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Update:

Howard County Fair has been cancelled for 2020

SMMC Back to School Splash is set for Aug. 6 4:30 - 7 p.m.

Fill the Truck Blankenship Field 9:30 a.m. Saturday Donations for school supplies to support the teachers at BSISD.

Wash your hands, wear a mask, social distance when possible.

Share your community photos with us. Let us know what events you have coming up. E-mail editor@bigspringherald.com

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Chaplains needed to serve Howard County and Big Spring

Emergency Services Chaplain Corp. is looking for more volunteers to support the citizens in time of need

By AMANDA DUFORAT
Managing Editor

Do you have a servant's heart? Have you been wanting a way to serve your community in their time of need? The Howard County Emergency Services Chaplain Corps is searching for volunteers.

"You need to have a call from God," Senior Chaplain Joel Miller said. "That is the first thing I ask those who walk in wanting to become a Chaplain. You have to have a call from God to be able to do this."

According to Miller, there are currently five on-call Chaplains and the ideal number would be to have at least seven, if not more. Each Chaplain is required to take 24-hour call and currently Chaplains are having to double up on time to ensure proper coverage.

"There are people hurting who need help and we are trained to do that," Miller said.

Chaplains offer an available support service 24-hours a day, seven days a week and 365 days a year. According to Miller, Chaplains work closely with the local hospitals, law enforcement and emergency responders, as well as public officials in the city and county. The on-call Chaplain will offer support on accident scenes, if needed, in traumatic cases through local healthcare facilities, or even outreach regarding depression and other cases.

"Our job is to take care of people who need help, whether it's from stress, depression or a traumatic experience," Miller said. "About 75% of the assistance we offer has to deal with depression, financial support such as finding a place to stay for the night, transportation, food, and other necessities. However, there are those rare occassions were we have to deal with delivering bad news or helping someone get through hearing that bad news."

The Emergency Services Chaplain Corp has

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HERALD file photo
Joel Miller
Sr. Chaplain

PBOEM and The Bridge partner to support Big Spring Youth

Courtesy photos

The Bridge and Permian Basin Oilfield & Energy Ministry joined together to help the community youth get ready to head back to school. Free haircuts, eye screenings, and physicals were a few of the things families were able to check off their list at the event.

By IRIS RANGEL
Herald Staff Writer

The Bridge partnered with PBOEM's (Permian Basin Oilfield & Energy Ministry) Physicals and Blood Drive event was a success as appointments were booked to capacity serving a grand total of 43 families.

"This was the chance to bring the community together for one purpose. We experienced unity and working together. People that came in were able to get a haircut, eye screen, physical for school, interact with others, get bibles, even prayer," Josh Cisneros, the pastor for The Bridge, said.

Other attendees included the Boy Scouts and the Centennial Lions Club who were able to perform 39 eye screens to event-goers. The overall event provided families with 26 physicals, 39 eye exams, and 30 haircuts. Approximately 200-300 people were involved that day and had the chance to serve while being served with an added blood drive to the event.

The event also generated substantial interest in their food distribution events and food pantry that is held from 10-12 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays at the First Church of the Nazarene Office. Visitors of the event were able to find relief

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COVID-19 updates to be released once a week on Fridays

BIG SPRING TEXAS

Special to the Herald

On July 29, 2020, City of Big Spring and Howard County officials participated in a conference call with the Texas Department of Health Services (DSHS) to discuss the process by which COVID-19 statistics are reported to local officials. DSHS representatives advised local officials that DSHS is in the process of changing the way numbers are counted and the way that information is reported to local officials.

The updated process is due to various constraints DSHS currently faces including limited personnel and resources at the State level.

Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman and Mayor Shannon Thomason were notified that, effective immediately, DSHS will only provide COVID-19 statistics to local officials on a WEEKLY basis.

This will change the way Howard County Emergency Management reports information to the citizens of Howard County and Big Spring.

Beginning this week, local officials will report COVID-19 statistics once a week, on Friday.

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Obituaries

Ryan Leon Kennedy

Ryan Leon Kennedy, age 31, of Canyon, Texas, left this mortal world and began his next big adventure on Dec. 15, 2019.

He was born in Big Spring, Texas, on Nov. 29, 1988, to Tammy Kennedy and Russell Kennedy. He was a graduate of Coahoma High School. He went on to become a firefighter and an EMT for Big Spring Fire Department and Odessa Fire Department. But he truly found his calling as a paramedic and his niche with Apollo MedFlight.

When he wasn't "saving lives and slapping high fives", as he would say, you could usually find him out on an adventure or sitting in a boat with a pole in the water. He once said: "Add to the life experience. Do something unexpected and what others would define as crazy, so you can tell your grandkids you did more than pop out their parents and work a crappy job for 20 years."

He lived his life in a way that most of us wish we had; to the fullest and without fear. He loved to make people laugh until their sides hurt and made it his job to be someone that those he loved could always count on. His greatest wish in life was to be the kind of man his Papaw was, the strength of his loved ones, without ever realizing that he already was. Ryan was truly one of a kind and he will be missed beyond measure.

He leaves behind his loving partner, Bailey Twilleger; man's best friend, Rocco; his mother, Tammy McIntosh (Bill McIntosh); his father, Russell Kennedy; his sisters, Leslie Meisner (Johnny Meisner) and Rachel Kennedy; his niece Charlie Kennedy; his Mimi, Donna Kennedy, and innumerable loved ones and friends.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Brandon Lee Renfrow; his Grandpa and Granny, Rannel Conway and Kay Pavlovsky; and his beloved Papaw, Leon Kennedy.

His memorial service will be at First Baptist Church in Big Spring, Saturday, August 1, 2020, at 11:00 AM. The family suggests that memorials be made to the Firefighters and EMS Foundation.

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

Paid Obituary

Dois Orvell Ray

Dois Orvell Ray, 79, went home to be with the Lord on July 29, 2020. Graveside services will be held on Saturday, August 1, 2020, at 10 a.m. at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

He was born on Nov. 1, 1940, in Big Spring to Dois M. and Mary W. Ray. Dois was the oldest of five brothers and sisters and grew up in a close-knit farm family. Dois was a graduate of Knott High School and attended Howard College. He served his country in the US Army overseas in Europe. He was proud of his time serving his country. Dois spent his life farming in Howard county, mostly in the Knott and Luther communities. He also was a small business owner for 25 years with Dois Ray Insurance Agency. Dois was a lifelong Baptist and was a member of First Baptist Church, Big Spring.

Dois was blessed with a happy marriage. He married his high school sweetheart and soul mate, LynNell Mason on January 26, 1963 and they spent 57 wonderful years together. Dois and LynNell dated in high school, broke up and then later, as Dois tells it, "One night she jumped in the car and wouldn't get out until I asked her to marry me." He was sure glad he did! Dois was a family man first and foremost. He was a loving husband, father and Papa, and he was always ready to do something fun with his grandkids.

Dois never met a stranger and loved to talk, visit, share stories and spend time with friends and family. You could always count on having a good time with Dois Orvell. He had many hobbies and interests. He had a lifetime love of horses and loved anything he could do outdoors such as hunting and fishing. He enjoyed many memorable trips to Lake Buchannan and Lake LBJ with friends and family.

Dois had a lifelong dream of owning a ranch in the Hill Country. He was finally able to make this dream a reality in the last few years of his life. Dois spent his last few months living on his ranch in Lometa, Texas.

Survivors include his wife LynNell Ray of Lometa; daughter, Andrea Ray Haas and husband Hud of Fort Worth; grandchildren, Luke and Nick Haas of Fort Worth; brothers, Dwayne Ray and wife Sara, of McKinney, and Paul Ray and wife Carolyn, or Carrollton, and one sister, Jeanette Snell and husband M.A. of Lampasas; one aunt, Velma Reid of Big Spring; one uncle Junior Ray and wife Johnnie of Big Spring, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Daron Leon Ray, and one sister, Dona Rogers.

Please make any donations to First Baptist Church, 705 FM 700, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 15829, Arlington, VA 22215.

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

Paid Obituary

Patsy Self

Patsy Self, 86, of Big Spring passed away on Wednesday, July 29, 2020. Funeral services will be held Friday, July 31, 2020, at 2 p.m. at Myers and Smith Chapel with Scott Kirkland, pastor of Trinity Baptist church officiating, with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Patsy was born on Aug. 28, 1933, to Ruth and Thomas Harris in Big Spring, Texas. She was a librarian for 28 years at Coahoma High School before retiring in 1992. She was a lifetime resident of Howard County. She was a very active member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Patsy was a SMMC volunteer for 22 years. She was a member of the Mary Jane Club and the Senior Circle at SMMC. She loved playing cards at Trinity Baptist Church, the Chamber of Commerce and anywhere else she could. She was also an avid bowler and played in national championships.

She was survived by two daughters: Debbie Hanson of Big Spring and Beckie Wash and her husband Robert of Forsan; five grandchildren: Scott Moore and his wife Beverly of Lovelady, D'Amberly Brown and her husband Greg of Forsan, Rusty Baker and his wife Jessica of Forsan, Chance Hanson of Big Spring, and Kassi McMillan and her husband Collin of Forsan; and twelve great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband: J.C. Self, February 5, 2003; one aunt and uncle who raised her: Dixie and R.D. "Dink" Cramer; and one sister: Jean Roberts.

Pallbearers will be Scott Moore, Rusty Baker, Greg Brown, Collin McMillan, and Scotty Moore.

The family wishes to extend a special thanks to all of the Hospice staff and Patsy's personal caregiver, Lorenza.

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

Paid Obituary

Theresa Dennis

Theresa Dennis, 76, of Stanton, died Thursday, July 30, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Police Report

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **WELFARE CONCERN** was reported in the 700 block of E. I-20.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 100 block of E. 2nd Street; in the area of Palm; 300 block of E. 6th Street.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the1100 block of N. Lamesa Hwy.
- **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported in the 1800 block of MIttel Avenue.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1700 block of E. FM 700.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the area of MM 181 Westbound.

Sheriff report

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 80 inmates at the time of this report.

- **AARON LEE MYRICK**, 60, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of Adams. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of W. 18th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of N. Fourth. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of N Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3400 block of 1-20. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of Lockhart. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of Moore Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Runnels. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

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

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

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium, speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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Weather

Today: Scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 8am. Mostly sunny, with a high near 94. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 8pm. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. Northeast wind around 5 mph becoming southeast after midnight.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 97. Calm wind becoming southeast around 5 mph.

Saturday Night: Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. Northeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm after midnight. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 8 a.m. Sunny, with a high near 98.

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

Secretary DeVos awards more than $180 Million to States Rethinking K-12 Education to Better Meet Students' needs during Coronavirus disruption

WASHINGTON – U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced today more than $180 million in new grant funding will be awarded to 11 states rethinking education to better serve students during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Rethink K-12 Education Models Grant will support states' efforts to create new, innovative ways for students to continue learning in ways that meet their needs. Awardees include Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, North Carolina, New York, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Texas. The awards range from $6 million to $20 million.

"Ensuring every student can continue to learn during the coronavirus pandemic requires innovation from local education leaders and a laser-like focus on doing what's right for students," said Secretary DeVos.

"This grant will help states adapt and overcome challenges to strengthen education both now and for the longer term. If we've learned anything from this pandemic, it's that the antiquated one-size-fits-all approach to education is no longer tenable and education going forward must be more adaptable and student-centered. I want to congratulate today's awardees for making the needed effort to rethink education on behalf of their students."

Congress set aside 1% of the $30.75 billion allotted to the Education Stabilization Fund through the CARES Act for grants to states with the highest coronavirus burden. The Department of Education announced the Rethink K-12 Education Models (REM) grant competition in April 2020, inviting any state educational agency to apply. The program supports new, innovative ways to access education with an emphasis on meeting students' needs during the coronavirus national emergency.

Specifically, it called for projects to provide families with:

Microgrants, so that states can ensure families have access to the technology and services to advance learning remotely (absolute priority 1);

Statewide virtual learning and course access programs, so that students can access a full range of subjects, even those not taught in their assigned setting (absolute priority 2); or

New, field-initiated models for providing remote education to ensure that every child is learning and preparing for successful careers and lives (absolute priority 3).

Key highlights from some of the awardees include:

Texas will invest in developing new statewide virtual courses as part of its Texas Home Learning program, including the creation of new open resources for English Learners in reading and math, with a goal of reaching over one million English Learner students and providing professional development to more than 300,000 teachers.

Take Note

• 2020 Virtual Grain Sorghum Program is set for July 22 at 7 a.m. This is a Zoom based meeting and producers in the Howard County area are welcome to sign up for the program. To sign up for the program, contact your local County Extension Office at 432-264-2236.

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

• The Big Spring YMCA is now offering an opportunity for the youth to get out and enjoy a little outdoor activity, in the evening hours. Starting Tuesday night, the Big Spring YMCA will be opening the water slides in the evening. The schedule will be as follows: Tuesday through Thursday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday from Noon until 2 p.m. and Sunday from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

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

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

• Maranatha Baptist Academy located at 903 Johnson Street, in Big Spring, Texas, is currently open and taking applications for enrollment for 20-21 School year. We are a faith-based Christian Academy and use the individualized Accelerated Christian Education Curriculum for Kindergarten through 12th grade, out of Hendersonville, Tennessee. July 20, is our startup date and applications will be accepted year-round.

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George Karibian, 72, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Glen Allen Daniels, 61, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Cody Lefever, 36, died Monday. Graveside service will be at 10:00 AM Friday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Patsy Self, 86, died Wednesday. Funeral service will be at 2:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Theresa Dennis, 76, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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been serving Howard County since 2004. In order to be a Chaplain, there is a required 32 hours of training. The training can be completed at your own pace, according to Miller. Those with a religious background are highly encouraged to apply.

To find out more information or to start the process to become a Chaplain, contact Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

Also, to find out what others way are available to support the Chaplain Corp. contact Miller or donate to the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County and designate funds to the Emergency Services Chaplain Corp.

Amanda Duforat is the Managing Editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, e-mail editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

PBOEM

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and destress with an environment where only sharing and serving took place.

Cisneros hopes the Big Spring community can come together during these divided times. "I would say events like this are made to happen every week, but every single person can make a difference everyday. We can choose to foster peace, we can choose to care for others. It makes a difference and it starts with you," he said.

Both The Bridge and PBOEM are grateful to be a part of an event that creates such a positive footprint in our community for Christ. With the event being a complete success according to Cisneros, The Bridge is hoping to continue their service to Big Spring by hosting the same event next year.

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The readings for this Sunday are Isaiah 55:1-5, Romans 9:1-5 (6-13) and Matthew 14:13-21. The psalm is Psalm 136:1-9 (23-26).

Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study has restarted. A meal is served at 5:30 and our bible study begins at 6:30. We are studying Lutheranism 101. Please come and join us.

Bo Vizcaino will present the scripture readings this week.

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

Crestview Baptist Church

At Crestview Baptist church, we believe the most fulfilling pursuit for a body of believers is not entertainment, gimmicks, or programs. The most fulfilling pursuit for a follower of Christ is to know Christ and His Word, so that we may live for Him. If you believe that, please come and worship the King with us! Sunday School starts at 10 a.m., Worship begins at 11 a.m., and our Sunday and Wednesday night meetings are at 6:30 p.m. We are studying the book of Matthew in Sunday School and on Sunday and Wednesday nights we are studying the book of Acts. Come and be with us at 2305 Gatesville Rd., in Big Spring.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

We at Cornerstone Covenant Church would love the opportunity to Connect with YOU! Please join us this week at one of the following events:

Sunday, Aug. 2 – Welcome CCC family, friends and guests. Join us this Sunday at our 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. onsite worship service. Our 11 a.m. service will be onsite and online. Come on out and tune in as you can expect biblical teaching & preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit filled praise and worship. We would love the opportunity this Sunday to share what God has for you, and get to know you better.

Sunday, Aug. 2 – Join Chosen Generation Youth at their very own 11 a.m. Sunday Service in the Youth room! Come and experience worship, come and connect with friends and come find out what it means to be accepted, loved and CHOSEN!

Van transportation –We have an active Van Ministry that picks-up on Sundays for our 11 a.m. worship service. If you are needing a ride please contact the church office.

Cornerstone Covenant Church (CCC) is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church, which cultivates an atmosphere of faith so that lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ. Please join us every Sunday at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. for worship services.

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

NazFamily Church

This Sunday - Romans has been one of the clearest teaching of the Christian faith throughout history. Reflecting on the letter, Martin Luther the great reformer wrote: "This letter is the principle part of the New Testament and the purest gospel, which surely deserves the honor that a Christian should not merely know it by heart word for word, but that he should be occupied with it daily as the daily bread of his soul. For it can never be read too often or too well. And the more it is used the more delicious it becomes and the better it tastes." You won't want to miss this Sunday as we begin a new series walking through Romans together.

Recharge

Do you need a recharge during the week? Do you want to experience the power of prayer? Then join us at NazFamily on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. We have a prayer gathering for adults, along with activities for children and youth.

What is your part… A wise friend once told me, "In the kingdom of God there are no pedestals, only parts. And we all play a part." We believe that church is not a "spectator sport", but we all have gifts and abilities to offer as we participate in God's work of reconciliation. He [Christ] makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. (Ephesians 4:16 NLT) Let's use our gifts and abilities to serve Him – playing our part – so that the whole body will grow up in Christ and be filled with His love.

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

NazFamily Live - Our ministry staff gathers each Tuesday at 12 p.m. for a time of Word, worship, and prayer together. You can join us through FaceBook Live for all of our services. Stay connected!

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Episcopal Church welcomes all to participate in our services. We are located North of the High School on Goliad Street (1001 S. Goliad), and would love to have you visit. Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by brunch in the Parish Hall. On Wednesday's we have Bible study and coffee in the morning at 10:30 a.m. and evening we have Evening prayer, dinner, and book study starting at 5:30 p.m. What a great opportunity to have meaningful fellowship and develop relationships with people who have a common interest, following the steps of Christ. Please come and join us for a time of worship and fellowship in a place that welcomes all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Facebook – Live Streaming

Every Sunday at 10:30 a.m., St. Mary's will be Live Streaming their service on Facebook, website – www.facebook.com/StMarysBigSpring/. What a great way to listen OR participate in the service at the comforts of your home or wherever you may be at that time of day.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

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

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

First Baptist Church

"God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1

Become part of the family of First Baptist Church Sunday morning at 10:50, and join in praising and lifting high The Name Above All Names: Jesus Christ. Pastor Mark LIndsey and FBC staff have prayerfully put in place numerous safety measures in consideration of the health of everyone. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a blend of contemporary praise and worship music and classic hymns of the faith. Nursery care for children three and under will be available. The worship service will also be live-streamed through the church website, YouTube, and Facebook-live; go to fbcbigspring.org or First Baptist Church Big Spring on Facebook. Wednesday evening Bible teachings led by Pastor Mark Lindsey are also available. Call 432 267-8223 for additional information. Pastor Mark also welcomes you to contact him at: 432-254-0176 if you would like to talk about what it means to accept Jesus as your personal Savior and Lord.

Sunday School groups will resume this Sunday August 2nd at 9:30. Children's classes will gather in first floor classrooms while youth and adults will meet in second floor classrooms.

Sunday evening activities will resume September 13.

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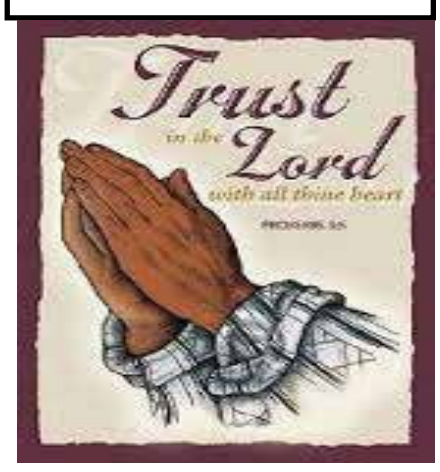

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(Joel 2:23)

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FBC is located at 705 W FM 700. There is always a place for you at First Baptist Church. "...May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,... guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7

College Baptist

Work days have been well attended. We have been in the destruction mode-and construction mode as well on our new Children's wing. The ceilings came down and the dust went up. The plyboard came off and the windows installed. And all of God's people praise the Lord for His help. Snack and water bottles abound. We are on track as never before, as we continue to serve on mission.

It is SO good to be back worshiping God as a body of believers. Men, Ladies, Youth, Children, are together again in Sunday School starting at 9:15 a.m. Worship services start at 10:45 a.m., but no extended session for nursery age child care through August. Wednesday evening Youth and adults meet for Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at 7 p.m. Children meet for King's Kids and Kraft time, with Girl's Missions on Sunday at 5 p.m.

Services for Sunday, August 2, 2020, are in the building at 11th and Birdwell. We have face masks and hand sanitizer available, and we are practicing social distancing. Families are sitting together. Visitors and friends—Come join us—it will be exciting to welcome new faces and old alike. Our services are lively and worshipful.

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

Watch and be informed concerning our ongoing ministries, and how we are reconstructing our attempts in ministering to the community, as we know "this too shall pass." We are still "on mission" seeking ways to serve in this time.

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

Life Church

We are excited to open our doors and welcome our Life Church friends to the campus this Sunday. In order to meet this Sunday we will continue to follow the guidelines that have been set and provided by the Texas State Attorney General: limited capacity, proper spacing between seats and rows, sanctuary will be cleaned and disinfected, if you or someone in your family have underlying health issues we are encouraging you to watch and participate in the service remotely. Masks are not required but are encouraged to be worn. Wash your hands and use hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizer will be available as you enter the sanctuary.

Service starts at 10:30 a.m.! You don't want to miss an amazing experience in Worship and the Word.

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

Champion Culture Youth will meet on Wednesdays from 7:00pm-8:30pm on the Life Church Campus. For more information about Champion Culture and their plans for the summer visit and follow the Champion Culture Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/ChampionCultureLifeChurch/

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

We have started a new outreach ministry that we are calling Neighbor to Neighbor Outreach. The main focus of this team is to serve our neighbors and build a relationship with those that live around the Life Church Campus. This team goes out on Saturday mornings from 9:45 a.m.-11:30a.m.

This Saturday, Aug. 1 at 8:30 a.m., our ONE Brotherhood Men will be meeting for a Men's Breakfast. This will be a time in the Word, Prayer and ministry. We will be meeting in the Life Kids Building.

Pastor Kevin will begin a new series on the book of Revelation on Sunday, Aug. 9. Plan to join us for a verse by verse study of the last book of the Bible. Study Journals for this series are available for $5 at the kiosk.

For more information about our events or groups please visit our website www.golifechurch.net

Spring Creek Fellowship

We are back to normal schedule. All Sunday morning classes and Worship with be held according to our normal schedule. Please continue to be cautious and be mindful that COVID-19 is still part of our world. We will follow all CDC recommendations to the best of our ability and ask that you do as well. We are so excited to see our church family in our church again!!.

Van drivers are needed and volunteers for the Food Pantry would be a great help. Contact the church office if you have a heart for these ministries.

Children's Church is a great place for your child to learn and play while you enjoy Worship! This ministry is for children ages K through 4th grade! Please bring your child for fun and learning!

Our normal Daily Bread Pantry will be open this Saturday June 6th from 9 – 11:00 a.m. This is not our normal weekend but if you or someone you know is in need of food come, by and see us at the mall on Saturday. We are located in the mall across the hall from the movie theater.

Volunteer Opportunities: Hospitality/Funeral Meal Team, Nursery, Children's Church, Van Ministry

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Weekly Happenings:

Sunday – 9:15-10:15a.m.-Sunday School/Connection Groups; 10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.- "Holy Grounds Café" is open with coffee, drinks and fellowship; 10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.-Worship Service; 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.-Children's Church.

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, please contact the church office or visit our website at springcreekfellowship.org

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700 in Big Spring, Texas. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

"Every Member a Minister"-1 Peter 4:10 NKJV

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. Our Sunday morning schedule includes the 9 a.m. Traditions service featuring the pipe organ, choir, trumpet and hymns. At 11 a.m., The Bridge service featuring contemporary music led by a wonderful praise team.

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

On Sunday July 26, Pastor Ricky, shared with us his message on "Appropriating the Spirit's Power". Paul is drawing a contrast and comparison between believers and unbelievers. Instead of being full of wine, we should be full of the Holy Spirit. Paul wants us to operate under the influence of the Holy Spirit and to release what is already ours! We would love to invite you to join us this coming Sunday as Pastor Ricky shares with us "An Attitude of Faith"

On Wednesday Aug. 5, at 6 p.m. "Celebrate Recovery" is being offered in the Youth Hall for anyone in the community seeking freedom and healing from hurts, habits, and hang-ups.

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

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study met in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. this week and had one participant from home on the Zoom meeting. Others are invited to join in on Zoom each week. The link to join in the Zoom group will be posted on the church website, Faith Notes, and in the Sunday worship bulletin. The lectionary for the next week is printed on the back page of the church bulletin each Sunday.

The Thursday Lunch Bunch, which had formerly met at various local restaurants, met on July 30 in Fellowship Hall as a Brown Bag lunch. Getting a to-go lunch from one of the local restaurants has been suggested to help local businesses during the current economic distress. .

The Children's Sunday School classes began meeting for a study of The Children's Bible, led by Destiny Hallford and assisted by Buddy Cochrane.

There will be room for distancing safely. Children of all ages are welcome in this class.

The Discovery Class adult Sunday School is meeting again, Participants will spread out in the theater room and wear masks. Vicki Miller is leading the class in a six-session DVD study entitled More to Your Story" by Max Lucado.

John Ferguson is not re-convening the Covenant Class at this time. Members of this class are welcome to join the Discovery Class in the theater room.

Lectionary passages used for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost are: Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-3, 6-7; Matthew 14:13-14. Rev. Cross has titled his sermon "The Cost of a Blessing" Rev. Allen Cross will lead the worship service and officiate at Communion.

Organist/music director Gabe Martinez leads the congregation in singing the hymns, as well as accompanying on the organ and piano and presenting the Introit.

Anyone who is not attending worship physically may hear the service on KBST 1490 AM at 11 a.m. as usual or online at www.fpcbigspring.com by selecting the SERMONS tab and the correct date. A copy of the liturgy for the service may be downloaded from the website or by receiving a copy by calling the church office

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

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Big Spring's Jocelyn Gonzales verbally commits to Sul Ross softball and volleyball

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Above left: Gonzales shows off her power at the plate by sending a ball into orbit during a game last season. Above right: The determination is show on Gonzales' face as she returns the ball back over the net on the court last fall.

By SHAWN MORAN
Herald Sports Writer

There is a little more than a five percent (5.6) chance of making it to the NCAA level following a high school softball career. The odds of making it to the NCAA level as a volleyball player are even lower (3.9). The chances of competing in two sports at that level are slim to none.

If you were to tell those odds to Big Spring senior Jocelyn Gonzales, she would most likely not blink an eye. After all, she has worked long and hard for years to accomplish the athletic feats that she has been able to conquer throughout her lifetime. That is why her decision to verbally commit to Sul Ross State for both softball and volleyball comes as no surprise to those closest to her and instead reminds everyone of all the hard work that she has put into those two sports.

"To be able to play at the next level is an indescribable feeling," Gonzales said. "I am so honored and so thankful to be able to pursue both sports."

Gonzales has been a leader for both Head Volleyball Coach Kaitlyn Braswell and Head Softball Coach Chelsey Jordan in the past and will continue to fill that role this upcoming school year. Both coaches love her ability to always get the best out of her teammates and her unrelenting competitiveness that permeates throughout the team.

The versatile senior student-athlete is excited about her future in college but is not looking past her last year at Big Spring. Gonzales is a perfectionist of sorts and wants to use her senior year to improve every facet of her game in both softball and volleyball. It is that kind of work ethic and determination that has led her to the position she is in and her coaches wish that they could have a team full of Jocelyn's.

"She gives her all no matter what," Braswell said. "She's dependable and a person that you want out on the court at all times. She works hard and is an all-around player. We can really trust her in any position and she'll do anything that's asked of her. She's pretty much the dream athlete."

Some star athletes are defined by their size, some are defined by their speed, and some are defined by their ability to understand the game at the highest level.

While Gonzales is a superb athlete, she falls into the latter category because of her aptitude to understand the game on a coach-like level. Both Braswell and Jordan have benefitted from Gonzales being like a second coach that is in on the game action and know that she can do anything that she sets her mind to.

"Her greatest skill is understanding a situation and making everybody be okay with it," Jordan said. " If we're ever in a tight spot, she would be the one to take a timeout, go talk to the pitcher, make her laugh, and just relax everyone. She has a high softball IQ and can read a situation and just take control of the team on the field."

Braswell added, "She's very smart. Her intelligence and ability to read the play is one of her greatest skills."

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

The Lady Lobos have improved every year under the leadership of Head Coach Troy Canaba. This past spring on the softball diamond, Sul Ross was off to a great 13-5 start to the season before coronavirus shut down the season early.

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Bassmaster Elite Tournament Moved To Lake

Special to the Herald

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The Bassmaster Elite Series tournament previously scheduled for Cayuga Lake earlier in July will instead be held Sept. 30 – Oct. 3 on Alabama's historic Lake Guntersville, B.A.S.S. officials announced today. Daily launches and weigh-ins will take place at Goose Pond Colony Resort Marina in Scottsboro, Ala., which is hosting the event.

"We are excited to host another B.A.S.S. event and showcase our facilities at Goose Pond Colony," said Scottsboro Mayor Robin Shelton. "I know the event will be as successful as last year's event, and I am looking forward to working with this staff again."

Lake Guntersville has hosted 24 major B.A.S.S. events, including the 2020 Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Huk. The Big G also took the No. 2 spot in Bassmaster Magazine's list of Best Bass Lakes of the Decade. Lake Guntersville is known for its breathtaking scenery and easy access, but big fish swim there as well. Most big-bass prizes are awarded to fish topping the 8-pound mark, with 10-plus-pounders taking center stage on occasion.

Angler Jamie Hartman raised the coveted blue championship trophy when the Elite Series visited Scottsboro in June 2019, winning the four-day tournament in dramatic fashion coming from tenth place to win with a total of 79 pounds, 10 ounces. In March of this year, Hank Cherry dominated the 2020 Bassmaster Classic on Lake Guntersville. Cherry weighed in a massive 29-3 limit on Day 1 of the tournament en route to a wire-to-wire victory.

"While it has been challenging to reschedule events, we intend to complete a full schedule of tournaments," said B.A.S.S. CEO Bruce Akin. "We are thankful to our friends at the City of Scottsboro for partnering with us to offer anglers another opportunity to fish on one of our country's best lakes while showcasing the area's beauty for our audience.

"Our anglers and fans are going to really enjoy the fishing on Lake Guntersville in the fall."

Officials emphasized that they will adhere to all local and state guidelines to ensure the event is safe for athletes, staff and the host community.

The Bassmaster Elite at Lake Guntersville will kick-off a busy schedule of fall derbies that will see the Elite Series pros competing on Santee Cooper in Clarendon County, S.C., Oct. 8-11, Tennessee's Lake Chickamauga Oct. 16-19, and Texas's Lake Fork for the Toyota Bassmaster Texas Fest benefiting Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Nov. 5-8.

MLB Standings (Through 7/30/20)

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	HOME	AWAY
New York Yankees	4	1	.800	-	0-0	4-1
Tampa Bay Rays	4	3	.571	1	4-1	0-2
Toronto Blue Jays	3	4	.429	2	0-2	3-2
Boston Red Sox	3	4	.429	2	1-4	2-0
Baltimore Orioles	2	3	.400	2	0-2	2-1

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	HOME	AWAY
Cleveland Indians	5	2	.714	-	4-2	1-0
Minnesota Twins	4	2	.667	0.5	2-1	2-1
Detroit Tigers	4	3	.571	1	2-2	2-1
Kansas City Royals	3	4	.429	2	0-0	3-4
Chicago White Sox	2	4	.333	2.5	1-2	1-2

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	HOME	AWAY
Oakland Athletics	3	3	.500	-	3-3	0-0
Houston Astros	3	3	.500	-	3-3	0-0
Seattle Mariners	3	4	.429	0.5	0-0	3-4
Texas Rangers	2	3	.400	0.5	2-3	0-0
L.A. Angels	2	5	.286	1.5	1-2	1-2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	HOME	AWAY
Miami Marlins	2	1	.667	-	0-0	2-1
Atlanta Braves	4	3	.571	-	2-0	2-3
Washington	3	4	.429	1	1-4	2-0
New York Mets	3	4	.429	1	1-4	2-0
Philadelphia	1	2	.333	1	1-2	0-0

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	HOME	AWAY
Chicago Cubs	4	2	.667	-	2-1	2-1
Milwaukee Brewers	3	3	.500	1	0-0	3-3
St. Louis Cardinals	2	3	.400	1.5	2-1	0-2
Pittsburgh Pirates	2	4	.333	2	1-2	1-2
Cincinnati Reds	2	4	.333	2	2-4	0-0

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Colorado Rockies	4	1	.800	-	0-0	4-1
L.A. Dodgers	5	2	.714	-	2-2	2-0
San Diego Padres	5	2	.714	-	3-1	1-1
San Francisco	3	4	.429	2	1-2	2-2
Arizona DBacks	2	5	.286	3	0-1	2-4

MLB Game Schedule

Thursday Results

Away Team		Home Team	Final Score
Washing. Nationals	@	Toronto Blue Jays	6-4, Nationals
Chicago Cubs	@	Cincinnati Reds	Postponed
New York Yankees	@	Baltimore Orioles	8-6, Yankees
Philadel. Phillies	@	New York Yankees	Postponed
Boston Red Sox	@	New York Mets	4-2, Red Sox
Cleveland Indians	@	Minnesota Twins	2-0, Indians
Tampa Bay Rays	@	Atlanta Braves	2-1, Braves
Kansas City Royals	@	Detroit Tigers	5-3, Royals
Miami Marlins	@	Baltimore Orioles	Postponed
L.A. Dodgers	@	Arizona DBacks	6-3, Dodgers
Seattle Mariners	@	Los Angeles Angels	8-5, Mariners
San Diego Padres	@	San Francisco Giants	12-7, Padres

Friday Games

Away Team		Home Team	Time of Game
St. Louis Cardinals	@	Milwaukee Brewers	1:10 PM
Philadel. Phillies	@	Toronto Blue Jays	Postponed
Boston Red Sox	@	New York Yankees	6:00 PM
New York Mets	@	Atlanta Braves	6:10 PM
Cincinnati Reds	@	Detroit Tigers	6:10 PM
Washing. Nationals	@	Miami Marlins	Postponed
Tampa Bay Rays	@	Baltimore Orioles	6:35 PM
Chicago White Sox	@	Kansas City Royals	7:05 PM
San Diego Padres	@	Colorado Rockies	7:10 PM
Cleveland Indians	@	Minnesota Twins	7:10 PM
Pittsburgh Pirates	@	Chicago Cubs	7:15 PM
Texas Rangers	@	San Francisco Giants	8:00 PM (ESPN2)
Houston Astros	@	Los Angeles Angels	8:10 PM
L.A. Dodgers	@	Arizona DBacks	8:40 PM
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Words, Words, Words

Dear Annie: What is the protocol when a dear friend repeatedly uses an incorrect word or incorrectly pronounces something when speaking to you? For instance, recently, my friend was speaking of the proper "protocol" for visiting a doctor's office (under these pandemic conditions), but she said "portacol," which is not a word. It was not a slip of the tongue, because she repeated the word several times throughout the conversation. Since we were talking directly, and no one else was present, should I have asked something like, "Do you mean protocol?" Other times, my friend has referred to "postate" problems of relatives. How do you politely correct someone in this type of situation? Or during these trying times, do I just chill out and get a life and not sweat the small stuff? -- Wondering in Anywhere, USA

Dear Wondering: In general, the answer depends on the friend -- whether they're more likely to be appreciative or annoyed. Personally, I'd be grateful if a friend corrected me to spare me future embarrassment. A good friend tells you when you've got something in your teeth.

But in this specific case, it's notable that both the words your friend mispronounced begin the same way. That suggests a speech impairment, in which case it wouldn't be helpful to call attention to it. So take your own advice, and don't sweat the small stuff.

Dear Annie: Another spring sports season is here, and another knot is taking hold in my stomach. A friend of mine introduced me to an older adult friend of hers, "Greg." He doesn't have much family except for one relative who lives a couple of towns away. Greg used to visit this relative quite often but hardly does anymore because this relative is busy with children. Since then, Greg has worked his way into our lives, inviting himself to every sports event our children have. He wants to know when all of their practices and games are, shows up early at our house to ride with us and spends the whole day -- almost every weekend -- with us.

Greg is a nice guy but doesn't know when to give my family space. We try our best to include him in these events, but he doesn't know when to leave, and he stays way past the time everyone else has left. While we're at the games, he talks negatively about everyone and doesn't stop. I've told him I don't want to hear it anymore. It gets better for a little while, and then it starts up again. It really ruins being at the games and watching my children play. I'm sure my children can feel my stress, and it's making game day less fun. I would like to just go and enjoy their games and not feel this sense of obligation of letting Greg know our schedule, needing to always include him and being his sounding board. It's really starting to get on my nerves. He has been good to my children, but I am resenting this intrusion in our lives. -- Trapped

Dear Trapped: It's time for a timeout. Let Greg know you and the kids consider him a good friend, but you'd like some Saturdays with just the family. If you're nervous, imagine if the tables were turned: Would you get angry with a friend for saying he'd like some quality time with his family? I think you'd be mortified that he even had to ask. So don't let guilt hold you back.

And you might suggest Greg get involved with a sport himself since he has such a passion for athletics. The outlet to exercise and socialize would boost his mood (and take some pressure off you).

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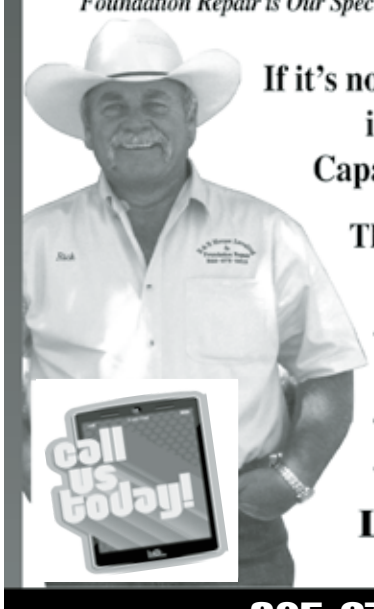

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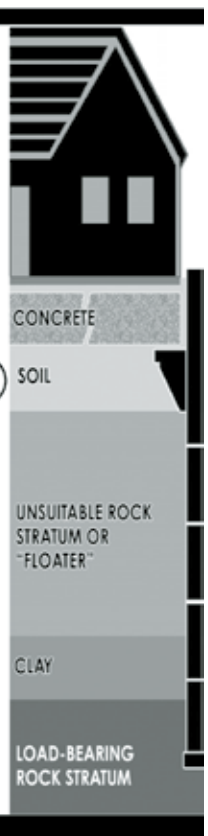

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

East	South	West	North
1 ♦	Dble	1 ♠	Pass
Pass	?		

What would you do now with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠A7 ♥KQ98 ♦K3 ♣AK654
2. ♠KJ73 ♥AQ5 ♦109 ♣A1062
3. ♠K82 ♥AK7 ♦6 ♣AKQ1043
4. ♠AQ3 ♥K92 ♦AJ8 ♣KQJ5

* * *

1. Double. This is still a takeout double, just as the previous double was. It asks partner to bid one of the two unbid suits. At the same time, the second double implies that you have values beyond those originally expressed.

A two-club bid would be wrong on two counts. First, it would not represent quite as strong a hand as the one you have. Secondly, it might also result in playing the hand in the wrong suit. Partner should be offered the chance to choose which of the two unbid suits he prefers. The one he selects will almost surely be the better trump suit for the combined hands.

2. Pass. You've already told your story, and there's nothing more to add. Partner had a chance to respond, but turned it down. As you have no extra values, you should pass. Besides, the opponents are playing in your best suit and might go down, so why disturb them?

3. Three clubs. Your jump-bid, combined with your double, indicates a very powerful hand. In effect, you're saying that your hand was much too good for a simple two-club overcall on the first round, and it is even too strong for just a two-club bid at this stage.

Three clubs invites partner to bid three notrump with a diamond stopper. If partner has as little as, say, ♠Qx ♥xxxx ♦QJxx ♣xxx, three notrump is virtually assured, and he should bid it since you have promised a hand containing eight or nine sure tricks.

4. One notrump. Although this may appear to be a sizable underbid (you have 20 points), the realities of the situation indicate that partner has a miserable hand. There isn't much left for him to have when you hold half the deck in high cards and both opponents have already bid.

This time, as contrasted with the distribution and high cards you held in the first problem, you're lacking the requisite trump support that a second double would imply. The suggested notrump bid does not stop partner from making a suit bid if his hand warrants it.

Tomorrow: Cards always tell a story.

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SUDOKU

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Level: Advanced

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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!

ANSWER:

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

Guess Who?

I am an actress born in California on July 30, 1963. Prior to my acting career, I worked with my father studying headaches. I rose to fame on a popular TV sitcom playing a quirky "friend" with a penchant for songwriting.

Answer: Lisa Kudrow

Tomorrow's Horoscope

By Holiday Mathis

Pluto Asks: How Much is Enough?

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The point will be just to show up and see what you discover. If you can lower your expectation or, better yet, go in totally without one, you'll be primed for a stellar day.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The strong winds blow through; thunder rolls to the next town; a hard rain falls fast. Your emotional weather will be the same today. The stronger the feeling, the shorter its duration.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll put yourself out to make your people happy. Of course, there are no guarantees when it comes to other people's happiness, but you've a pretty solid idea of how to lean things in that direction.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The brilliant solution will be simple, but it's not always so easy to think like that. What would an outsider see? A child? Ask the naive questions that your sophisticated mind often skips.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Consider that when you know a person in only one context, you don't really know the person all the way. Instead of assuming, ask, and then listen hard. You'll love what you learn.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Which is worse -- feeling that everything is certain and nothing changes, or feeling that nothing is certain and everything changes? Luckily, you don't really have to decide. Today's balance of certainty to surprise is perfect.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). No endeavor is inherently important. You make it important with the quality of attention you bring to it. Tonight, you'll bring the sweetest energy to your loved ones.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The fun is at your house because that's where people feel good. You can blame your warmth for making everyone so comfortable. If you want them to leave, you'll have to tell them, as none will get the hint.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Unresolved feelings are wellsprings of creativity. So, if you happen to be interested in someone and unsure if your feelings are reciprocated, it's a mightily creative problem to have!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you're paying attention, you can tell who is going to be trouble, high-maintenance or a hard nut to crack. The signs are all there in the early interactions. The question is, is it worth it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It is said that honest words aren't pleasing and pleasing words aren't honest. But there are so many word combinations to try. Surely, there's some kind of middle ground to strike a right and true tone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When observing something spectacular, you'll be so dazzled by the brightness of one side that you might not notice the darkness that makes it stand out. Remember: Everything exists in a balance.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 31). Life always gets more interesting when you follow that whisper of curiosity. Your interests and skills evolve. You'll take risks and gather up the freedoms available to you on the other side. You'll be applauded in a familiar group and accepted into an elite one. You'll win with someone you feel driven to impress. Gemini and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 25, 3, 39, 18 and 44.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: Be less available to those seeking your company, and you'll move in the glow of a lovely mystery. TAURUS: When you're with someone you like, stress melts away, relaxation prevails. GEMINI: Someone who admires you has been hanging back, waiting for the chance to let you know. CANCER: Maybe you won't know your preferences until you've tried a lot more of the sample platter. LEO: Though you choose wonderful presents, the love you put into giving overshadows the gift itself. VIRGO: You'll read 'em like a book. Also, life is too short to read books you don't enjoy. LIBRA: When love troubles you, turn to friends, and when friends are the problem, turn to love. SCORPIO: Because you know who you are and what you want, you make it easy for others to love you. SAGITTARIUS: Caring isn't always a gentle tone. Sometimes, caring shows up strong, impulsive or aggressive. CAPRICORN: You'll be rewarded for your willingness to explore a relationship instead of trying to make it fit into a mold. AQUARIUS: When it comes to compromise, people have different limits. How far are you willing to bend? PISCES: Loved ones don't always grow in the same way, but the relationship can be more exciting for the differences.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: As the Capricorn moon reflects from the burning Leo sun, these two strong-willed signs will test their compatibility against such things as games, projects, and even bigger relationship challenges such as family visits and financial decisions. The biggest trouble with this couple usually comes in the form of a power struggle. But with clearly defined roles, they can instead be powerfully together.

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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to motorcycles.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 23 = e)

A. 23 3 15 2 3 23
Clue: Powers a vehicle

B. 12 23 25 13 23 20
Clue: Protective device

C. 14 2 17 23
Clue: Motorcyle

D. 16 11 19 6 24 19 5
Clue: Surface for vehicles

Answers: A. engine B. helmet C. bike D. roadway

	KMID (3) Midland	UNI (4) Spanish	KPEJ (5) Odessa	KOSA (7) Odessa	KTLE (8) Telemundo	KWES (9) Midland	KMLM (12) Odessa	KPBT (13) Odessa	KWWT (14) Odessa	KWES2 (15) Midland	WTBS (33) Atlanta	TNT (34) Atlanta	ESPN (35) Sports	ESPN2 (36) Sports	FSN (38) Sports	USA (55) New York	A&E (58) New York	DISC (60) Discovery
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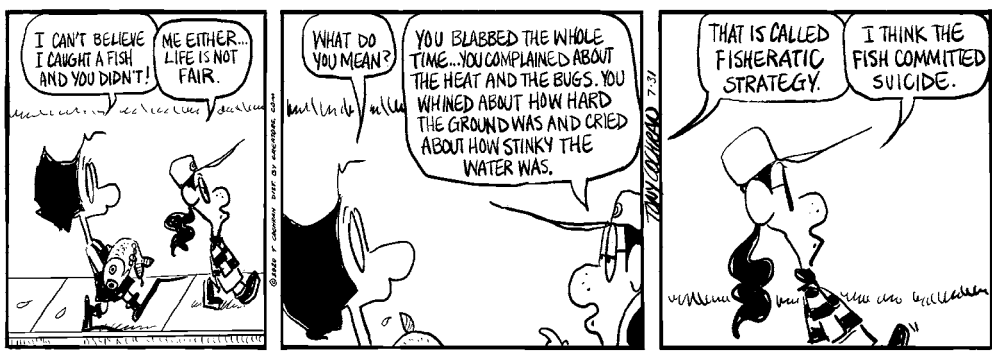

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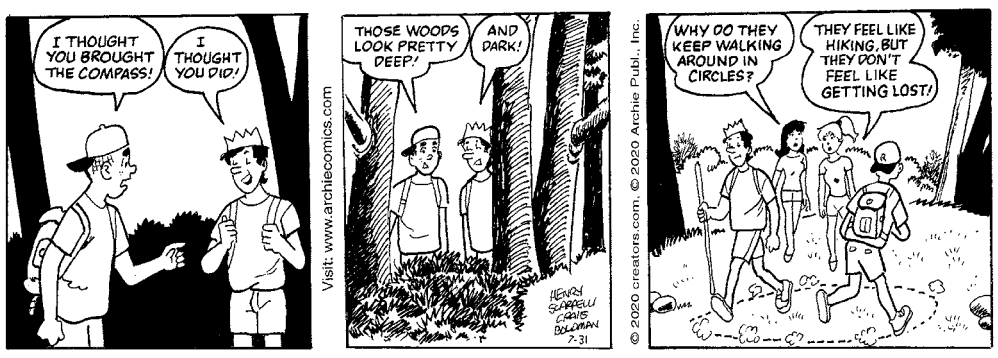

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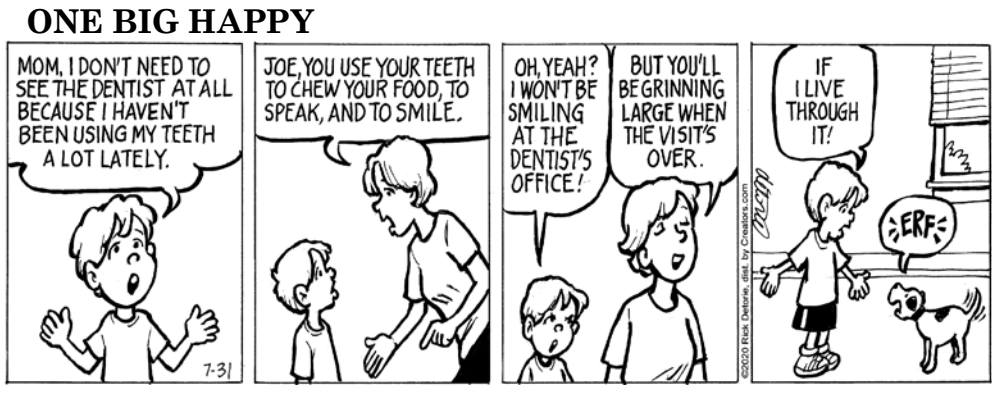

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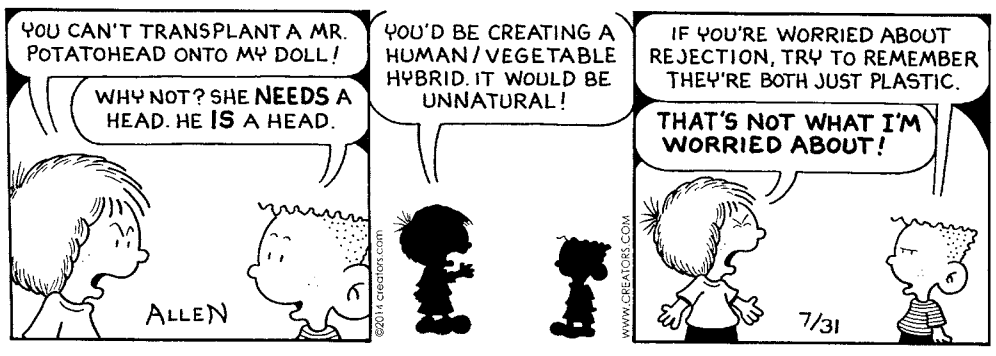

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This Date In History

Today In History

Today is Friday, July 31, the 213th day of 2020. There are 153 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 31, 1777, during the Revolutionary War, the Marquis de Lafayette, a 19-year-old French nobleman, was made a major-general in the American Continental Army.

On this date:

In 1556, St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus — the Jesuit order of Catholic priests and brothers — died in Rome.

In 1715, a fleet of Spanish ships carrying gold, silver and jewelry sank during a hurricane off the east Florida coast; of some 2,500 crew members, more than 1,000 died.

In 1945, Pierre Laval, premier of the pro-Nazi Vichy government, surrendered to U.S. authorities in Austria; he was turned over to France, which later tried and executed him.

In 1954, Pakistan's K2 was conquered as two members of an Italian expedition, Achille Compagnoni (ah-KEE'-lay kohm-pahn-YOH'-nee) and Lino Lacedelli (LEE'-noh lah-chee-DEHL'-ee), reached the summit.

In 1964, the American space probe Ranger 7 reached the moon, transmitting pictures back to Earth before impacting the lunar surface.

In 1971, Apollo 15 crew members David Scott and James Irwin became the first astronauts to use a lunar rover on the surface of the moon.

In 1972, Democratic vice-presidential candidate Thomas Eagleton withdrew from the ticket with George McGovern following disclosures that Eagleton had once undergone psychiatric treatment.

In 1981, a seven-week-old Major League Baseball strike ended.

In 1991, President George H.W. Bush and Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev signed the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty in Moscow.

In 2002, a bomb exploded inside a cafeteria at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, killing nine people, including five Americans.

In 2003, the Vatican launched a global campaign against gay marriages, warning Catholic politicians that support of same-sex unions was "gravely immoral" and urging non-Catholics to join the offensive.

In 2014, the death toll from the worst recorded Ebola outbreak in history surpassed 700 in West Africa.

Ten years ago: Chelsea Clinton married investment banker Marc Mezvinsky in the upstate New York village of Rhinebeck. Orchestra leader Mitch Miller died in New York at age 99. Tom Mankiewicz, 68, a screenwriter of James Bond films such as "Diamonds Are Forever" and "Live and Let Die," and the first two "Superman" movies, died in Los Angeles.

Five years ago: Beijing was awarded the 2022 Winter Olympics to become the first city to host both the winter and summer games. Professional wrestler-turned-actor "Rowdy" Roddy Piper, 61, died in Hollywood. Former U.S. senator and Secretary of Health and Human Services Richard S. Schweiker, 89, died in Pomona, New Jersey.

One year ago: At a Democratic debate in Detroit, former Vice President Joe Biden faced pointed attacks from his younger, diverse rivals; California Sen. Kamala Harris criticized Biden for his willingness to work with segregationists in the Senate during the 1970s. The Federal Reserve cut its key interest rate for the first time in a decade to try to counter the impact of President Donald Trump's trade wars. The Senate confirmed Kelly Craft to become the next U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, ending a vacancy of more than seven months in the position. Broadway director and producer Harold Prince, winner of 21 Tony Awards for shows including "The Phantom of the Opera" and "Cabaret," died at the age of 91.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Don Murray is 91. Jazz composer-musician Kenny Burrell is 89. Actress France Nuyen is 81. Actress Susan Flannery is 81. Singer Lobo is 76. Actress Geraldine Chaplin is 76. Former movie studio executive Sherry Lansing is 76. Singer Gary Lewis is 75. Actor Lane Davies is 70. Actress Susan Wooldridge is 70. International Tennis Hall of Famer Evonne Goolagong Cawley is 69. Actor Barry Van Dyke is 69. Actor Alan Autry is 68. Jazz composer-musician Michael Wolff is 68. Actor James Read is 67. Actor Michael Biehn is 64. Rock singer-musician Daniel Ash (Love and Rockets) is 63. Actor Dirk Blocker is 63. Entrepreneur Mark Cuban is 62. Rock musician Bill Berry is 62. Actor Wally Kurth is 62. Actor Wesley Snipes is 58. Country singer Chad Brock is 57. Musician Fatboy Slim is 57. Rock musician Jim Corr is 56. Author J.K. Rowling (ROHL'-ing) is 55. Actor Dean Cain is 54. Actor Jim True-Frost is 54. Actor Ben Chaplin is 51. Actor Loren Dean is 51. Actress Eve Best is 49. Retired NFL quarterback Gus Frerotte is 49. Actress Annie Parisse (pah-REES') is 45. Actor Robert Telfer is 43. Country singer-musician Zac Brown is 42. Actor-producer-writer B.J. Novak is 41. Actor Eric Lively is 39. Country singer Blaire Stroud (3 of Hearts) is 37. Singer Shannon Curfman is 35. NHL center Evgeni Malkin is 34. Hip-hop artist Lil Uzi Vert is 26. Actor Reese Hartwig is 22. Actor Rico Rodriguez is 22.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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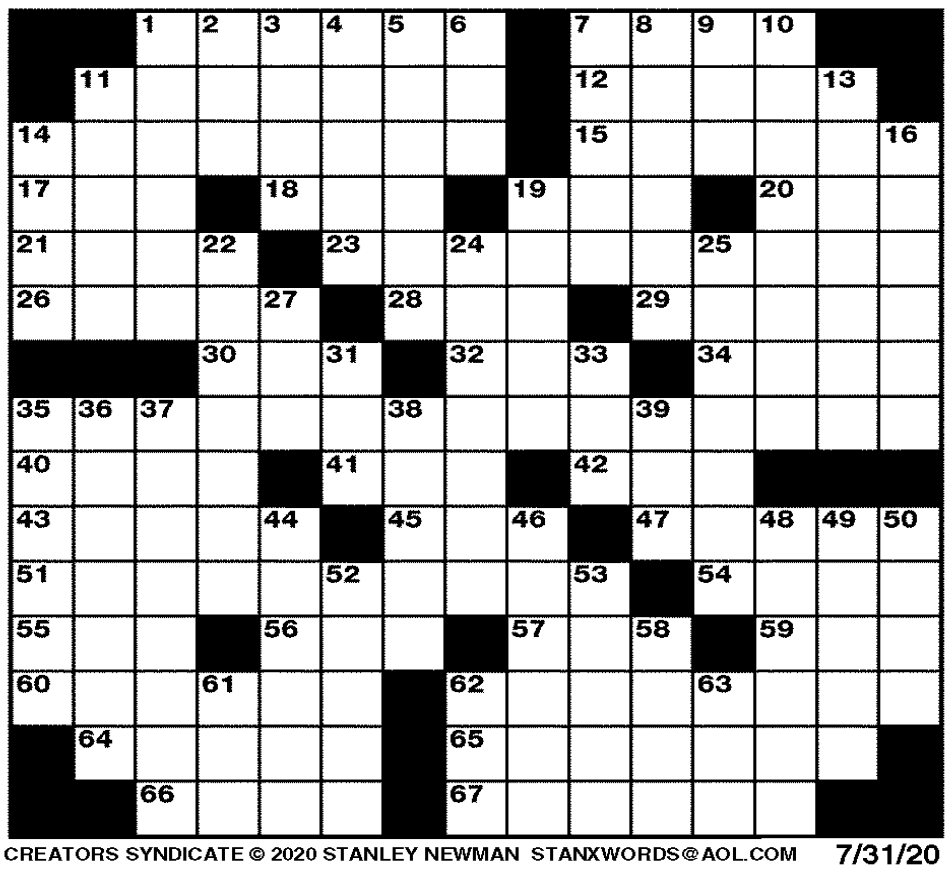
ACROSS

1 Gets clean
7 *Hawaii Five-0* actor
11 Columbus, by birth
12 Had nothing to do
14 TRADITIONAL AMITY OF HAWKEYE STATERS
15 Formidable female
17 Letters on toothpaste boxes
18 Brown.__
19 NHL's Coyotes, on scoreboards
20 UN observer grp.
21 Byron's time of day
23 PIONEERING INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER
26 Ending for bed or home
28 It's not part of SOS
29 Surreal
30 LX years before Hastings
32 Quote note
34 Skilled hands
35 BROWSER BOOKMARK
40 Talk up
41 Freight carrier
42 Rolls of green stuff
43 UN leader in 2000
45 River in Panama
47 Of stately bearing
51 BILLY JOEL'S BIRTHPLACE
54 Don't obey
55 Feeling beyond vexation
56 Poet Lowell
57 Frog-eating fish
59 Sweetie
60 Multicolored cat
62 *HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL* STAR
64 Kosher
65 Quite a rave
66 Ready to eat
67 Pursuing steadily

DOWN

1 Use caution
2 California's Santa __ Mountains
3 Vocal inflection
4 Alpine girl of kiddie lit
5 Pre-euro Portuguese money
6 Consult with
7 Revlon's R&B rep
8 Think much of
9 *Arroz __ cubana*
10 Pacific Northwest people
11 Absurdist play's absentee
13 Truckers' rollers
14 Pedigree pet food alternative
16 ". . . and you can believe that"
19 Some mall courts
22 Conference ID
24 Where Freud was from
25 What five presidents were
27 Den device
31 Letters on many letterheads
33 Pandora precursor
35 Leaning for attention
36 Written or gestured
37 Dug up dirt
38 Before dawn
39 Georges' golden
44 B3
46 Low tie
48 Ripken role model
49 In progress
50 Most awarded female country singer
52 Clobbered, old-style
53 Attraction for a duck
58 Common name on jeans
61 "Time for me to play"
62 Scoot
63 Attraction for a duck



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ACC schedule includes Notre Dame, 10 conference games

By RALPH D. RUSSO
AP College Football Writer

The Atlantic Coast Conference reworked its football schedule Wednesday to allow each team to play 11 games and to incorporate Notre Dame, which is giving up its cherished independence in a year turned upside down by the coronavirus pandemic.

The ACC's university presidents approved plans for a schedule with 10 conference games and one nonconference, and for pushing back both the first week of the season (from Labor Day weekend to the weekend of Sept. 12) and the league championship game (from Dec. 5 to either Dec. 12 or 19).

Miami athletic director Blake James called the schedule "aspirational" as concerns about COVID-19 have put major college football in the fall in peril. For now, though, conferences are working on plans to play what would be a most unusual season.

The ACC will eliminate its traditional divisional format this season and the two teams with the best winning percentages in conference play will meet in Charlotte, North Carolina, for the league championship game. Maybe a Clemson-Notre Dame rematch? The league will release specific dates and broadcast plans later.

Notre Dame, which competes in the ACC in all sports except football and hockey, will play in a football conference for the first time in the 133-year history of the proudly independent program — if the season is played. The biggest conferences are taking steps to try to mitigate potential disruptions and salvage a sport worth billions in broadcast rights deals.

"We recognize that we may need to be nimble and make adjustments in the future," ACC Commissioner John Swofford said in a statement.

Notre Dame already had a scheduling agreement with the ACC that puts five or six games with the league on the Fighting Irish schedule every year. They had six this season: Clemson, Duke, Wake Forest, Georgia Tech, Louisville and Pitt. Added to that will be home games against Florida State and Syracuse and road games against North Carolina and Boston College. There will be no renewal of the Notre Dame-Miami rivalry.

The ACC and Notre Dame also agreed to equally share TV revenue — including the Fighting Irish's deal with NBC — among the 15 schools.

It is a one-year deal for the Fighting Irish and James said he didn't expect it to go beyond that.

"I don't know (if) this could lead to Notre Dame being a full member in football," James said on a conference call with reporters. "Would I like to see Notre Dame as a member of the ACC on a full-time basis? Yeah, I think that'd be great. They're a great football program. A great institution that fits well with the ACC, but recognize they need to do what's best for Notre Dame. This year what was best is for them to join the ACC and we're glad to have them as part of the league."

Notre Dame had already lost three games against Big Ten and Pac-12 opponents when those conferences decided to play only league games. The Big 12 and Southeastern Conference have not announced any changes to their football schedules, but are expected to in the coming days.

The ACC said nonconference games must be played in the ACC school's home state — a move intended to save traditional rivalries such as Georgia-Georgia Tech, Florida State-Florida, Clemson-South Carolina and Kentucky-Louisville.

"That's something that was discussed throughout our process," James said. "And I'll say it was something that was given very strong consideration in our move to go to 11 games with one being a nonconference game."

Whether the SEC's plans include nonconference games remains to be seen.

The ACC's decision appears to rule out three early-season games in Atlanta at Mercedes-Benz Stadium: North Carolina against Auburn; Virginia against Georgia; and Florida State against West Virginia.

"We certainly understand the ACC is doing what they feel is in the best interest of the conference and the health of their teams, staff and student-athletes, and as our partners, we support them in that decision," said Gary Stokan, chief executive officer and president of Peach Bowl, Inc. "However, we are disappointed we will lose the opportunity to host Florida State, Virginia and North Carolina and their fans in our scheduled Chick-fil-A Kickoff Games this season."

Also in danger is Notre Dame's game against Navy. The Fighting Irish and Midshipmen were originally scheduled to play the 94th consecutive meeting of their rivalry in Dublin, Ireland. The pandemic forced a relocation to Navy's home stadium in Annapolis, Maryland. It is scheduled to be the first game in the history of the series played at Navy's home field.

Navy athletic director Chet Gladchuk declined comment when contacted by the AP because he had not yet spoken to Notre Dame officials.

In total, the ACC's new schedule will wipe 38 previously scheduled nonconference games off the books. Many of those games would have involved Group of Five conference and FCS schools that receive big payouts from Power Five schools for playing on the road with no return date.

Middle Tennessee from Conference USA was scheduled to play at Duke and at Virginia Tech in September. MTSU athletic director Chris Massaro said in a statement he hoped to have clarity about those games soon.

"Unfortunately, this is not very surprising but is disappointing as our players and fans look forward to games like these," he said.

Additionally, any nonconference opponent must meet medical protocol requirements set forth by the ACC.

Those recommendations include regular testing for most athletes, from weekly tests in football within three days of a game to every-other-week tests in sports representing a "medium" risk such as baseball, softball and cross country.

The ACC also announced that fall team sports for non-revenue programs would begin Sept. 10 with a conference schedule that meets the NCAA's minimum requirement for games: 10 for volleyball and six for field hockey, men's soccer and women's soccer. Additional games against conference or nonconference opponents would be left up to the schools, though they wouldn't count in the ACC standings.

The plan says that teams in winter and spring sports may continue workouts, but the league is canceling any out-of-season fall competitions for golf, tennis, rowing, lacrosse, softball and baseball.

On Football: NFL opt outs more prevalent than many expected

By BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

Now we know why a key topic in talks between the NFL and the players' union focused on opt outs.

Already, some three dozen players have decided not to play the 2020 season. It's certainly not about the money, because those opting out voluntarily are getting a $150,000 stipend, and those walking away due to pre-existing medical conditions get $350,000. In the NFL, that's hardly a huge payout.

No, it's all about what it should be about: health and safety. For players and their families.

New England linebacker Dont'a Hightower, maybe the most accomplished player to opt out, described his feelings in a social media statement.

"I do feel that it's the best decision for my family at this time," Hightower said. "I'm so grateful for the support of my teammates and coaches as well, and I will try to continue to lead and help as much as I can.

"2020 has been a challenging year for our world. I hope you can all continue to be a light in these dark times — more light and great times are ahead."

For now, in these troubled times, opting out has been more popular in the NFL than anywhere else. Both MLB and the NBA had about a dozen players opt out of returning, while the NHL had half that. The biggest names included Buster Posey and David Price in baseball, Avery Bradley in basketball, Travis Hamonic and Mike Green in hockey.

Opt outs in the NFL alone appear headed beyond those numbers combined, which privately has surprised some league executives. On Wednesday, Chiefs starting running back Damien Williams, a key to their Super Bowl run last season, said he wouldn't play.

In a sport built around contact, with rosters nearly equaling the size of the other three sports combined, and little to no thought of playing in a bubble, players deciding to skip the upcoming season seems plenty logical.

"We did know this was going to be a possibility," players' union vice president Ben Watson told SiriusXM NFL Radio. "That is why the NFLPA fought so hard to give guys the option. We are in times people don't have answers for. Everybody has different situations — maybe contractually, maybe who they live with, guys who live out of the area and have to travel back. There are a variety of different reasons why, and I think we are going to find out more about that as time goes on.

"I am always in support of the men having the agency to decide for themselves what is best for them and their families. And specifically, when it comes to health, they have to make those decisions. I think the great thing is we have these protections in place and the abilities for the guys to say, 'Look this is not for me and my family right now. I am going to sit this one out.' And maybe (they) come back next year, and maybe not at all."

Any player who opts out creates some decision making for team personnel departments. But even if it is a star, an irreplaceable starter, there should be no questioning the move.

"The opt-out option is a player's choice and a player's right, and we'll respect that if a player decides to do that," Broncos President Joe Ellis says. "That's absolutely, 100 percent their right, inherently. I've got no objection to that at all and would be supportive of that, if that's what somebody wants to do. That's been going on around the league, as you've seen. It's going around and around other sports leagues, as well.

"I had some good conversations ... and they were very, very curious. I don't want to say concerned, but they wanted to know what was going to happen and how it was going to be handled, things like that. It's at the front of their minds."

While players always rely on trainers and medical staff when it comes to injuries, the pandemic creates an entirely new set of issues. Recovery and rehab from, say, a knee injury, is a totally different, well, ballgame.

"(I) Wasn't quite sure exactly what number would come in, but the biggest thing to consider is players taking care of both themselves, as well as their families, and each player has their own unique circumstance," says Browns team physician Dr. James Voos. "We feel that it is our job to help to guide them through it, serve as a trusted healthcare adviser and allow them to ultimately make that decision themselves.

"I don't think it is an inordinately high number of players, but I'm proud of the way the players and the teams have worked through this together so that we can responsibly make those decisions so that everyone feels good and safe about participating in the season."

Or not.

GONZALES

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After winning only three games in back-to-back years (2016-2017), Canaba has also helped turn around the volleyball program and the Lady Lobos finished just three games under .500 last fall (11-14).

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

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

After speaking with Gonzales and her family, Canaba was totally sold on the Big Spring phenom and worked hard to get her to commit to the Lady Lobos. His long hours of recruiting finally paid off earlier this week when he found out about the two-sport star's future plans.

Now that she has made the tough decision on her future, Gonzales still has plenty of more room to grow and will be working hard over the next 12 months to put herself in the best position to succeed at the collegiate level. With her talent, work ethic, and all of the support that she has behind her, there is nothing that will hold Gonzales back from her inevitable success.

"Being able to represent Big Spring means a lot to me," Gonzales said. "I want it to show that no matter where you come from, you can do anything you set your mind to. I hope that if anyone could take anything from this, it's that hard work will never fail you."

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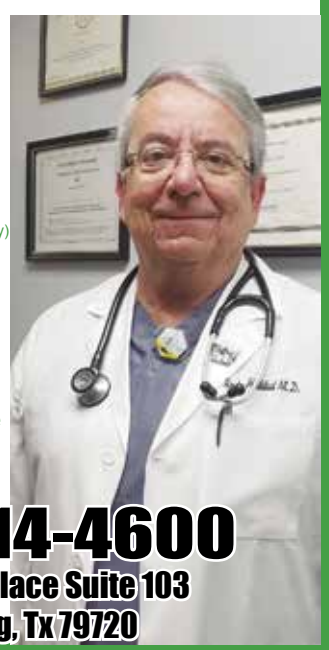
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Big Spring Symphony

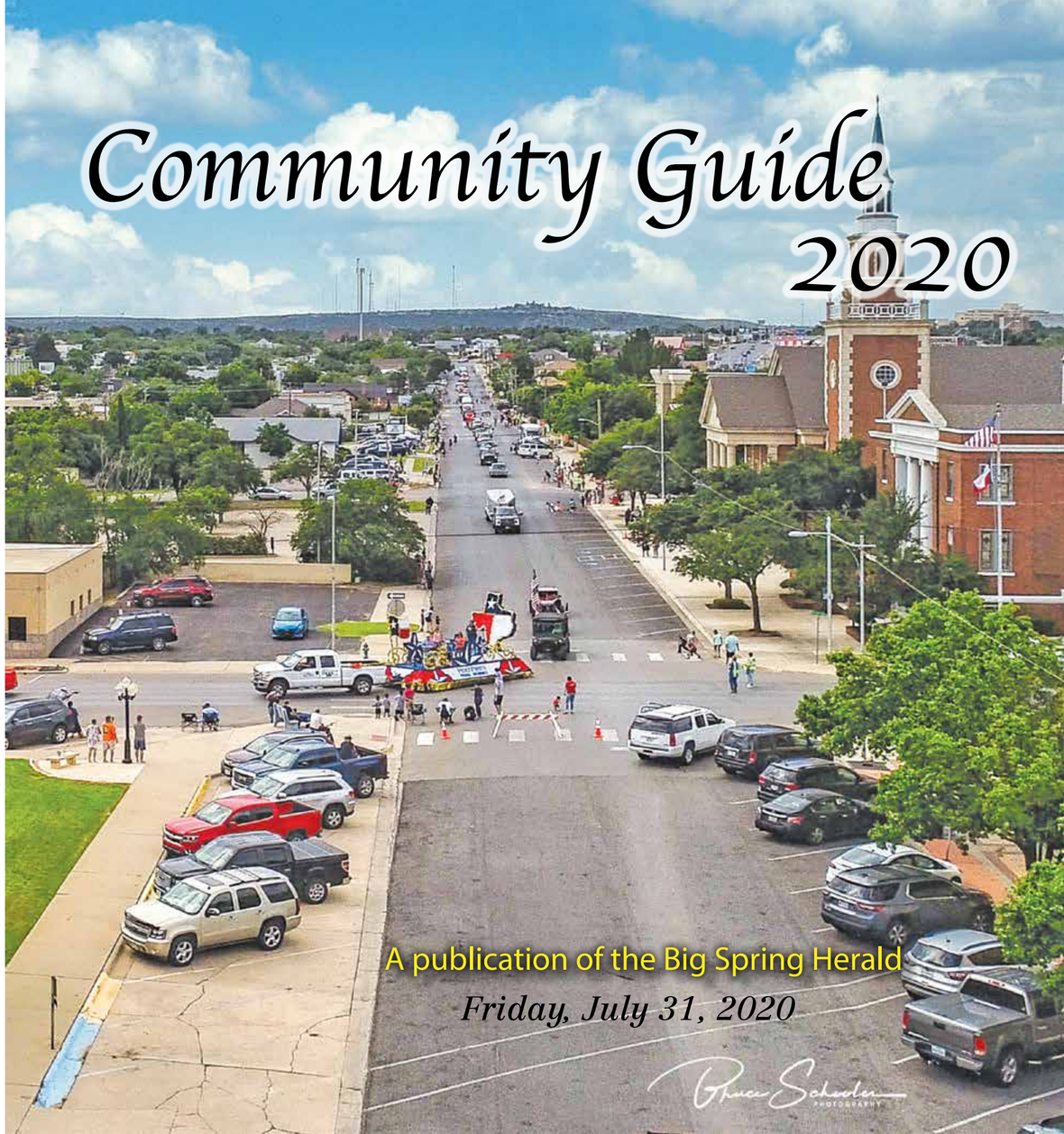
Big Spring is one of the smallest towns in Texas with its own professional symphony orchestra.

The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra(BSSO) was organized in 1981, and employs talented musicians from Lubbock, San Angelo, Midland, Odessa, El Paso, Amarillo and Big Spring. Dr. Keith Graumann serves as music director and conductor for the group, which performs four season concerts at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium, 310 E. Third St., each year, as well as a special performance at Big Spring's annual July 3 Independence Day celebration, "Pops in the Park". The orchestra strives to offer high-quality performances with a variety of music that appeals to all ages.

BSSO's 39th Season, entitled, "The Versatile Big Spring Symphony", will start in September. In keeping with COVID-19 Guidelines, there will be social distancing provided for the audience at the concerts by skipping seats between individuals, couples or family groups. Adjustments will be made to concert dates and attendance requirements, based on the developments of the ongoing pandemic with the health and safety of patrons as BSSO's number one priority.

The opening concert is on September 19, 2020 and is entitled, "A Breath of Fresh Air". It will feature Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony, No. 6 and will also feature guest artist, cellist Jeffrey Lastrappes, who will play the Elgar cello concerto. The Symphony has twice rescheduled their April Pops concert from last season that was cancelled due to the pandemic and will now perform "The Music of Queen" on October 17, 2020. All tickets from last season will be honored and it will be included as an extra concert for the upcoming season subscribers. They will perform a "Holiday Spectacular" on December 19, 2020, that will include holiday favorites, sing-a-longs, vocal ensembles and soloists. It will feature BSHS students of Gershom Garcia as well as soloists, Lawrence Thibeault and Tara Trowbridge. The winter concert will be on February 6, 2021 and is entitled "Out of this World" with Maestro John Giordano as guest conductor. The final concert of the season, "Pops Extravaganza", will be on April 24, 2021 and will feature "The Texas Tenors". The three "Texas Tenors" are each well known artists in their own genres and include pop, country and operatic repertory and their popularity has grown exponentially.

The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra exists because of the generosity of this great community. Individuals or businesses can get involved by purchasing Season Subscriptions, single concert tickets or becoming a BSSO Association Member by making a donation. Memorial donations are also available. To purchase tickets, make a donation or subscribe to the mailing list, you can call or text 432-816-5196 or go to bigspringsymphony.org.



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Big Spring, Texas, America is a small West Texas town that often goes overlooked. While many have passed through without a second thought, we are excited to welcome you and your family and are happy that you chose to become part of the this wonderful community.

The name says it all - Big Spring - is full of people with BIG hearts, BIG smiles, and BIG opportunity. This is a community who knows how to join together in times of trouble and embraces good healthy competition.

Whether you are a new family looking for somewhere to raise a family, or looking for a place to retire, you have chosen well; Big Spring offers a little bit of both worlds.

At first glance one might think what is there to do, but don't let looks deceive you; Downtown Big Spring has experienced growth not seen since the early years. New life has been breathed into the Downtown streets, with new restaurants, new drinkeries and several community activities planned around the Courthouse square.

Of course, there is no denying, the most beautiful building in the city - with the most fairy tale restoration story - Hotel Settles, stands tall in the middle of the thriving square. Renovation and rejuvination has been taking place in Downtown Big Spring with no sense of slowing down, even amidst a pandemic.

Looking for family fun activities: From Child Abuse Awareness Events sponsored by the local hospital, to Funtastic Fourth which highlights Downtown while paying tribute to the reason we have our independence, to Pops in the Park which is the biggest event of the year, to the Christmas parades. The Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo is one of the longest running rodeos in Texas and offers an opportunity to embrace the Cowboy way of life and strong tradition. The local YMCA offers great connection and support opportunities for our youth, and there are three school districts to choose from, each offering their own charm.

No matter what you are looking for, Big Spring is sure to pleasantly surprise you. We are glad you are here.

Take your time to settle in, but once you are, get connected, get engaged and build partnerships.

Howard County Services

Named for Volney E. Howard, a U.S. Congressman from Texas, Howard County is made up of a vast 904 square miles. According to U.S. Census Bureau estimates for July 1, 2018, the county's population is about 36,459, with Big Spring as the county seat.

The county that we folks call home sits in between the Llano Estacado to the north and the Edwards Plateau to the south.

According to that 2010 census, the racial makeup of the county includes 88.1 percent white, 7.2 percent black or African-American, 1.7 percent Native American, 1.2 percent Asian, 0.1 percent Pacific Islander, and 1.8 percent from two or more races. With that said, 43.1 percent of the Howard County population were Hispanic or Latino of any race.

The median income for a household was $50,855, while average per capita income is $22,994. 18.1 percent of people in the county live in poverty.

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Downtown Big Spring

The downtown area continues with its revitalization. I can remember a time when downtown was more like a ghost town. A little over three years ago, I was surprised with the number of shops, restaurants and lounges that had opened up. The cornerstone of downtown cannot be debated, which is the historic Hotel Settles.

The hotel was the tallest building between El Paso and Fort Worth, at one time. It was owned by the Settles family until the Great Depression hit. The hotel had many different owners throughout the years, one of them being early Big Spring settler, John Birdwell. The Settles Grill hosted many famous people including Elvis Presley, Lawrence Welk, and President Herbert Hoover, among others.

In the 1970's, as the economy suffered, so did the Settles, as it had become known to locals. It sadly closed its doors in 1982. We all saw the once great hotel become a shell of what it once was. Much of the original interior was removed, and the hotel fell into great disrepair. In the 1990's, many of the broken windows were replaced.

Fortunately, the hotel was purchased by G. Brint Ryan in 2006. Ryan is a Big Spring native and wanted to see the hotel restored. The hotel reopened in December 2012, and is now a member of Historic Hotels of America and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The hotel features 65 guestrooms. Amenities include a spa, fitness center, business center and pool. The Settles Grill and Pharmacy Bar and Parlor are on location for your dining and entertainment. The hotel's Grand Ballroom was fully restored to it's original elegance, and there are other meeting rooms available for all types of events.

There are several boutiques in downtown. Visit one of the following to get your shop on:

- The Wardrobe Boutique, 115 S. Main, 325-423-2844
- Famous Elle, 215 S. Main, 432-213-0054
- Soothe. A Bath Good Boutique, 305 S. Main
- Blue Eyed Buffalo, 223 S. Main, 432-714-4716
- Allan's Furniture, 202 Scurry, 432-267-6278
- Queens of the Dude Ranch, 204 S. Main, 817-825-9717
- Splurge Boutique, 308 Scurry, 432-935-6477
- The Krazy Kow, 415 E. 3rd St., 432-270-4469

If you're looking for a place to eat or have a drink, try one of the following establishments:

- The Train Car, 100 S. Main, 432-270-6113
- Desert Flower Art Bar and Lounge, 123 S. Main, 432-270-0290
- Mezcal, 125 E. 3rd St., 432-606-4926
- John Wesley's Pick Pocket Billiards, 102 E. 3rd St., 432-267-4149
- Lumbre Bar and Grill, 322 Runnels, 432-606-5039
- J Jayz Bar & Grill, 113 S. Main, 432-517-4332
- Hot Potato, 109 E. 2nd, 432-254-9953
- Yo Mama's, 206 S. Main Street, 432-517-4327

City offices - Big Spring

Big Spring encompasses 19.2 square miles; and, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, the population estimate as of July 1, 2017, is 25,233, down slightly from last year. This year, Big Spring City Council welcomed Mayor Shannon Thomason, District 4 Councilwoman Gloria McDonald, and District 5 Councilwoman Camilla Strande, saying farewell to former Mayor Larry McLellan and District 5 Councilman Raul Benavides, whose term limits had expired; and District 4 Councilman Howard Stewart, who left to take a city job as Golf Course Director. The whole council includes:

City Council
Mayor Shannon Thomason
Raul Marquez - District 1
Doug Hartman - District 2
Terry McDaniel- District 3
Gloria McDonald - District 4
Camilla Strande - District 5
Jim DePauw - District 6

• Regular meetings of the city council are held each second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers, 307 E. Fourth Street, Big Spring.

City Manager's Office
Todd Darden - City Manager
Assistant to the City Manager - Lesa Gamble

• The city manager's office can be reached at 432-264-2401. The assistant to the city manager can be reached at 432-264-2400. Both the offices of Darden and Gamble are located at 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring.

City Department Heads
• Lt. Lance Telchik - Animal Control
432-264-2570
• Jim Little - Airport Director
432-264-2362
• Hayley Herrera – Community Services Director/Tourism Coordinator; Cemetery Director; Aquatic Center/Sports Complex/Parks Director
432-263-8235
• Nick Reyna - Building Official
432-264-2505
• Sean Bailey - Code Enforcement Supervisor/ Building Inspector
432-264-2505
• Terri Telchik – CVB Facility Coordinator
432-264-2323
• Donald Moore - Finance Director/City Secretary
432-264-2517
• Craig Ferguson - Fire Department Chief
432-264-2303
• Howard Stewart – Golf Course Manager
432-264-2366
• John Medina – Asst City Manager
432-264-2346
• Miklos Szabo – Information Technology Manager
432-264-2518
• Andrew Hagan - City Attorney
432-264-2401
• Timothy Green - Municipal Judge
432-264-2530
• Chad Williams - Police Chief
432-264-2550
• Shane Bowles - Public Works Director
432-264-2501
• Gina Valencia – Senior Services Program Manager
432-267-1628

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• Lamesa
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If you're new to Texas, you'll also need to get your car inspected and registered. All cars should have a Texas State Inspection performed no earlier than 30 days prior to presenting for registration or renewal.

You can get that inspection done at the following locations:
• Avis Lube Fast Oil Change - 410 E. 4th St.
• Take 5 Drive Thru – 1602 S. Gregg St.
• Big Spring Ford – 500 W. 4th St.
• Medrano's Oil Change – 205 W. 9th St.
• Pollard Chevrolet Buick Cadillac – 1501 E. 4th St.
• Shroyer Motor Co. - 424 E. 3rd St.
• Star Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Big Spring – 821 W. I-20

One you have the inspection done, you can present to the County Tax Assessor-Collector's office. You will also need your current registration paperwork and proof of liability insurance. The office is located at:
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Moving in, getting started

Big Spring is a unique, little place here in West Texas. Not many places around us have water and hills. There are beautiful things to see along the hike and bike trails, and exciting events like hang-gliding competitions. And, who can miss Big Spring's icon, the Hotel Settles located, smack-dab in the middle of downtown?

So if you're new to town, keep reading. We've got all the information you need to make Big Spring your home.

A good place to start if you need information about Big Spring is the official city website, mybigspring.com. There you will find a calendar of events for everything happening around town, from city council meetings to dances for our senior citizens. This is where you'll also find information on anything related to the City of Big Spring and all the different city departments (Fire, EMS, Police). You can also sign up for alerts, get answers to questions about city codes, and learn how to contact the different departments. Book marking this homepage might be a good resource, even after you've long settled in.

Setting up Service

Need to set up all the services at your new place? There are a few options:

Internet|Phone

Local internet service providers include: Suddenlink (suddenlink.com or 844-790-7475), Wes-Tex Cooperative and Telecommunications (westex.coop or 432-263-0091), and Basin 2 Way (432-264-7034). Suddenlink and Wes-Tex can also provide home telephone service.

Utilities (gas, water, electric)

If you need natural gas service, contact Atmos at atmosenergy.com, or call 888-286-6700.

To pick an electricity service provider, go to powertochoose.org. This is a good place to get started in choosing an which provider and the plans that they offer. For an electricity outage, you can go to https://oncor.ifactornotifi.com/ui/outage-reporting or call 888-313-4747.

You can contact the water department at 264-2542.

Auto Services (drivers license, state inspection, oil, etc.)

Many services related to your driver's license can now be performed on line. Go to https://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/. You can find a lot of information about renewals and changing your address. If you do have to go to an office, here are the closest ones:
• Big Spring
5725 W. I-20
Big Spring, TX 79720
432-267-5671

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County Officials
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432-264-2202
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432-816-0848
• Craig Bailey - County Commissioner Prec. 2
254-595-1063
• Jimmie Long - County Commissioner Prec. 3
432-267-4224
• John Cline - County Commissioner Prec. 4
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• Brent Zitterkopf - County Clerk
432-264-2213
• Joshua Hamby - County Attorney
432-264-2205
• Sharon Adams - County Treasurer
432-264-2218
• Tiffany Sayles - County Tax Assessor-Collector
432-264-2232
• Stan Parker - Sheriff
432-264-2231
• Judge Angela Griffin - Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 Place 1
432-264-2226
• Judge Robert Fitzgibbons - Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 Place 2
432-264-2228
• Judge Kelly Seales - Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2
432-394-4000
• Jackie Olson - County Auditor
432-264-2210
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432-264-2225
• Joanna Gonzales - District Clerk
432-264-2223
• Hardy Wilkerson - District Attorney
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City of Coahoma

After the 1881 arrival of the Texas and Pacific Railway in the area, Coahoma grew into a retail trade center and shipping point. Its residents built their first school in 1891, and Gertrude McIntyre was the first teacher.

By the time its second school was built in 1904, the town had a post office. Machinery and oilfield supplies became the most important goods distributed from Coahoma after the major oil strike of 1926. In 1928, the town had 600 residents, and its school district served 205 pupils.

Between 1936 and 1956, the community's population rose from 620 to 802, and the number of commercially rated businesses went from 18 to 23. In 1960, the population was reported as 1,239, and in 1970, it was 2,000.

According the the U.S. Census Bureau, Coahoma's population is currently approximately 905.

Warren Wallace is the mayor of Coahoma. Mayor Pro Tem is Jay Hold. City Council of Coahoma council members are: Cody Ditto, Brandy Manning, David Alaman, and Sharon Dodson.

The Public Utilities Director is Ray Seales, Fred Moron is over Streets, and Charlie Martinez is head at the Water Department. City Secretary is Tammy Griffith and Asst. City Secretary is Lisa Duggan, both can be reached at 432-394-4287.

To report a street light outage in the City of Coahoma visit www.oncor.com.

Texas outlaw Rube Boyce is buried in the Coahoma Cemetery.

The mascot for Coahoma is the Bulldog.

Locally, Coahoma is well-known for its annual Kindergarten Rodeo, in which five-year-olds rehearse and show off their stickhorse rodeo skills in the school gymnasium and for the annual Freedom Parade, held around Independence Day, in which brightly bedecked floats, Coahoma school marching band, and other decorated symbols of West Texas American patriotism march down First Street each year.

For more information about the City of Coahoma and the services it provides, call Coahoma City Hall at 432-394-4287.

City of Forsan

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Forsan's population is 210.

Forsan was established in 1929, after Clayton Stewart, the first settler in the area, gave land for the townsite in 1928. The community was named for the four oil sands believed to be located nearby. Drillers later discovered they had underestimated, and there were actually at least five sands.

Forsan experienced boomtown growth, and by 1931, reported a population of 350, a post office, and 25 commercially rated businesses. In 1936, it had 400 residents. This figure remained constant through 1956, but the number of businesses dropped from 18 to 12.

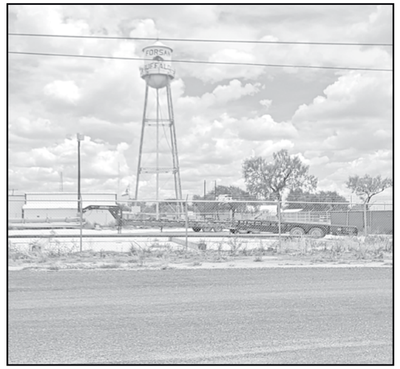
Between 1960 and 1966, the town became incorporated.

By 1980, its population had fallen to 239, but Forsan retained its post office, several businesses, and its incorporated status.

Forsan's Mayor is Steve Park; Aldermen are: Debbie Burton, Patrick Carnahan, Mary Gressett, Ramon Holguin, and Fred Holguin. The City Secretary is Jenny Sayles.

Locally, Forsan is well-known for its annual "Christmas in Boomtown" parade, and for its sports teams' fighting Buffalo spirit.

To contact Forsan City Hall, call 432-457-2355 or by mail at P.O.Box 714, Forsan, Texas 79733-0714.



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new Head Girls' Basketball Coach after serving as former coach Lloyd Vedder's assistant for the past few years. He does not see much changing with him as the Head Coach and is excited about the chance to take over a team he already knows so well.

"I know the girls and they know me and so I think we're going to be able to get back into it and hit the ground running," Johnson said.

The other coaching change for Forsan will be the addition of Janet Shelton as the new Cross Country Coach. She has spent one year as a Head Coach at Rankin ISD but mostly has served as the assistant coach to her husband, Jeff Shelton.

"As coaches, we want to be better than we are predicted. Obviously from year to year you are going to have different groups of kids, and you just want to get the best out of your team/athletes, no matter what that is," Phillips said. "We always have great kids every year that come in and work really hard. We push them to succeed, and are here to help mold the kids' characters in hopes to make them better people. Our coaching staff does an amazing job of that."

Football:
Jason Phillips (2019-20 record: 3-7)
Cross Country: Janet Shelton
Volleyball: Sunni Strickland
Boys Basketball:
Cory Richardson (2019-20 record: 15-19)
Girls Basketball:
Seth Johnson (2019-20 record: 14-16)
Powerlifting: Tommy Thompson
Baseball: Stephen East
Softball: Shanna Taylor
Boys Track: Greg Brown
Girls Track: Tommy Thompson
Tennis: Seth Johnson
Golf: Dave Park

CHURCH

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Methodist

Baker's Chapel AME Methodist, 911 N. Lancaster, 267-7158
Casa de Leon Methodist, 2702 N. Birdwell Lane, 263-2536,

Coahoma United Methodist, 401 N Main St., Coahoma, Texas, 432-394-4432

First United Methodist, 400 Scurry, 267-6394, secretary400@suddenlinkmail.com

Nazarene

First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster, 267-7015, church@nazfamily.org

Non-Denominational

Big Spring Full Gospel Fellowship, 309 S. Benton, 264-7775, billyguy@hotmail.com

Christ's Community Fellowship, 1008 Birdwell Lane, 263-5683

Cornerstone Covenant, 706 E. 12th, 264-0015, Info@cccbigspring.org

Family Faith Center, 810 E. 11th Place, 267-6001, victory@ffvc1.org

Lighthouse Restoration Center, 604 E. 13th, 264-0550

Life Church, 102 E. 10th, 263-7714, info@golifechurch.com
Spring Creek Fellowship, Spring Creek Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700, 432-714-4584

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First Presbyterian, 701 Runnels, 263-4211, officefpc@bigspringbs.com
First Presbyterian, 205 N. First, Coahoma, 394-4450

Other
The Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth, 267-8239, joshua.mckain@uss.salvationarmy.org

Tollett All Faith Chapel, Big Spring State Hospital, 268-7262

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days to allow staff to dean clean and disinfect the facility.

6. There will be no private parties/pavilion rentals allowed for the 2020 Season.

7. Locker rooms will be used only for going to the bathroom. Customers are required to come to the pool dressed for the pool activities. We will not be allowing locker rentals this season.

8. There will be a limited amount of pool furniture available – Attendees are welcome to bring in their own folding chair or single purpose chair.

9. The concession stand will only be serving pre-packaged food.

10. Hand sanitizer will be readily available at multiple locations.

11. Lifeguards are not responsible for enforcing social distancing. It is the responsibility of the customer and/or the parent/chaperone.

Aquatic Center Rules:

1. Every person entering the Aquatic Center (whether swimming or not) must pay or present a valid punch pass.

2. Permitted swimming items include: a. Wacky noodles; b. Water shoes; c. U.S. Coast Guard approved life vests only; and d. Goggles.

3. Prohibited swimming items include: a. Swim fins, water wings or large floats (including those approved by the U.S. Coast Guard); b. Full face masks; c. Snorkels; and d. Denim or cut-off shorts.

4. The following items are strictly prohibited inside the Aquatic Center: a. Weapons of any kind; b. Alcohol and illegal substances; c. Tobacco of any kind, electronic cigarettes, lighters, and matches; d. Glass or metal containers; e. Ice chests; and f. Pets of any kind. Exception: Official service animals are permitted. g. Outside food or drink. Exception: Guests who have reserved a pavilion for celebratory purposes are permitted to bring a cake or similar food item, plastic utensils, and plates for the occasion.

5. The following activities are adverse to a safe and fun environment and shall not be permitted: a. Abusive or profane behavior or language; b. Running, fighting or rough play; c. Communication with Aquatic Center lifeguards, except to report an emergency; d. Loitering on Aquatic Center property, including the parking lot; and e. Leaning, sitting or playing on or near ropes and guard stands. 6. Proper attire is required for entry into the Aquatic Center. The following are deemed inappropriate and are therefore, not permitted: a. G-string swimwear or clothing and other revealing swimwear; b. Clothing or articles that depict: 1. Profanity; 2. Pornography or pornographic images; 3. Graphic violence; 4. Support of drugs or drug use; 5. Gang symbols; or 6. Discrimination against any group. c. Tattoos that depict the following must be securely and completely covered at all times: 1. Profanity; 2. Pornography or pornographic images; 3. Graphic violence; 4. Support of drugs or drug use; 5. Gang symbols; or 6. Discrimination against any group.

7. Children ages 3 and under must wear swim diapers at all times when in the water. 8. Children ages 11 and under must be accompanied by a person that is 16 years of age or older.

9. Life guards and Aquatic Center staff may require any person to perform a swim test if, at their discretion, an unsupervised person is in the water and the person appears incapable of swimming and likely to endanger themselves or others.

10. A parent or guardian must accompany any child under 5 years of age or under 48 inches tall at all times, whether in or out of the water.

11. Guest must obey all rules and follow the directions of lifeguards and Aquatic Center staff.

12. Aquatic Center staff and lifeguards may eject and/or deny future entrance to any person for violation of these rules or for any act or threatened act they deem hazardous to the health and safety of any person, potentially harmful to property or detrimental to good order.

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Skateland Reloaded

Skateland Reloaded has been updated, revamped and reopen. They have concessions available with snacks and drinks; they play all kinds of music to skate to.

Public session times for skating and times available for parties. Skateland Reloaded is located at 2906 W. Eighth Street. Call for more information, 325-236-3149. Skateland is currently open on only Friday and Saturday nights.

Big Spring Bowl-A-Rama

Big Spring Bowl-A-Rama is a non-smoking, 24-lane center, owned and operated by John and Diana Dodd since Dec. 2007. Lots of video and amusement games for hours of entertainment. Great lane conditions with state-of-the-art score keeping technology, automatic bumper guards for the little ones and a professional, attentive staff. Big Spring Bowl-A-Rama provides the best bowling experience for all ages. The snack bar has a wide range of items; you can order one of their delicious pizzas, or an appetizer platter while you wait. The bowling alley is temporarily closed during the pandemic.

Rodeo

Big Spring usually hosts the yearly Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo in June but it was canceled this year because of the coronavirus. There is music, a dance, and of course the rodeo. Last year was the 86th edition of the event and the event's organizers will surely be looking to get back at it next summer. The rodeo is a huge part of culture in West Texas and it is always one of the most popular yearly events in town.

Religion/Church Listing

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Seventh Day Adventist, 4319 Parkway, 267-5381

Assembly of God

Living Waters, Fourth and Lancaster, 267-7971

Templo Belen Assembly of God, 2205 Goliad, 267-2111

Baptist

Baptist Temple, 400 11th Place, 267-8287, btcbigspring@yahoo.com

Berea Baptist, 4204 Wasson, 267-8438, berea.baptist@yahoo.com

Blessed Hands Deaf Church, services in the First Baptist Church Chapel, 705 E. FM 700, 242-4290, jwalterhouse@gmail.com

Circuit Rider Cowboy Church, 6701 IH 20, 432-466-1717, bigspringcrcc@gmail.com

College Baptist, 1105 Birdwell Lane, 267-7429, cbc1957@suddenlink.com

Covenant Ranch Fellowship, 302 Hughs, Westbrook, 713-408-8805, pastorgreg@covenantranch.org

Crestview Baptist, 2305 Gatesville Street, 432-213-4177, crestviewbc@outlook.com

East Fourth Baptist, 401 E. Fourth, 267-2291, east4th@scbglobal.net

First Baptist, 705 W. FM 700, 267-8223, mplsll@yahoo.com
Coahoma - 201 South Ave., Coahoma 432-394-4990, pastordavefbc@suddenlink.net
Sand Springs, 8517 N Service Rd., 432-393-5563, fbcsandsprings@yahoo.com
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Hillcrest Baptist, 2000 W. FM 700, 267-1639

Iglesia Bautista Central, 2105 Lancaster, 267-3396, joe torres

Iglesia Bautista La Fe, 408 State, 267-7512, axel.chavez80@yahoo.com

Midway Baptist, 6200 S Service Rd., 263-6274, midwaybaptist@gmail.com

Mt. Bethel Baptist, 630 Sgt. Paredez, 263-4069

Prairie View Baptist, 1004 FM 2230, 432-399-4310

Primera Iglesia Bautista, 701 NW Fifth St., 432-263-1139

Salem Baptist, 8911 Old Colorado City Hwy. at Salem Rd., 432-394-4655

Trinity Baptist, 1701 E. FM 700, 267-6344, tbc@crcom.net
Vincent Baptist, 12101 N. FM 1205, Coahoma, 432-263-8700, 432-965-3341

Catholic

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, 1009 Hearn St., 714-4930, htcch@suddenlinkmail.com

Christian

First Christian, 911 Goliad, 517-4821, fcbs125@yahoo.com

Hillside Christian Church, 707 E 11th Pl., 806-698-8000

Church of Christ

Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 1616 E. 11th Place, 267-2132, blcofc@att.net
14th and Main Church of Christ, 1401 S. Main, 263-1303, coc14@dslextreme.com
Coahoma Church of Christ, 311 N. Second, 394-4277, coahomachurch@yahoo.com
West Highway 80 Church of Christ, 3900 W. Hwy. 80, 267-6483

Church of God

First Church of God, 2009 Main, 267-6607
Grace Fellowship, 603 Tulane, 267-8593

Church of God in Christ
Shiloh House of Praise, 301 E. Second, 264-7959
New Life, 204 NW 10th, 264-0771

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1803 Wasson, 263-4411

Episcopal

St. Mary's Episcopal, 1001 Goliad, 267-8201, stmarysbst@gmail.com

Jehovah's Witness

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1500 Wasson Rd., 264-0616

Lutheran

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church, LCMS, 2805 Lynn, 267-2594, aliveinchristtx@gmail.com

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Forsan Independent School District is a Class 2A high school/junior high and includes an elementary school, all located in the city of Forsan in southern Howard County.

The district campus includes two buildings; an elementary school which officially opened for the 2015-2016 school year and features several modern classroom settings. Forsan Elementary, previously Elbow Elementary, offers classes from Pre-K to Fifth Grade. The Junior High/High School building includes grades Sixth Grade through 12th grade. The district's administrative offices are also attached to the high school/junior campus.

Forsan Superintendent is Randy Johnson; Business Manager is Jason Mims; Jr./Sr. High Principal is Hanna Carter with Rebecca Medina serving as Assistant Principal; Dean of Students and Athletic Director is Jason Phillips. Serving the elementary school is Andrew Eudy as the Principal and Carrie Averette as the Assistant Principal.

School board trustees are Board President Lewis Boeker, Vice-President Chris Evans, Secretary Beckie Wash and members Cris Olson, Kristi Elliott, Chad Myers, and Jimmy Miller.

School addresses and phone numbers are:

• Administrative office, 411 W. Sixth, P.O. Box 689, can be reached by dialing 457-2223, ext. 2.

• Forsan High School-Junior High, 411 W. Sixth, 457-2223, ext. 1.

• Forsan Elementary, 500 W. Main St., 457-0091. The school also offers pre-kindergarten classes.

Classes are set to resume on Aug. 10, 2020. To keep with the slowing the spread efforts and keeping safety of students and staff top of mind, the ISD will offer both in person and online learning opportunities.

To find out more about FISD, visit the school website – which has been revamped - at www.forsan.esc18.net.

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Family Activities

Big Spring YMCA

The YMCA has been open and helping their members return to a somewhat normal workout routine during this pandemic. They have also recently opened the water slides for the youth during these scorching West Texas summer months. With not much for young kids to do these days, Big Spring YMCA CEO Dathan Jones decided to open the slides as a fun getaway for the youth.

"We understand that the Youth and Teenagers in our community are limited on night time activities," Jones said. "Therefore, we would like to offer out Water slides as an evening activity."

There are a few new classes being offered that started this year that include boxing and a water aerobics class. Members can regularly workout in the weight room, participate in outdoor fitness, and use the pool and basketball courts. Right now, there are some requirements to follow, such as wearing a face covering and maintaining six feet of social distancing, but the YMCA is regularly filled with Big Spring residents looking to improve their health.

Russ McEwen Aquatic Center

The Aquatic Center project began in 2010 and consists of a 9,376 square foot leisure pool and a 4,662 square foot bathhouse. The pool includes a zero depth entry, climbable play structure, water crossing activity, lazy river, and two water slides. The bathhouse includes bather change/shower facilities, office spaces, a concession area, and dedicated mechanical equipment spaces. Site amenities include sand play areas and equipment, shade structures, irrigation, concrete deck areas, fencing barriers, turf, and plantings.

The name of the facility has undergone several changes since its time in service. The facility previously consisted of an Olympic-sized swimming pool (the first of its size in Texas) and a pool house under the name "Comanche Trail Park Municipal Swimming Pool." Upon its remodel in 2011, however, the facility was named "Big Spring Family Aquatic Center" to commemorate the new facility. In 2015, the Mayor Duncan and Council members voted to rename the facility to the "Russ McEwen Family Aquatic Center," in memoriam of our late Mayor Russ McEwen and his contributions to the community of Big Spring.

Robert Russell (Russ) McEwen, III (1949-2012) is fondly remembered as a passionate servant of the Big Spring community. He founded the Russ McEwen Agency in 1975 – provided high quality health insurance to Big Spring, Texas and surrounding communities for over 37 years. He also coached gymnastics for over 20 years, positively affecting the lives of so many youngsters with his sense of discipline, hard work, and reward. In addition, Russ proudly served on the Big Spring City Council from 1981 until 1988 and later served as Mayor from 2000 until 2010.

1. Hours of operation for the 2020 Season are as follows:Tuesday-Sunday: 1pm-7pm
2. The number of people allowed in the pool area will be limited to the pool's social distancing capacity as allowed by the Governor's Executive Order. At the current 75% allowed level, the number of people allowed in the pool area will be 450.
3. Attendance will be based on a first-come first-served basis. Customers trying to enter the pool area after the capacity number has been reached must wait until someone leaves before being allowed to enter.
4. Customers will not be allowed to freely enter and exit the pool facilities. If a customer leaves and wishes to re-enter the pool facilities, the customer will be required to get back in line and pay again.
5. The Aquatic Center will be closed on Mon

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Museums

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Heritage Museum

The Heritage Museum is located at 510 Scurry St. The mission of the museum is "to collect and preserve items of cultural and historical significance to Big Spring and West Texas, and to use those items for the research and education of the area's citizens." You can find more information about the museum at http://www.heritagebigspring.com/index.php. Their hours are Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Potton House

While you're studying the history of Big Spring, visit the Potton House, located at 200 Gregg St. The house was built by Joseph Potton who was a master mechanic for the T&P Railroad. The house was owned by the Potton Family for many years. In 1975, the house was purchased with a grant from the Dora Roberts Foundation and the Tourist Development Council of the City of Big Spring. It is open for tours by appointment only. Please call 267-8255 to schedule a tour.

Hangar 25 Air Museum

The Hangar 25 Air Museum is located on the old Webb Air Force Base. It is housed in a fully restored World War II era hangar. The mission of the museum is to "promote education through the collection, preservation and exhibition of the history of the Big Spring Army Air Force Bombardier School and Webb Air Force Base while honoring all veterans, past and present." The museum is located at 1911 Apron Drive. They are open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can find more information their website at http://www.hangar25airmuseum.org/main/index.asp.

Vietnam Memorial

The Vietnam Memorial is located on the former Webb Air Force Base. It is at the intersection of Rackly and Swords. The memorial and grounds are open always open to the public. The idea for a Big Spring Vietnam Memorial came about when the mobile Vietnam Memorial visited Big Spring in 1987. The Vietnam Memorial Committee was formed and incorporated as a non-profit corporation in February, 1988. More information can be found on their website http://thebigspringvietnammemorial.weebly.com.

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Buffalo Athletics

Entering his eighth year as Forsan's Athletic Director, Jason Phillips has seen nothing but success come from the Buffalo athletic program. There is definitely a lot to be proud of for the sports fans and parents South of Big Spring.

"I would be the first one to tell anybody that our staff is full of awesome coaches who put the kids first, and I am proud to have my kids involved with them. Obviously our success has a lot to do with having such a great group of kids, but it also due to our amazing coaches," said Phillips. "(In 2018-19), we advanced past the district round in almost every sport, and that is tough to do. A lot of our team sports made it several rounds deep into the playoffs and we had many kids make it to the state level. We look to do that again this year, as it is our goal every year."

In the 2019-20 school year, the Buffs and Lady Buffs were able to show their skills and advanced to the post-season in mostly every sport. The football team was loaded with young players and had a down year but showed a lot of progress throughout the course of the season. Key contributors Cayden Morgan, Sawyer Stallings, Ernesto Rivera, Chris Mendez, and Maverick Yanez will all be returning as juniors. With two years left of high school football to go, each one of those young men has an opportunity to keep bringing their game to the next level.

Seth Johnson will be taking over as the

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Coahoma ISD

Coahoma Independent School District is a public school system located in eastern Howard County and serves the educational needs of the youth in the community of Coahoma, Texas.

The district is composed of an elementary school (grades Pre-K-fifth), a junior high school (grades sixth through eighth), and a high school (grades ninth through 12th).

The high school competes on the 3A level for athletic, artistic, and academic competitions.

The Coahoma High School football team plays in the 4-3A Division II conference and the rest of the sports program, artistic, and academic programs compete in the 5-3A conference. The school colors are red and white and the mascot is the Bulldogs.

The district is overseen by an elected board of seven trustees. Current members of the board are: President Dr. Kandy Alaman, Secretary Dicky Stone, Scott Tutle, Brandon Atkins, Odis Franklin, Stormy Bradley, and Michael Brooks.

The daily running of the district is overseen by Brad Cox, who is now in his second full year serving as the superintendent of CISD. His administrative staff include: Business Administrator Shawna Dobbs, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction Charlotte Stovall, Director of Operations Brady Peugh, Director of CTS Christina Cox, Director of Information Technology Megan Ditto, Director of Health Services Carissa Hughes, and Athletic Director Chris Joslin.

At the campus level, John-Michael Leggett serves as the principal of Coahoma High School. The vice-principal is Ashley Roberts. Charlotte Stovall is the principal of the Coahoma Junior High School. The vice-principal is Coley Dobbs. Alison Alvarez is the Coahoma Elementary School principal. The vice-principal is Brynn McJimsey.

For more information, visit www.coahomaisd.com.

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Bulldog Athletics

Athletic Director Chris Joslin enters his third year with Coahoma in 2020-21. Before coming to Coahoma, Joslin spent two years as an offensive assistant coach for the Rockdale Tigers. In his last year with the Tigers, they went 13-3 for the season and clinched the 3A Division I State Championship against the Brock Eagles at AT&T Stadium.

In 2016, Rockdale advanced to regionals with an 11-2 record. After winning the prestigious Howard County Bowl against Forsan last year to extend the winning streak over the Buffs, Joslin worked with an experienced team and finished the 2019 season with a 9-3 record. After finishing 4-7 during his first year at the helm, Joslin has the Coachoma football program on the come-up. There will be a lot of returning talent this fall for the Bulldogs but they will be making the move to a new starting quarterback after the graduation of Zack Schneider.

Jim Kinnear will be heading into his second season as Head Coach of the Girls' Basketball Team after leading them to a strong 21-11 record in his first

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New Mexico. According to statistics provided by West Texas VA website, more than 56,000 veterans reside in the service area, and 17,000 receive care from the WTVAHCS.

In addition to the domiciliary which offers inpatient care for veterans, there is also an outpatient clinic providing primary care providers, emergency services and several other outpatient services including; hearing aids, prosthetics, volutneer services, eyewear, lab and X-ray and more.

New cottages are in the process of being built, which will offer a more homelike living environment for those veterans needing longer care treatment.

A new greenhouse is available for the local veterans, courtesy of the 37th Leadership Big Spring class. As an effort to provide a bigger space for veterans to work out-side and tend to their garden items, the class opted to build a greenhouse for the veterans to enjoy.

Business hours for the West Texas VA Outpatient clinic are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Other outreach clinics in the area include: Abilene, Hobbs, NM, Permian Basin, San Angelo, Stamford and Fort Stockton.

To find out more about services offered or about VA, visit www.bispringva.gov or stop by the facility.

Big Spring State Hospital

The Big Spring State Hospital was founded in 1938, and is operated by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

The hospital provides inpatient psychiatric care for 58 counties in the Texas Panhandle and West Texas. The Hospital is also a provider for the Veteran's Administration to provide psychiatric care to veterans for the VA Region 18. Many of the patients served are direct admissions from a community setting; or are transfers from other psychiatric hospitals.

The hospital is staffed to to serve 144 patients, both from the forensic and civil population of adult males and females. Hospital admissions are coordinated by Texas Community Mental Health Authorities or the Veteran's Administration. BSSH plans outpatient care for patients using the network of Texas Mental Health Authorities or Veteran's Administration.

The hospital's staff is committed to providing quality psychiatric care which promotes each patient's recovery and rapid return to their home.

Families are encouraged to visit and participate in treatment and are valuable to the recovery process.

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is a small task. As long as everyone does their part, there should be no stray trash for employees of the course to pickup at the end of the day.

(6) NO gathering of 10 or more on the course - anytime or anywhere.

This rule was the most important to Stewart. If people are unable to follow these directions and begin to group up in large numbers, then the course will not be able to remain open much longer.

"We've warned everyone about giving everybody space and don't gang up," Stewart said. "We've changed our tee times from every 10 minutes to now bring 15 minutes apart to try to spread people out on the golf course."

(7) NO SHARING clubs, balls, food or drinks.

Use your own equipment while on the course and refrain from sharing and snacks or drinks during your round. Everyone will go home healthy and the crew will be able to share a large meal following their round at Comanche Trail.

(8) Enjoy your play and go home.

The most important part of golf is to have fun playing one of the world's greatest sports. If everyone can keep to themselves and remain clean, then the course will be able to remain open with all golfers healthy.

Stewart believes that if these rules are followed then there is no reason he should have trouble staying open. He also knows that if a golfer comes in who has the virus, or one of his employees catches it, then the closure of the golf course will follow soon thereafter.

Playing a round of 18 holes is a great physical activity and can also help get one's mind off of the current state of the country.

For now, if you are looking to get out of the house and stretch your legs, the Comanche Trail Golf Course is the place to be.

GYMS

Warlord MMA - A local gym that offers MMA, Bootcamp Fitness, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Self Defense and Personal Training classes. They also have a cardio/weight room. The general manager is Nathan Torres and it is located at 602 S. Main Street. Warlord holds many classes and events yearly such as a Women's-Only Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Self Defense Training class, a kids' Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu & Kickboxing class, and several "bootcamps" throughout the year.

Crossfit Big Spring - Owners Brian Pritchard and Culley Jo Wilson run a Crossfit gym in town that focuses on "helping people realize their full potential daily." The first week of training is FREE from coaches such as Pritchard, Wilson, Jessica Gwin, Sean Lemon and Dylan Wright. Crossfit Big Spring just celebrated their seventh anniversary and are still going strong during these tough times. Head in today for a tough workout that is sure to make you sweat.

Baja Retreat Tan & 24/7 Fitness Center - Baja Retreat is a locally owned, 24-hour fitness center offering a wide range of amenities. Some of these include a tanning salon, hair salon, licensed massage therapy, micro-blading and eyelash services. Their Fitness Center has 24-hour access with a membership.

Anytime Fitness - Anytime Fitness is a premier 24/7 fitness center located at 2602 S. Gregg Street. The gym has been a part of the Big Spring community and helping members lose weight and be healthy for several years. They continue to refresh their equipment and environment to keep the location new and exciting.

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Healthcare

Scenic Mountain Medical Center is a Level IV Trauma medical hospital, and has been serving Howard County for 45 years. SMMC became part of the Steward Family in April 2019, after being part of Quorum Health System for two years. SMMC is striving to close the gap and make healthcare more accessible for Howard County residents.

SMMC offers an array of services including, behavioral health, wound care therapy, labor and delivery, emergency care, diagnostic cardiology, and more.

The Behavioral Health Unit is a 20-bed, inpatient facility. The unit provides inpatient behavioral health care for adults residing in the West Texas Centers service area (comprised of 23 counties). The Wound Healing Center offers advanced wound healing treatment options locally and provides the opportunity to reduce extended travel for those needing services. The WCC opened in April 2017 and houses two hyperbaric oxygen therapy chambers. The idea for the Wound Center came with the arrival of SMMC's former CEO Emma Krabill in 2014, when she noticed many people in the community dealing with chronic wounds, as well as diabetes and heart problems. The center is able to use advanced technology to tackle those non-healing, chronic wounds including, skin substitutes, wound vacs, compression wraps, debridements and more. A team of specially trained physicians and nurses provide compassionate care for the patients. The center is located inside the West Texas Medical Plaza in Suite 106.

The West Texas Medical Plaza and the Wound Healing Center both celebrated the construction completion in April 2017. Greystone Corporation invested $4.5 million into the restoration of the building, and marked the beginning of the construction on May 3, 2016. After everything was completed, the money provided for a new roof, replacing windows from single pane to double pane, new flooring, paint, new HVAC units and more. The building houses Scenic Mountain Medical Group providers, as well as independent providers, x-ray and lab services, along with the new Wound Healing Center.

Along with the renovation of the Medical Plaza, the opening of the Wound Center in April 2017 made advanced, comprehensive wound care treatment available to the public locally. The idea for the

SMMC's influence extends beyond the walls of the hospital through several educational programs and community projects throughout the year. Some of the annual events include: Child Abuse Awareness Ceremony, Asthma Camp, Volunteer Appreciation Week, Hospital and Nursing Week, and Back to School Health Splash. SMMC understands that building partnerships is an integral part of success, and is thankful for all the partnerships that have been formed. In addition to in-house activities, SMMC employees are engaged in community activities and can be found volunteering at Pops in the Park and providing education at the annual Chamber Health Fair.

As part of their desire to ensure a healthy community, SMMC provides a health hour show on KBYG, every other Thursday. The show contains information about events going on at SMMC, upcoming events, and educational information. Those interested in listen ing can tune to 106.3 at 11:05 a.m. every other Thursday.

Scenic Mountain Medical Group - formerly known as Family Medical Center - is a community-based provider's office operated by SMMC at 2301 S. Gregg Street. Physicians, Nurse Practitioners and PA-C, offer services in: family practice, podiatry, pediatrics, Internal Medicine, and OB/GYN. The newest addition to the team is Gabrielle Rich, D.O. who provides OB/GYN services. While the provider base is strong, recruitment efforts are ongoing. Krabill said, "We understand we can't be everything to everyone, but we want to be able to provide the services that we can here – with quality professionals - and limit the travel Big Spring residents have to make when it comes to their healthcare."

To find out more about SMMC or any of the services provided, visit the website at www.smmccares.com. To find out more about the Scenic Mountain Medical Group providers, visit smmgcares.com.

West Texas VA Medical Center George H. O'Brien Jr. VA

The West Texas VA is located at 300 Veterans Boulevard in Big Spring, Texas, but provides services to veterans in 33 counties across 53,000 square miles in West Texas and Eastern

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season. Kinnear is also the Head Coach of the Tennis team and has a full schedule having to lead both programs. Assistant Football Coach Mitchell Woodard (defensive coordinator) will head into his second year as the Head Coach of the Coahoma Track and Field team.

Head Boys' Basketball Coach Joe Mireles will also be the Cross Country Coach, making him the second Coahoma coach to lead two separate programs. According to MaxPreps, the Bulldogs finished 7-17 on the hardwood last winter.

Kim Nichols will head into her second year as Head Golf Coach at Coahoma and Volleyball Coach Jamie Bonner will enter into Year Three. The Bulldogettes' Volleyball team went 11-17 last year and will look to take another step forward with a more experienced roster this fall.

On the diamond, the dominant Coahoma softball team did not get to complete their 2020 season but were starting to look like a force under Head Coach Alex Orosco. Chris Arista will get to coach his first full season of the Bulldogs next spring.

The majority of coaches at Coahoma are in the first few years leading a Bulldog or Bulldogette program and fans should be excited by the continued progress each athletic team has shown. After adding five wins to their total over the 2018 season, Joslin and the Bulldogs football team will be looking to start off the 2020-21 school year even stronger than the previous year. There is a lot to be excited about when it comes to Coahoma athletics.

Coahoma Athletics Coaching Staff

Football: Chris Joslin (2019-20 record: 9-3)
Volleyball: Jamie Bonner (2019-20 record: 11-17)
Cross Country: Joe Mireles
Girls Basketball: Jim Kinnear (2019-20 record: 21-11)
Boys Basketball: Joe Mireles (2019-20 record: 7-17)
Powerlifting: Coley Dobbs/Dustin Glidewell
Golf: Kim Nichols
Tennis: Jim Kinnear
Track: Mitchell Woodard
Softball: Alexander Orosco
Baseball: Chris Arista

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Howard College

Howard College serves 13 counties for higher education needs in an area that covers 13,000 square miles.

Counties included are Howard, Dawson, Martin, Glasscock, Sterling, Coke, Tom Green, Concho, Irion, Schleicher, Sutton, Menard, and Kimble.

The service area hosts 29 independent school districts including Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan, Sands, Dawson, Lamesa, Klondike, O'Donnell, Grady, Stanton, Sands, Glasscock, Sterling City, Robert Lee, Bronte, Water Valley, Grape Creek-Pulliam, Miles, San Angelo, Veribest, Wall, Christoval, Paint Rock, Eden, Irion, Schleicher, Sonora, Menard, and Junction.

The college's educational mission is to build communities through quality, innovative education for life-long learning.

The college offers education in both career technical education as well as general studies / transfer programs. Among the career technical programs available are Associate of Applied Science and/or Certificate programs for careers in areas including but not limited to dental hygiene, nursing, cosmetology, criminal justice, welding, computer information, construction and agriculture. The general studies/transfer degree programs are: Associate of Science, Associate of Arts, Associate of Arts in Teaching. Students can enter into areas of concentration such as biology, business, chemistry, communications, drama/theater, education, economics, English, foreign language, general business, government, art, history, mathematics, music, office administration, psychology, sociology and speech. For students interesting in education, the college partners with Texas Tech University to provide the Tech Teach Program, where students can earn a bachelor's degree and teacher certification in three years.

Student organizations are important at Howard College. They include the Mexican-American Student Organization, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Sigma Kappa Delta English Honors Society, Howard College Diplomats, Student Government Association, Adventure Club, and Baptist Student Ministries.

Howard College also has campuses in San Angelo and Lamesa. The San Angelo campus also includes two buildings housing academics and student services as well as the West Texas Training Center.

President of Howard College is Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks. Other senior officials include Dr. Amy Burchett, vice president for academic and student affairs; Brenda Claxton, chief financial officer; Steve Smith, chief business officer; Terry Hansen, chief athletic/special projects officer; Jamie Rainey, workforce and community development officer – San Angelo; Fabian Serrano, chief operations and safety security officer, Pam Callan, administrative dean for instruction and student services — San Angelo; Danny Campbell administrative dean of SouthWest College for the Deaf (SWCD).

The board of trustees is chaired by Dr. John Freeman. Other members are Maxwell Barr, vice chairman; Adrian Calvio, secretary; Michael Flores, Mark Morgan, Patricia Bennett, and Emma Krabill.

For more information, contact the college at 432-264-5000, find them on social media at facebook.com/HCBigSpring, @HC_BigSpring on Twitter, and Instagram at howardcollege or visit www.howardcollege.edu.

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the Army Corp of Engineers as a surface water source. The water surface of the lake became an asset of the Colorado River Municipal Water District when the City helped form the District in 1947. Currently the water is pumped from EV. Spence Reservoir to Moss Creek Lake and then transferred to the CRMWD transmission system. Not only does Moss Creek Lake provide water for Howard County and several surrounding counties, it also serves as a recreational facility.

Moss Lake offers about 400 acres for recreational use, along with 26 sheltered campsites, and two large pavilions available for reservation. These pavilions are equipped with electricity and well suited for family reunions, company picnics or any other large outings. Recreational activities at Moss Lake include a playground, paintball course, dirt bike course and a beach swimming area. The RV Park and campground offers both full hook-up (includes water, sewer, and electricity) and half hook-up (water and electricity). A dump station is also provided. Overnight camping by permit is allowed throughout the facility. Moss Lake is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Fees: Entry Fee - $3 day fee per vehicle. Another $0.50 per person not to exceed $5. Children under 12 and seniors over 65 are free. Day permits expire at 10 P.M. on the day issued; Camping Fee - $9 per vehicle per night

Permits expire at Noon on the following day

Full RV Hook-up - $15 per day (water, sewer and electric). Permits expire at Noon on the following day

RV Hook-up - $12 per day (water and electric only) - Permits expire at Noon on the following day. Boat/Jet Ski Launch Permit - $2 per vessel – in addition to other use permits required

All Permits expire at the same time. Motorcycle Course: $5 per motorbike – in addition to other use permits required all permits expire at the same time

Yearly permit - $100 per year which included day entry permit, boat launch and camping limited to immediate family members residing in same household.

The annual permit shall be effective for a calendar year from date of purchase and must be available for the review by Moss Lake personnel when requested. This permit allows entry of a vehicle and an attached trailer or camper.

GOLF COURSE

Comanche Trail is currently open and operating at a busier-than-usual rate. With

the country club currently closed down and some golf courses not allowing anyone from out-of-town to play there, Comanche Trail has become the hotspot for amateur golfers throughout the region.

While they are open and operating like usual for the most part, that does not mean that Superintendent Howard Stewart is taking the COVID-19 situation lightly. Stewart and his staff have changed several things around their course to help with cutting down on the spread of germs and the overall health and cleanliness of all of their golfers.

"We've made some changes," Stewart said. "Things that you touch a lot are either removed or are covered, the restrooms on the course are closed down, and we've made it to where no one has to reach down in the cup for their ball."

That is not all they are doing at Comanche Trail. Stewart also has a list of eight rules that are posted throughout the course about rules customers need to follow to ensure that the golf course can stay open.

Written at the top of the placard in large, red, italicized letters is the declaration, "If you don't feel good - stay home!"

That hopeful decree is followed by a few rules that are meant to be followed strictly while during your time at the course.

(1) All flags have been removed from the greens. Cups are now 1/2 way out of the ground. If you hit the cup - it went in.

"We've raised the cups out of the ground and instead of the ball falling in the hole, if you hit the cup, you made it," Stewart said.

(2) Do not use the ball washers. (We will be trying to remove them.)

With the spread of germs a major concern throughout the entire planet, restricting the use of and removing a piece of equipment that comes in contact with many peoples hands is a great decision.

(3) You will be given a Clorox wipe to wipe your steering wheel down.

Throughout the day, several parties may use the same golf cart. To ensure that everyone is keeping away from germs, a Clorox wipe will be used at the end of every round to clean the steering wheel.

(4) Wash your hands as often as possible.

The restrooms scattered throughout the course are currently closed so it would be wise to bring your own hand sanitizer to the course.

(5) Throw your own trash away, where others do not have to handle it.

Making sure your trash gets into the trash can

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return to his true passion, working with young people in and out of the arena, presented itself, he decided to return to coaching.

Assistant Coach: Tracey Riddle

Tracey was born and raised in Big Spring, TX. She attended Coahoma School, and after graduation attended Western Texas College on a Rodeo Scholarship.

Men's Basketball

Head Coach: Scott Raines

In seven years under Raines, the Hawks are 142-71 with four Region V tournament appearances and one conference championship. The Hawks are coming off a 16-14 season and a seventh place finish in the conference standings in 2019-20. The previous year, the Hawks went 18-8 and finished third in the Conference. The season was highlighted by an overtime home win against No.1-ranked Ranger College. The Hawks were 22-9 with a regional quarter-final appearance in 2017-18. In 2016-17 after a slow start to the year, the Hawks finished strong to qualify for the postseason and capped it off with a first round win over 29-1 (7th ranked) McLennan College. In 2014-15, the Hawks were co-conference champions (24-8, 13-3) and the Region V tournament runner-up. Along the way, the Hawks beat the NJCAA national tournament runner-up and third place team. In 2013-14, Raines led the team to a 24-8 (11-5 conference) record and a semifinal appearance in the Region V tournament.

Assistant Coach: Junsie Cotten

Prior to Howard, Cotten and Raines worked together at Midland College (1999-2001) guiding the Chaparrals to a two year record of 55-15 while capturing a WJCAC Championship, a Region V title, and finishing 6th at the NJCAA National Tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas. Cotten, a former assistant at the University of Texas at El Paso, has also been the head coach at Lincoln Trail College (2005-2010), and most recently at Panola College (2010-2015) in Carthage, Texas. In his second year at Lincoln Trail, Cotten led the Statesmen to the 2007 Region 24 Championship.

Assistant Coach: Gabe Palmquist-Clark

"Coach PC" is entering his third year as an assistant men's basketball coach at Howard College. In his first season with the Hawks. Coach PC helped guide the Hawks to a 3rd place finish in league and an 18-8 record overall. The Hawks were able to achieve a team GPA of almost a 3.2 team GPA in the 2018-19 season. Only 17 men's basketball teams in the NJCAA finished with higher than a 3.0 GPA. The Hawks were able to achieve the 8th highest team GPA in the country among men's basketball teams.

Women's Basketball

Head Coach: Earl Diddle

Coach Diddle brings a variety of experiences from various academic levels including high school, junior college, NAIA, NCAA Divisions I and II, and preparation for the National Olympic Team for the United Arab Emirates. From this, he has gathered recognition from his colleagues as an effective teacher/coach of the game and as an outstanding recruiter nationally and world-wide. Learning from the best and teaching the best defines. He has compiled a 578-447 record during his tenure as coach of the Lady Hawks.

Assistant Coach: Meesha Wade

Meesha Wade joined Howard College following 2 years as a Graduate assistant coach at Texas A&M University-Kingsville. Meesha Wade had duties of Recruiting, Academics, Budgeting, and skill development with the guards and forwards. Meesha played for Frank Phillips College from 2013-2015 and was named on the all-conference team both years. Upon graduating from FPC in 2015, Meesha continued her playing career at Texas A&M University- Kingsville from 2015-2017. She was a part of the team that took down the number 1 seed ENMU in the LSC Conference Tournament.

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Hawk Athletics

The athletic programs throughout Howard County continue to be a big part of the community and a large part of the conversation even in an odd year such as the one we are currently living in. Big Spring, Coahoma, and Forsan High Schools, along with Howard College, each have coaching staffs who have shown their dedication to both their programs and their players during the strange time of the coronavirus pandemic. Even with the majority of Spring sports being completely canceled in 2020, and summer workouts being off-and-on, no coach has wavered in their commitment to their team.

Howard College represents the local sports community with top-notch junior college athletes who often go on to play at four-year collegiate programs and a collective of head coaches that hate to lose.

The Lady Hawks' softball team under head coach Kelly Raines has developed into a perennial national powerhouse that is consistently ranked inside the Top 10. Raines has added a new assistant coach, former Lady Hawk Ashley Lopez, to her staff over the past year and the team did not miss a beat. The Lady Hawks had a 17-3 record when the season was shut down in March and were consistently beating teams by double-digit runs.

In baseball, the team is led by former NCAA Champion Michael Lopez. His assistant coaches for the shortened 2020 season were Eddie Paparella and Cody Semler. Paparella has since moved on to coach in the Seattle Mariners organization and Semler is assumed to return for his second year as a member of the Hawks coaching staff in 2021. The Hawks held an 11-6 record when the season was canceled and finally looked to be hitting their groove at the plate.

On the hardwood, the Hawks bring a high level of play but could not put it all together consistently enough to have a strong finish to the 2019-20 season. The men's team is led by longtime head coach Scott Raines and have an extremely strong recruting class for the upcoming 2021 season. Since the NJCAA ruled that Fall sports will not happen, the Hawks next season will begin in January. Raines is flanked by third year assistant coaches Junsie Cotten Gabe Palmquist-Clark. The Hawks had a talented roster but an overall down 2019-20 season, finishing seventh in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) with a middle-of-the-pack 16-14 record.

The women's team has been under the tutelage of Earl Diddle since 2004 and are usually a force to be reckoned with in their conference. The

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Lady Hawks struggled this past season by going 7-22 and were derailed by a number of players choosing not to return to the school following winter break. However, Diddle and his assistant Meesha Wade have done a tremendous job adding talent and putting together a strong roster for the upcoming 2021 season.

In Rodeo, new Head Coach Mike Yeater and his assistant Tracey Riddle do an outstanding job of getting their athletes ready to compete but were unable to do so this year because of COVID-19. The Rodeo team competes against four-year universities on a regular basis and regularly find a way to come out on top more often than not. The program does a great job displaying the proud rodeo heritage that extends throughout Howard County.

The Cheer program is actively involved in student life and exceedingly supportive of the Hawk athletic programs. The cheerleaders can be seen at mostly every sporting event and they can always be found cheering on the men's and women's basketball teams from the floor level of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Howard College offers a great sports experience to fans of all different sports and does so with skill, teamwork, and class.

Baseball
Head Coach: Michael Lopez

Coach Lopez took over the Head Coach job this past season after the departure of Rob Martinez. Lopez works mostly with the pitchers and handles the lead recruiting duties. While at Howard, he has had over 40 players sign with Division I schools, three players sign contracts with professional teams and three players selected as NJCAA All-Americans. Coach Lopez played his collegiate career at the University of Arizona (2009-2012) where he was captain of the 2012 National Champions. He graduated from The University of Arizona in 2013 with a bachelor's degree in family studies and is looking forward to his second season at the helm for the Howard Hawks.

Assistant Coach: Cody Semler

Semler was also in his first year as an assistant on the Howard coaching staff and handles recruiting while also working with infielders, outfielders, catchers, and hitters.

Softball
Head Coach: Kelly Raines

The Hawks are well represented with 15th-year Head Coach Kelly Raines leading the way. The 2018 WJCAC Coach of the Year Award. Coach Raines led the Lady Hawks to their fifth consecutive Regional Championship and an appearance at the NJCAA Division I Softball National Tournament. In 2011, 2012, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018, Coach Raines led the Lady Hawks to the Regional Tournament title before advancing to the National Tournament in St. George, Utah. In 2015, the Hawks finished with a 4th place finish at the National Tournament making that the best finish in program history. Coach Raines has also led the Hawks to six Conference Championships.

Assistant Coach: Ashley Lopez

Lopez played centerfield two years under head coach Kelly Raines in 2015 and in 2016. She was part of teams claiming two conference championships, two regional championships and two trips to the NJCAA Division I Softball National Tournament. Lopez finished her collegiate career at Eastern New Mexico University starting in centerfield for two years and earning her bachelor's degree in University Studies with the emphasis in Business and Heath Physical Education. She is currently working on her master's degree in Sport Administration.

Rodeo
Head Coach: Mike Yeater

Yeater returns as the Head Rodeo Coach at Howard after 20 years of "retirement". He was raised in El Paso, Texas and grew up rodeoing in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma. He served as the Rodeo Coach at Frank Phillips College in Borger, Texas prior to coming to Howard College in 1991 were he was the Rodeo Coach until 1999. Since then he has served in a variety of roles in Administration at various institutions across the state. Yeater came back to Howard in January in a Dean's role and then things evolved and when the opportunity to

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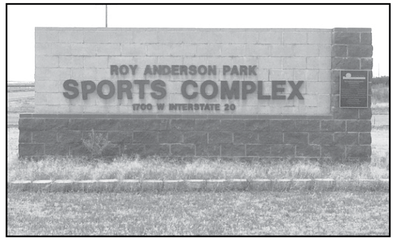

Roy Anderson Sports Complex

The Roy Anderson Sports Complex, built in 1972 and named in memory of a former assistant city manager here in Big Spring, provides a recreational sports facility to the citizens and includes baseball, softball, soccer and football fields.

Multiple tournaments from Little League all the way up to the Varsity level are held at the complex every year and it has become one of the center pieces of the amateur baseball, softball and soccer culture in the area.

The fee schedule and regulations associated with the use of the Sports Complex are available in Chapter 6 of the City of Big Spring Code of Ordinances, Cemeteries, Parks and Recreation. All organizations, teams or individuals desiring to rent a ball field at the Sports Complex shall make application to Debbie Wegman at the Convention and Visitors Bureau no fewer 14 days prior to the proposed date of use. Applications should include:

A reservation of the date or dates the fields are to be utilized.

The name or the organization, league, or individual requesting the reservation.

The field or fields desired.

All reservations will be granted on a first come, first served basis; however no reservation will be granted for a time more than one year subsequent to the making of the request. Authorized applicants agree to comply with the rules and regulations for the use of the Big Spring Ball Field areas as assigned by the Parks Department Manager.

Big Spring State Park

Big Spring State Park is 382 acres of protected local fauna and flora that has offered great views and great trails to the community of Big Spring and tourists from around the Permian Basin since it was established by the Civilian Conservation Corps as part of the New Deal in 1936. The CCC built the onsite pavilion, headquarters, residence, pump-house and restrooms before the park opened, using limestone quarried on site. The biggest and most widely used aspect of the park's original amenities has been the three-mile drive that loops around Scenic Mountain, offering great views from the ledge of the limestone rimrock capping the bluff.

For years people have come to enjoy the views and the trails, from all over the Permian Basin; and now with the help of the West Texas Trail Alliance, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has opened three new hiking and cycling trails in the State Park. The new trails offer a brand new look of the park while giving people another opportunity to get outside and get in some exercise while enjoying the outdoors locally, especially during these times of the coronavirus.

Along with the new trails, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has done a great job of making the park one of the cleanest and best kept in the area while hosting multiple events throughout the year to encourage people to come enjoy the outdoors. The Park also does a great job of informing people of the history and natural ecology of the area. From Moonlight Rave Runs and movie screenings by the Big Spring Film Society, to star gazing with the West Texas Amateur Astronomy Club, there is something for everyone at Big Spring State Park even if hiking and cycling aren't your cup of tea.

With new trails and new scenery added to the already outstanding vistas and activities, Big Spring State Park and Scenic Mountain are the most recent to participate in a wave of local revitalization projects that have been taking place all around the community. So whether you are looking for a great place for a family outing, a quiet place to take in some amazing views or just want to get in some exercise in a beautiful setting, Big Spring State Park is a great local option. There is a something for everyone at Big Spring State Park.

Moss Creek Lake

Moss Creek Lake was originally constructed in 1938 by the City of Big Spring with help from

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Steers Athletics

After half a year of sports were wiped out because of the coronavirus, the Big Spring Steers are ready to get back to excelling at athletics this fall. The Steers have been working hard whenever they have been allowed to this summer and the anticipation for the upcoming athletic seasons is heating up.

Cannon McWilliams will be heading into his second year as the Head Football Coach and Mike Ritchey will also be heading into Year Two as the Big Spring athletic director. The Steers appear ready to take the next step on the gridiron with junior quarterback Gabriel Baeza leading the offense and his backfield mate Orlando Sanchez toting the rock.

New girl's track and field coach Audrey Dunn will be taking over for David Jeffery and will be looking to get the Steers back to their district title level of performance. Dunn will continue to be an assistant coach for the Lady Steers on the hardwood and is looking forward to her expanded role.

"In the past, I had absolutely no desire to become a head coach and I made that a point for everyone to know," Dunn said. "I was complacent with my role as an assistant. When the opportunity came up I was hesitant and I was unsure. It was something within myself that I had to come to grips with because I knew the type of kids that we have and the caliber of athletes that we have. We tell our girls that we want them to push themselves day-in and day-out to get them out of their comfort zone and never settle. I had to take my own advice and here I am."

On the basketball court, Kris Hise looks to improve upon the improvements his team made last season and will rely upon Kyler Seymore to lead the team this winter. Randall Shaw hopes to repeat the success his Swimming team had in his third year as their coach and Powerlifting Coach Sawyer Roberts seeks to continue the dominance and increased participation in powerlifting next year.

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District Rivals:
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UIL Baseball, Basketball & Volleyball:
Conference 4A Region I District 3
District Rivals:
Levelland, Lubbock Estacado, San Angelo Lake View, Snyder, Sweetwater

Brandon Clemmons will be taking over the head coaching jobs for both Cross Country and Boys' Track and Field during the upcoming school year. Dana Jones will be returning to lead the Big Spring tennis team while Mike Scarbrough continues to lead his golf team through the links of West Texas.

Krystle Jim will be heading into her second season leading the Lady Steers on the hardwood and will look to take another step forward after a learning and development year. Kaitlyn Braswell will also head into her second year as the Head Volleyball Coach. She will continue to try to build up the program with her coaching style and will look to build on the legacy of success left behind by her predecessors.

Chelsey Jordan hopes to continue her success as the Lady Steers' Head Softball Coach after bringing home back-to-back district titles in 2018 and 2019. This past season was cut short and the Lady Steers did not get to complete their season. The same story can be told about Head Baseball Coach Daniel Carrillo and his team. Carrillo was disappointed that his seniors this past year were unable to finish their careers on their own terms but is looking forward to getting back on the diamond as soon as possible.

Steer Coaching Staff
Football: Cannon McWilliams (2019-20 record: 2-10)
Volleyball: Kaitlyn Braswell (2019-20 record: 4-28)
Cross Country: Brandon Clemmons
Swimming: Randall Shaw
Tennis: Dana Jones
Powerlifting: Sawyer Roberts
Girls' Basketball: Krystle Jim (2019-20 record: 8-19)
Boys' Basketball: Kris Hise (2019-20 record: 17-18)
Girls' Track: Audrey Dunn
Boys' Track: Brandon Clemmons
Softball: Chelsey Jordan
Baseball: Daniel Carrillo
Golf: Mike Scarbrough

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Big Spring ISD

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Howard County is home to three public school districts and several private schools.

Big Spring Independent School District is composed of a pre-kindergarten center, four elementary, one fifth- and sixth-grade center, one junior high, one Class 4A high school and one accelerated high school.

Serving more than 4,000 students, BSISD is the largest school district in Howard County and is located in the city of Big Spring.

Last school year, the district converted its four elementary schools from neighborhood schools to specific grade level schools, Moss and Marcy Elementary Schools are kindergarten through second grade campuses. Washington Elementary School is a third grade only campus, and Goliad Elementary School is a fourth grade only campus.

The superintendent is Jay McWilliams.

His administrative staff includes Assistant Superintendent of Operations George Bancroft and Dr. Raemi Thompson assistant superintendent of Academics and Assessment, Director of School Improvement Debbie Park, Chief Financial Officer Susan Bryan, Director of Technology Jamie Scott, Director of Transportation and Maintenance John Sparks, Food Service Director Sonia Carrillo, Special Education Director Tyler Sheppard, Records and Registration Dana Rodriguez; and Food Service Liason, Judi Rodriguez.

Serving on the board of trustees are President Fabian Serrano, Vice President Julie Harris, Secretary Melissa Miller, members Maria V. Padilla, Tom Olague, Manny Chavira, and Chad Wash.

School addresses and phone numbers are:

- Administrative office, 708 11th Place, 264-3600.
- Big Spring High School, 707 11th Place, 264-3641. Principal is Mike Ritchey. Assistant Principals are Bert Otto, Elissa Bancroft, and Tim Tannehill. Athletic Director is Mike Ritchey.
- Anderson Accelerated (D.A.E.P./Success School) 229 Air Base Road, 264-4115. Principal is Heidi Wagner and Assistant Principal Brett Ramsey.
- Big Spring Junior High School, 624 E. Sixth, 264-4135. Principal is Rebecca Otto; Associate Principal is Jim Wommack and Kristin Tubb.
- Big Spring Intermediate, 2000 S. Goliad, 264-4121. Principal is Patsy Sanchez. Assistant Principals are Nicole Woodard and Jay Kennedy.
- Kentwood Early Childhood Kindergarten Center, 2500 Merrily, 264-4130. Principal Jennifer Chesworth.
- Marcy Elementary, 2101 Wasson, 264-4144. Principal is Dana Pannell. Assistant Principal is Amanda Finley.
- Moss Elementary, 3200 Fordham, 264-4148. Principal is Carman Wommack. Assistant Principal is Rick Smith.
- Washington Elementary, 1201 S. Birdwell Lane, 264-4126. Principal is Kaitlin Jeffery; Assistant Principal is Mark Cotton.
- Goliad Elementary, 1801 S. Goliad, 264-4111. Principal is Rosie Lain. Assistant Principal is Shea Harman.

School begins for the 20202-2021 school year on Aug. 19. The re-opening plan is available on the Big Spring ISD website, located at www.bigspringisd.net

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Private Education Opportunities

Big Spring is also home to private Christian schools and several daycares:

• Maranatha Baptist Academy located at 903 Johnson Street, phone 432-213-1046, uses the Accelerated Christian Education system out of Hendersonville, Tennessee. We have provided students K-12th with a quality Christian education plus help with homeschool programs, and tutoring K- through college courses. Tuition is reasonable.

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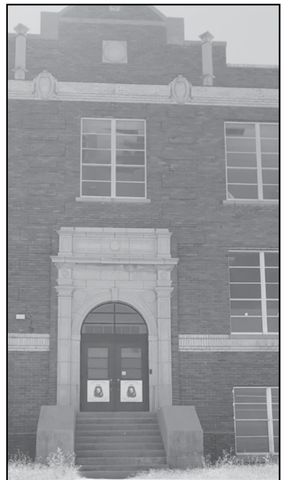
• Nazarene Christian Academy, 118 Cedar, 263-0203, Provides education for kindergarten, first grade through sixth grade. Enrollment is ongoing. The school follows the ABeka curriculum. Kaleigh Sullivan is the director and classroom teacher. Visit www.ncabigspring.com or the school,Äôs Facebook page.

• Runnels Academy, 102 E. 10th St., 816-6307. This upcoming 2020-2021 school year will be the third year in existence for Runnels Academy. They are a member of the Association of Classical Christian Schools and focus on a classical christian education. They serve junior kindergarten through 9th grade. For more information go to runnelsacademy.org, or find them on Facebook.



Howard County also has several other pre-Kindergarten programs besides BSISD. Those are:

• New Hope Christian School, 118 Cedar, 263-0203, serving children ages 6 weeks through age 12. Providing Prekindergarten services and after school daycare. Visit www.newhopebigspring.com or the school,Äôs Facebook Page.

• Bauer Headstart Readiness Academy, 108 N.W. 9th St. Phone number 432-267-7452

• Rainbow Christian, 409 Goliad St., 267-4515. Serves two years olds to 13 year olds.

• Hillcrest Child Development Center, 2000 W. FM 700, 432-267-8449

• Jack and Jill, 1708 Nolan St., 432-267-8411

,• Howard Cottage Child Development Center, 1001 Birdwell Lane, 432-264-5185

,• West Side Community Day Care Center, 2400 Simler Dr., 432-263-7841

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• Home school groups are also active in Howard County.

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