year's words belong to last year's language/ And next year's words await another voice." T.S. Eliot, Four Quartets

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Customers have 30 minutes to browse the shelves, checkout items, make copies and send a fax, an appointment is still required to use a computer.

Please visit our website at <http://howard-county.ploud.net> and our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/HowardCoLibrary for more information.

You may reach us at 432-264-2260 and our fax number is 432-264-2263.



Sandra Verdin

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Chamber of Commerce happenings ...

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**

Managing Editor

This past year was different and contained a lot of struggles, especially for local small businesses across the nation. Small business in Howard County was not immune to the negative impacts felt by statewide and nationwide shutdowns, but through the support of local grants, support and creative ideas, Big Spring and Howard County was able to continue to persevere through 2020. "Our slogan of 'Buy Local, Try Local and Shop Local' rang truer than ever this year. It was important that as a community we supported our neighbors, our friends, and our family," Debbye ValVerde, Executive Director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, said. "Shopping local allowed local businesses to keep their doors open and helped ensure they would be able to keep their doors open to get through this."

While many of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce annual events ended up cancelled,

for the safety of the community, toward the end of the year, the Chamber Ambassadors and board members were able to gather for a few small networking events and Thank You Presentation.

"We had to make some hard choices this year and cancel many of our events, but we knew it was the right choice for our community, for our board and for everyone involved," ValVerde said. "We want to get back to normal, but we want everyone to stay healthy so we can all get back there together."

At the beginning of the year, it seemed the Health Fair would be able to still take place, but after postponing and rescheduling twice, it was determined in the best interest of those involved with the event and the community to hold off until the 2021 event.

For a few months, the Thank You Presentations and the Alive After 5 events were also put on hold, in an effort to deter large gatherings.

"We want to support our small-businesses and provide an opportunity for networking, but

we wanted to be safe about it," ValVerde said. "Our community businesses are a vital life line in our community, and the business professionals who make up this community are important to the Chamber and to the growth of the community. We had to get creative this year when it came to supporting them, but at the top of every decision was safety."

Through trial and error the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce worked with Chamber members and non-members in an effort to get information out to everyone and do what we could to help support all local businesses in Big Spring and Howard County.

As we look to head into a new year and put 2020 behind us, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is planning events as usual, but has not announced any hard dates as there is still no clear time frame as to when the pandemic will be under control. To keep up with Chamber events, follow the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook page, or call the office at 263-7641.



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Highlighting Howard Co. Business

Serving up a hearty meal - Double L BBQ



Courtesy photos

Double L BBQ can be seen taking part in numerous activities around Big Spring and Howard County. Whether it be a community event or fundraiser, the Big Red trailer can be seen with Linda Burchett and her family serving up her treats and eats. For the past several years, Burchett and her family have been doing what they can to support families and community in hopes of adding to the growth of Big Spring and the community as a whole.

Catering services have been called upon by schools, churches, businesses, even birthday parties. Double L has served up small events to big events across Howard County. While loyal customers have helped sustain and grow the business, as many other small businesses across the nation, Double L BBQ was hit hard by the pandemic. The sudden onset of the pandemic and restrictions issued by the Governor's orders caused food vendors and businesses to reorganize their operations. Many area restaurants began to offer curbside service and delivery options to sustain and maintain a profit that would allow doors to stay open. Food trucks were no different, and Burchett and her family worked together to adjust in order to serve customers safely, which meant offering pick up and warm up options.

"Like everyone, the pandemic has hit our business hard. We have adapted and become creative in how we are offering our services," Burchett said.

With the holidays approaching, Double L has once again altered services to include some holiday treats and special services. In addition the custom meals and catering, those looking for a sweet treat or unique gifts can turn to Double L. For the holidays sweet treat candy boxes have been added. Those looking to serve up a brisket or ham for the family meal, but are in need of assistance to pull the meal together can also reach out to Double L BBQ for help with smoking the main course meats beginning on Dec. 16.

"This community has been great at supporting our small business thus far. It has been through the support we have received that we have been able to volunteer as much as we have been asked to," Burchett said.

In addition to the regular menu, adaptations can be made upon special request. There have been times when catering events required kosher

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By **AMANDA DUFORAT**

Managing Editor

Community built and community building is what Double L BBQ – a local catering food truck vendor – has been serving up to the community of Big Spring, Howard County and surrounding areas for the past few years.

Double L BBQ is a family owned, family operated business owned by Linda Burchett. She opened the business in April of 2011 as a way to not only do something she loves, but to do it with family. The food truck is not just a place to fill your belly, but an avenue that Burchett uses to fill the community needs.

"My family and I love to work together. My husband (Ponca), daughter Peaches and I make a great team. It helps that my grandkids even like to help here and there," Burchett said.

At some point, if you have attended a local event – fairs, trade shows, fundraisers, holiday happenings – you have come across Double L's big red trailer and possibly even tasted the different creations made by Burchett and her family.

While the menu changes from time to time, a few of the famous dishes served up by Double L are the Big Red pulled pork sandwiches, roasted corn, street tacos, loaded baked potatoes and stuffed avocados.

"Something that is dear to us is giving back. Being able to give back to our community is a big part of the driving force behind our business. Fundraisers that allow us to help support people and organizations are a big part of the events we take part in," Burchett said.

BBB Scam Alert: Consumers should prepare for scams ahead of the COVID-19 vaccine

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BBB

The United States has approved the first COVID-19 vaccine, which, for many, means a chance to reunite with loved ones and a sense of normalcy. For scammers, a vaccine means an opportunity to steal from hopeful consumers. After using the pandemic to sell fake testing kits and promote fraudulent vaccine trials, BBB anticipates scammers will use the vaccine rollout to lure individuals into phishing scams or paying for fraudulent treatments.

Consumers may notice an increase in suspicious texts or emails claiming to have information about the vaccine in exchange for some personal information. Some may come across advertisements on social media or find letters in the mail informing them where they can purchase the vaccine. Before you open messages or ads regarding the COVID-19 vaccine, review these tips from your Better Business Bureau:

Research carefully. Fact check any information you receive about the vaccine using official sources such as the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) or the Food & Drug Administration (FDA). The FDA is also regularly updating its website with any progress made on developing treatments.

Ask your doctor. If you are interested in receiving the vaccine early, discuss your options with your healthcare provider. If you do not have a primary care physician, you can find more information on your local health department's

website.

Avoid acting immediately. Scammers may urge you to act quickly by paying for treatment or sharing your information before you have time to think through the decision. Although you may want to be first in line to receive the vaccine, take your time to do thorough research before acting.

Check the URL. Websites run by scammers can be persuasive, so check the URL and look for suspicious typos. If the information appears to be coming from a government website, the web address will end with .gov. Also, be sure the URL begins in "https," which indicates a site is secure.

For more tips on avoiding scams, visit us at BBB.org. Check CDC.gov and FDA.gov for the latest updates on COVID-19 and vaccinations.

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brisket, or were simply requesting unique creations and Burchett and her family were able to meet those orders.

"We have learned over the years to adjust to the needs of our customers. When we started we had a smoker and pop up, and that's how we operated up until two years ago," she said. "While we may be a small business, we are a family and there isn't much we can't accomplish."

She continued, "Through this small business we are supporting two families. We love what we do and we love to give back as much as we can."

As the pandemic continues and businesses and

families across Big Spring, across Texas and across the nation continue to trudge through day by day, Burchett encourages the community to take the opportunity when given and support a small business.

"Supporting small businesses when you can means you are supporting local families and allowing them the opportunity to pay it forward and support another local business."

In addition to food truck services at local fairs, entertainment events and fundraisers, catering services as a large portion of the business drawn in. In addition to preparing meals, Double L BBQ also offers decorating, serving and clean up services for catering events. The adaptation to customer requests has been the foundation for growth for

Burchett's food truck and small business. While she can attest that it may not be easy to start up a small business, it is possible and worth it.

"The best advice I can give to anyone who is thinking about starting a business is to take the leap. Start small and gradually build when you can," she said. "The size of your business doesn't equal quality."

To find out more information or to request services from Double L BBQ, follow Double L on Facebook or send an e-mail to dominolinda@suddenlink.net or text 432-816-9381.

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Michael Ray Watson, 1503 Tucson Rd., Big Spring

Tamara Ruth Whitt, 1909 Morrison, 2526 Fairchild, Big Spring

Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd., Apt. #28, Big Spring

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Christopher S. Hanna, 36, and Felisha Maria Santiago, 33, both of Big Spring.

Christopher Dale Henry, 26, and Meranda Lyn Parks, 21 both of Coahoma.

Cory Adarrin Teel, 31, and Ashley Nicole Sigler, 26, both of Big Spring.

Albert Luis Hernandez, 26, and Marissa Marie-Rodriguez Islas, 26, both of Big Spring.

Tyler Jason Seal, 30, and Meagan Beth Fancher, 30, both of Big Spring.

Toby Raye Shubert, 24, Cory Jacob Hilario, 22, both of Big Spring.

County Court Rulings

(Note: The State of Texas is listed as the prosecutor in all County Court Rulings.)

Defendant: Christopher McKiernan

Offense: Criminal trespass

Sentence: \$250 fine, \$270 court costs, \$10 reimbursement fee; one time payment.

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: James Vernon Anderson

Grantee: Sandyvel Polanco Alvarez and Jose Guadalupe Hernandez-Rebia

Property: Being Lot 4, block 15, Boydston Addition, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof

of record in the plat records of Howard County, Texas.

Date: November 23,2020

Grantor: Kommula Rao and Lalitha Rao

Grantee: New Horizons Living Trust, dated November 23, 2019

Property: Our homestead commonly known as 21 Village Road, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 79720, (the property) more particularly described as follows: Tract 1: Being all of Lot No. 21, block No. 3, section 1, Village at the Spring, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, according to the proper map or plat of records in Volume 113-B, plat records of Howard County, Texas; Tract 2: Being a 0.007 of an acre of land, more or less, out of Lot 22, Block 3, Section 1, Village at the Spring to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas as recorded in Envelope No. 113-B, in the Howard County Plat Records described by metes and bounds.

Date: December 2,2020

Grantor: New Horizons Living Trust

Grantee: Fairview Lotus Enterprises, LLC – Series 3, a Texas Series Limited Liability Company

Property: Our property commonly known as 25 Village Road Unit -G Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 79720 (the property) more particularly described as: Being Lot G, Section 2, Village at the Spring, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the map or plat of record in envelope 113/B Plat Records of Howard County, Texas and together with an undivided 1/17" interest in all of the common area designated on the plat of Village at The Spring, Section 2, and addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas.

Date: December 2,2020

Grantor: Patricia A. Haney

Grantee: Patricia A. Haney, as trustee of the TU Swanz trust, dated October 16, 1996

Property: A 212.58 acre tract of land out of the W/2 of Section

46, block 32, T-3-N, T&P Ry. Co Survey, Howard County Texas and being more particularly described by metes and bounds.

Date: November 19,2020

Grantor: Big Spring Monticello Homes, LLC

Grantee: Santa Rita Builders LLC

Property: Lot 13 and 14, block 11, Monticello Addition, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the proper map or plat of said addition of record in plat records of said Howard County, Texas; Tract 2: Lot 21, block 14, Monticello Addition, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the map or plat of record in the office of the County Clerk of Howard County, Texas; Tract 3: Lot 7, block 15, Monticello Addition, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the map or plat of record in the office of the County Clerk of Howard County, Texas; Tract 4: Lot 2, block 17, Monticello Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; Tract 5: Lot 3, block 19, Monticello Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; Tract 6: Lot 2, block 19, Monticello Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas.

Date: December 3,2020

Grantor: Silver Leaf Communities, LLC

Grantee: Kyle Ware

Property: Being all of Lot No. 10, in block No. 31, College Park Estates No. 7, Phase

1, an addition to the City of Big Spring Howard County, Texas according to the proper map or plat of record in Envelope 207/B, Plat Records of Howard County, Texas.

Date: December 8,2020

Grantor: Mary Lou Hall

Grantee: Thomas E.Black Jr. 17744 Preston Road Suite 200, Dallas, Texas 75752

Property: Being all of lot No. 2, in block No. 5, Kentwood Unit No. 1, an addition to the City of Big Spring Howard County, Texas according to the proper map or plat of records in envelope 63/A Plat Records of Howard County, Texas.

Date: December 11,2020

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Grantor: Michael L. Seal

Grantee: LaTicia Rainer

Property: The West Half (W/2) of the following land described tract of land to wit: a 1.0 acre tract of land of the SE/4 of Section No. 14, block 33, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds.

Date: November 23,2020

Grantor: Jeffrey Marvin Frame and Jeanetta Lee Frame

Grantee: Ashley Miramontes

Property: Lot 6, block 1, Western Hills, a subdivision of a portion of the E/2 of Tract 9, Kennebeck Heights subdivision of part of Section 12, block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas to the City

of Big Spring Howard County, Texas, according to the map or plat of record in Envelope 105/B, Plat Records of Howard County, Texas.

Date: December 10,2020

Grantor: Jason Gonzales

Grantee: Analicia Cervantes

Property: Being Lot 2 in block 13, plat of lots 8 through 15 of Block 6 and block 9 and 13, College Park Estates, a subdivision of the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof of record in Plat 24/A, Plat Records of Howard County, Texas

Date: December 11,2020

Grantor: Laddie Doyle Lawson and Brenda E. Lawson

Grantee: Gussie Lee McBee

Property: Being all of Lot No. 4, in Block No. 4, Seton Place an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the proper map or plat of record in Envelope 94/A Plat Records of Howard County, Texas.

Date: December 11,2020

Grantor: Silver Leaf Communities, LLC

Grantee: Mario Herneandez

Property: Being all of Lot No. 15, in Block No. 31, College Park Estates No. 7, Phase 1, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the proper map or plat of record in Envelope 207/B plat records of Howard County, Texas.

Date: December 10,2020

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To Apply: The District is an equal opportunity employer. The salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications, and compensation includes a benefit package. Candidates should submit a resume and a one-page cover letter describing how they are best qualified for this position. Resumes and cover letters can be submitted via direct mail to the Permian Basin UWCD, PO Box 1314, Stanton, TX 79782, in person at the PBUWCD office at 708 W St. Peter Street, Stanton, TX, or email to permianbasin@pbuwcd.com. Deadline for submission is 11:00 a.m. December 31, 2020.

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

C/O Edward Lee Ware, Jr.
8608 Fredrick Drive
Portage, MI 49002

DATED December 22, 2020

/s/ C.E. Mike Thomas III
C.E. MIKE THOMAS III
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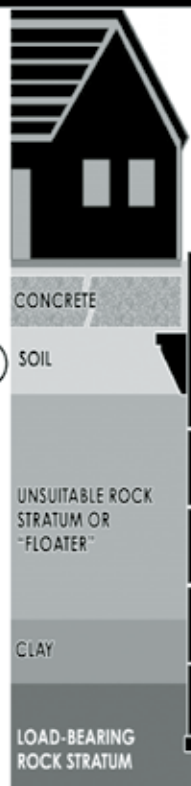
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In accordance with the Development Corporation Act, Section 505.160 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Board of Directors of the Coahoma Economic Development Corporation (CDC), a Type B economic development corporation, is providing this published notice of its intent to undertake the following project:

To fund improvements to the City owned building that is located at 102 S. 1 st, Coahoma, Texas 79511 ("the Project Property") to make it

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suitable for use as a medical facility and to facilitate leasing or subleasing the building to a suitable medical provider which will fulfill a vital need of the community that will promote new or expanded business opportunities within the City. The CDC intends to fund repairs and improvements to the Project Property which is anticipated to be \$170,000. This will be partially offset by the City providing funding of \$50,000 and sharing of future rental payments for approximately \$35,000.00 The total cost of incentives that will be offered on this Project is \$120,000.00.

The CDC will hold a **Public Hearing on January 12, 2021** at the Coahoma City Hall, 122 N. 1st Street, during the meeting that begins at 7:00 p.m. to allow for public comment on this project and the proposed expenditure of Type B Sales Tax funds. After consideration and voting by the CDC, the project will go to City Council for their approval of the expenditure of funds.

The CDC encourages citizens to participate in the public comment and public hearing stages of all CDC projects. Citizens unable to attend meetings may submit their views in writing to Tammy Griffith, City Secretary, for the City of Coahoma by mailing them to P.O. Box 420, Coahoma, TX, 79511. For additional information, contact the City Secretary's office at (432) 394-4287.

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Advertisement for Bids GRADED CALICHE BASE

Bid Requirements

Sealed Bids for **graded caliche base material** will be received by the **Glasscock County Judge**, delivered to the Glasscock County Judge at the Glasscock County Courthouse, 117 E. Currie Street, Garden City, Texas, until **9:00 am., January 11, 2021**, at which time the bids will be publicly opened, read aloud and tabulated. These bids will subsequently be considered for award by the Commissioners Court of Glasscock County. The Commissioners Court may, at its discretion, award to more than one bidder.

Each bid should include: **1) the unit price per cubic yard (or per ton) bid for the specified graded base material and 2) the location in**

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Glasscock County of the pit or stockpiled material; and shall be signed by the Bidder. Each bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to the **Glasscock County Judge.** The envelope should have the name of the Bidder and **"January 2021 Graded Base Bid"** typed or written on the outside of the envelope. If submitted by mail or delivery service, the sealed envelope containing the bid must be enclosed in another envelope addressed to the Glasscock County Judge, P.O. Box 67, 117 E. Currie Street, Garden City, Texas 79739. Any bid received after the time and date specified will not be considered.

Glasscock County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any technicalities, informalities or minor defects, or to accept the proposal or proposals they deem to be in the best interest of Glasscock County, including awarding to more than one bidder.

Material Specifications

Successful Bidder(s) shall furnish uncontaminated material of uniform quality that meets the following specifications from the 2014 Edition of the *Texas Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Construction and Maintenance of Highways, Streets, and Bridges:*

Graded Base shall be **Grade 1, Type A** material, in accordance with the requirements for 1) gradation, 2) liquid limit and 3) plasticity index, as set forth in **Table 1 - Material Requirements under Item 247 - Flexible Base.** Additives such as lime, cement, fly ash, or other materials shall not be used to modify aggregates in order to meet these requirements, or

Modified Grade 1 (maximum size material <1 1/2"), Type A material, in accordance with the requirements for 1) gradation, 2) liquid limit and 3) plasticity index, as set forth in **Table 1 - Material Requirements under Item 247 - Flexible Base.** Additives such as lime, cement, fly ash, or other materials shall not be used to modify aggregates in order to meet these requirements.

Before any material is purchased by the County, the successful bidder(s) must submit to the County Judge a report from an acceptable testing laboratory certifying that the material to be purchased meets or exceeds these material specifications.

Address questions concerning these specifications or bid procedures to Don W. Bonifay, Engineer for Glasscock County, at donbonifay@gmail.com, or (432) 230-6815.

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the cubic yard or by the ton. Conversion factor between cubic yards and tons will be assumed to be 1.25 tons/cubic yard unless bidder submits proof of a different conversion factor which must be confirmed by the County's Engineer. **When invoicing, daily individual tickets showing quantities supplied shall be submitted with the invoice to Glasscock County.**

Material shall be located at the successful Bidder's location, which must be in Glasscock County. This location shall be stated in the bid document. There is no minimum or guaranteed quantity of material stated or implied with the award of this bid.

Bids will include these options:

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2. Material loaded by the County into trucks provided by the County.

The term of this bid shall be six months from the date of award.

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Bids submitted shall be a unit price amount (in U.S. Dollars), which shall constitute the total cost for each cubic yard or ton requested and received by Glasscock County. Payment shall be monthly. Invoices submitted to the Glasscock County Treasurer at least seven days prior to the Glasscock County Commissioners Court's regularly scheduled meeting, will be paid within two days after that Court meeting. **Invoices shall include daily individual tickets showing quantities loaded each day.**

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CITY OF BIG SPRING NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, the City of Big Spring will receive sealed proposals on the following date/time for the purchase of the items/services listed below:

Date/Time: Monday, January 4, 2021 at 2:00 p.m., for the following:

1. RFP # 21-016 Lease/ Purchase Financing Services

Sealed proposals must be received labeled clearly with Lease Purchase RFP # 21-016, no later than 2:00 p.m., Monday, January 4, 2021. Proposals submitted electronically may be sent to sealedbids@mybigspring.com no later than 2:00 p.m., Monday, January 4, 2021 and must have the proposal number and proposal title in the subject box. Proposal openings will be at the City of Big Spring Council Chambers, 307 E. 4th St., Big Spring, Texas 79720 at 2 p.m. with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring

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City Council.

The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any or all formalities.

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The Big Spring Independent School District shall receive proposals for the following services through the Universal Service Fund (E-Rate) until January 6, 2021.

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Specifications and documents may be secured from the school district's Technology Director, Jamie Scott, located at 3600 East 11th Place Ext., Big Spring, Texas 79720, phone number (432)264-4155. The goods and services requested must qualify for E-Rate funding under the guidelines of the School and Libraries Division (SLD). Vendors submitting responses for the goods and services that qualify for E-Rate funding must be in full compliance with SLD requirements and follow all the policies and procedures set forth by the SLD for a service provider. The eligibility and purchases requested above are contingent upon funding from the E-rate program. The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of MARSHALL V. DAY, Deceased, were issued on October 16, 2020, in Cause No. P-15044, pending in the County Court of HOWARD County, Texas, to: Marsha L. Bishop.

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

c/o: **Hyde Law Firm**
827 West Pearl St.
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DATED the 16th day of December, 2020.

/s/ **Jeremy SoRelle**
Jeremy SoRelle
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By Steve Becker

Maximum security

East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ J 9 8 3
♥ K 6 2
♦ K J 5
♣ A Q 4
WEST
♠ A K 4
♥ 8 5 3
♦ 10 6 4 2
♣ J 8 7
EAST
♠ Q 10 7 6
♥ 7
♦ Q 9 8 3
♣ K 10 5 2
SOUTH
♠ 5 2
♥ A Q J 10 9 4
♦ A 7
♣ 9 6 3

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1♥ Pass 2NT
Pass 3♥ Pass 4♥

Opening lead — king of spades.
Card-reading — the ability to figure out how the opponents' cards are divided based on bids and plays they have or haven't made — is a crucial element in the play of many hands.
Consider this deal where West leads the king of spades, on which East plays the seven. West continues with the ace and another spade, East playing the six on the ace and the ten on dummy's nine.
South ruffs the third spade and does not have to think very hard to

conclude that East has the missing queen of spades. It is inconceivable that East would play the 7-6-10 of spades, in that order, unless he also had the queen.
South's prospects there are extremely good at this point, provided he does not now fall into the trap of drawing trumps, cashing the ace of diamonds and then finessing the jack.
In the actual case, the jack of diamonds would lose to East's queen, and when declarer later attempted a club finesse, he would lose that also and finish down one. True, it would be unlucky for South to have both finesses fail — the odds are 3-to-1 that one or both will succeed — but that's the way the cookie sometimes crumbles.
However, if South takes advantage of his knowledge that East has the queen of spades, he can assure the contract in a perfectly simple way. After ruffing the third round of spades, he draws three rounds of trump ending in dummy, leads the jack of spades and discards a club on it.
East takes the jack with the queen but is helpless. He must either return a club into dummy's A-Q-x or a diamond into dummy's K-J-x, and regardless of which he chooses, South acquires his 10th trick.

SUDOKU

1	8	3					
	2		9		7		8
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			7	4			5

Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

4	8	1	4	3	7	6	9	2
3	8	7	1	5	2	9	4	6
4	1	5	6	8	9	8	9	3
8	3	5	7	1	6	1	6	9
5	2	1	4	9	6	2	8	5
9	5	4	4	2	6	2	8	8
7	4	6	8	2	5	3	1	9
5	2	3	9	1	7	4	6	8
1	9	8	3	4	6	5	2	7

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Luminescent Luminaries

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You want to save energy; it's only smart. Instead of rushing to acquire new skills, repurpose the old ones. You know more than you think, and it's extremely applicable to today's situation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're adventurous, and you'll have an easy time finding people to join your expedition, though it's still in the realm of theory and fantasy. Gather input and the enthusiasm that can lift you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). No matter what mood you start off with, it will be improved when you decide to be grateful and vocalize it. Your relationship to your environment changes, followed by an immediate shift in your experience of it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've excellent visioning powers. Project yourself into the future and take notes. Forethought will

save you from doing unnecessary work and shelling out money needlessly, too.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're still processing what happened long ago. As a wave of memory crashes in, leaving some flotsam and jetsam of the past on your shoreline, you'll realize your feelings about yesterday go deeper than you thought.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Whether on a familial, friendly, professional or creative platform, your ideas will make it into the main action for the whole group. Remember how this all goes down because you'll want to duplicate it later.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The sort of things you've got going on today might seem epic to you, and yet, if the 12-year-old you knew that this was going down, a celebration dance would be happening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're busy.

You've a full life. You feel that you have much better things to do than watch someone who has what you want. And yet, that particular scenario is about as irresistible as it gets.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Even your best bet still requires an outlay. No risk, no profit. There are many choices on the table. It's only worth doing if you'd be happy to risk and lose for it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Contrary to the saying, "slow and steady" doesn't win every race -- not even most races. The key is in recognizing what kind of race you're in and then

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS applying practical intelligence to your strategy. You rock it today!



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's an opportunity to work with someone new and a high chance for zesty compatibility in this regard. You'll also be able to parlay this success into more of the same, building up a body of work.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you could wave a magic wand over the situation, what would you turn it into? Actually, you don't even need a wand because, in a very real way, your intention and follow-through are magical enough.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 27). Your attention, like fuel to the car, makes things go. Your amazing power of focus is the cosmic gift that makes all things possible in the new season. Because you've greater control over your mind, supportive people around you and an environment that helps you stay on track, you'll get that shining goal. Aquarius and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 4, 44, 38 and 16.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Today's trine of the Capricorn sun and Uranus and a lunar tug with Venus suggests that we know what this next year is going to be about before we ever dip a toe in, and we get early signals about the opportunities worth jumping on. Tuesday's full moon in Cancer is a bookend to the first full moon of the year back in January. The moon is a mother in Cancer, and in the case of 2020, she saw us in and waves out of one

of the strangest years we've had in recent history.

The year goes out with a lunar switch to Leo, which is a festive and theatrical complement to the hopeful holiday. This bodes well for the entertainment of dropping the ball to the tune of the age-old countdown. Without the revelry of a physical crowd more will have to be accomplished through creativity, showmanship and the magic of media. These are the specialties of the Leo moon, a lunar drama queen ruling the royal parade with a confetti-shooting scepter and crown that doubles as a light show.

A vigorous Virgo moon takes hold in the first weekend of 2021. After a brief distraction, compliments of Uranus, she roles her sleeves up and announces, "Let's get to work."

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Newsday Crossword SATURDAY STUMPER by Doug Peterson

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Kind of committee
 - 10 Strains
 - 15 *Rabbit Seasoning* character
 - 16 Above a flood, say
 - 17 Unwanted overhang
 - 18 Whom a leader trails
 - 19 Lifetime Achievement Grammy recipient of '99
 - 20 *The Clue in the Crossword* CIPHER solver
 - 22 Sizable
 - 24 Q&A airer
 - 25 Plane wing part
 - 27 Word of dismay
 - 29 Brigham City native
 - 33 Less than one
 - 34 Chain attachment
 - 36 Bait
 - 37 Means of attainment
 - 39 Stop flowing, perhaps
 - 41 Reduces to bits
 - 42 Hepburn's ex-husband in *Breakfast at Tiffany's*
 - 44 Medical specialty
 - 45 Sitting Bull, e.g.
 - 47 It means "native"
 - 48 Angle
 - 49 Pickup provider
 - 51 Bring (out)
 - 53 They're panned in Hollywood
 - 57 "Dam it, dude!"

- 60 Way
 - 61 Tulane team
 - 63 Elevated place
 - 64 Some of them are overlaid
 - 65 Takes (off)
 - 66 Erstwhile airline
- DOWN**
- 1 ___ paper
 - 2 Product once pitched by Garfield
 - 3 Flip one
 - 4 Green *Before You Leap* autobiographer
 - 5 Sprung
 - 6 "___ I had heard of Lucy Gray . . .": Wordsworth
 - 7 Total
 - 8 Audiophile's purchase
 - 9 They're perfect
 - 10 20th-century revolutionary
 - 11 It weighs less than one ounce
 - 12 *Tulipán, por ejemplo*
 - 13 Sticking point
 - 14 Mull (over)
 - 21 Smartphone component
 - 23 Where Bob Woodward went
 - 25 Lock problem
 - 26 Mother of Tiberius
 - 28 Inspect
 - 30 Be set
 - 31 Bowl
 - 32 "Crud!"
 - 34 Clientele
 - 35 Piazza del Duomo home
 - 38 Of a recent delivery
 - 40 Element of change
 - 43 Ultra-odd
 - 46 Drink product-name suffix
 - 48 Chow line?
 - 50 Periodical
 - 52 Russian alternative
 - 53 Catcher
 - 54 Muskrat cousin
 - 55 Sharp
 - 56 Futurologist
 - 58 Flying class
 - 59 Stack, in a way
 - 62 Make a fast break

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Annie's Mailbox

Just a Call Away

Dear Annie: I read your column every day. Of course, lately, the issues revolve around COVID-19 and the problem of being unable to gather for significant events, especially holidays. People seem to be going the extra mile to find alternative ways to "gather."

I would appreciate it if you could remind your readers that there are those who are alone on all the holidays, not just during this pandemic. I've been alone for many years on these holidays and have learned to make the best of it, stay busy and positive. I find ways to perhaps make others less lonely, which has helped me in return.

However, there is always a bit of underlying sadness. I know I would love it if someone would reach out to me with a phone call to say happy holidays or that they were thinking of me. I do have distant family and friends, but everyone gets busy and doesn't seem to understand how important that 10-minute conversation would be to anyone who is alone.

For that matter, it doesn't even need to be a holiday or birthday call. Please take 10

minutes of your time and make someone's day brighter. Whenever someone takes the time to say they are thinking of me, I smile all day. -- Appreciating Kindness

Dear Appreciating Kindness: Your letter touched my heart, and I can just picture you smiling all day because someone took the time to call you. The holiday season is a wonderful reminder of how we can all help each other, especially people we know who are alone. That really is the spirit of Christmas.

Dear Annie: My husband and I have adult children, ages 20 and 29, both of whom are girls. He refuses to make them grow up.

The older one asks him to make calls to places such as the airport to check on parking or to arrange appointments. He goes to her house to help her make plane reservations and has always done her taxes.

The younger one is living at home, and he calls her "the baby" all the time. He follows behind her, picking up after her, checking her school assignments, grades and school email, telling her what is due. I tell him we need to teach them to

be independent, but he says he wants to help them as much as possible before he dies. He is 68. How do I deal with this? -- Fed up with the Babying

Dear Fed Up: Sadly, your husband is not doing his children any favors by continuing to make them dependent on him. The goal of parents should be to give their children good roots when they are young. Teaching them how to care for themselves and be polite and responsible members of society, with wings to fly away from the nest and create their own lives separate from their parents.

Give a man a fish and he has one meal; teach him how to fish and he can feed himself for life. That is what your husband needs to do, and you know it. Sit him down and share the impact of his babying. Ask him about his concerns about trying to help them before he dies. If he still does not get it or if there are some deep-rooted fears present, then it might be time to go to family counseling.

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

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Answer to previous puzzle

N	A	G	S	M	I	M	E	M	A	L	T	A
A	V	O	W	I	S	I	S	I	D	E	A	L
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I SHOULD PROBABLY GET A RIDE HOME.

BUZZED DRIVING IS DRUNK DRIVING

