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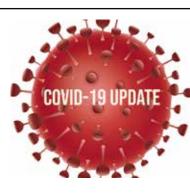
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WEDNESDAY EDITION, **DECEMBER 9, 2020** 

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Scenic Mountain Medical Center has reported:

- 21 Covid-19 positive patients • 6 in ICU & 3 vents
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SMMG & SMMC Testing through 12/8:

- 2,115 tests
- 560 positives for 26.6% positivity rate For the month of Decem-

179 patients have tested of which 50 were positive for a rate of 29.1% positivity (excludes pending tests) There are 7 tests pending.

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Howard County has reported:

- 2,264 positive cases
- 44 Covid-19 fatalities
  - 1,536 recoveries • 684 active cases

info obtained from Texas Health Department

<u>Upcoming Events</u>

BSISD School Board Meeting Dec. 10 5:15 p.m. HS Board Room

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# **Big Spring City Council appoints** final members to Charter Committee

Budget amendements, litigation discussion and BSEDC top agenda newly re-hired City Manag- liever Route's northern route cines for the State of Texas

By IRIS RANGEL Herald Staff Writer

City Council members convened Tuesday evening to discuss the appointment of three additional members to the Charter Committee to

represent Districts 4, 5, and

6 and a report from Medical

Advisor Dr. Ahmed on CO-

VID-19.

After taking a moment for public comment, Big Spring Fire Department Chief Craig Ferguson administered the Oath of Office to newly hired

firefighter Chase Westbrook. Then, Mayor Shannon Thomason administered the Oath of Office to former but item did not make it on the agenda at time of notice. City Manager Todd Darden

provided a report including the next Large Item Pickup. The next Large Item Pickup will take place on Dec. 16 for District 6 and residents are encouraged to call ahead in order to ensure they are not missed. Darden also spoke on code

enforcement staffing stating the city is currently down to no Code Officers, besides Darden himself and one other, and are only able to handle calls as they come in. According to Darden, the Re-

er Todd Darden, stating the is back up, however, there are still areas that need signage. Darden also noted that the current construction on FM 700 would not be completed until after the holidays. Regarding the Landfill, Darden stated that the final walkthrough took place last week and the city is looking to officially open the landfill possibly in April.

Medical Advisor Dr. Ahmed spoke on Howard County's current situation with CO-VID-19 stating Big Spring currently has 2, 200 cases of COVID-19 with 43 deaths. Dr. Ahmed also stated that with the governor's approval, vacare intended to start distribution later this week and continue through the end of the

"With the second batch, this vaccine will be available to everyone and every citizen. According to the President today, by June, every citizen who wants to get the vaccine should be able to get the vaccine. So, until then, the only defense we have against this virus is... we have to wear a face covering and mask,' Ahmed said.

Dr. Ahmed encourages any

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# Forsan Board of Trustees recognize athletic achievements during Monday evening meeting





HERALD photos/Amanda Duforat

Members of the Forsan Varisty Football Team and Cross Country runners were ing year, but one of recognized during the Monday evening meeting of the Forsan ISD Board. Pictured the things I am most of at left are members of the football team during the presentation and pictured at these guys for is their right are Cross Country team members waiting for their certificates to be pre-resiliency. Through all sented.

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

Recognitions of student achievement and a public hearing focused on Financial Accountability Rating (FIRST) topped the agenda for Monday evening Forsan ISD Board of Trustee meeting.

The meeting took place, on an evening filled with activity. Following the Board Meeting the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony took place, while the Buffalo Band preparred for the upcoming State Band Competition in San An-

Once there was an establishment of

a quorum the meeting was called to order, and in an effort to allow students who were also taking part in the National Honor Society to make it to the ceremony on time, the Board moved into recognitions of the Cross Country Players and Varsity Football

"It was an interestthe craziness starting

with summer workouts and having to do things a lot differently these guys were super resilient, and I am super proud of them, "Coach Jason Phillips said. "In my 26 years this is one of the funnest groups I have had

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# BSISD Board of Trustees to review Audit Report, discuss Budget Amendments for 2020-2021

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

The Big Spring ISD Board of Trustees will convene for the last regular meeting of the year, on Thursday. The meeting will take place at 5:15 p.m. in the High School Board Room.

At the beginning of the meeting, following the prayer and pledge, the community will have an opportunity to address the Board during the public comment section of the meeting.

The Audit Report for the year ending August 31, 2020 will be up for consideration and approval by the Board.

As part of the discussion items, board members will hear information pertaining to the Teacher Incentive Allotment 2020-2021 Application, as well as, House Bill 3 Goals. In addition, as a report item, a review of 2020-2021 Academic Progress will be up for discussion.

Topping the Action Items Agenda is the discussion and possible adoption of an order authorizing redemption of Big Spring ISD unlimited tax school building bonds, series 2011. There will also be consideration of Budget Amendment and Expenditure over \$150,000 for the payoff of the Big Spring ISD Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2011.

The District and Campus Targeted Improvement Plans will also be brought before the trustees and be up for consideration and approval.

The extracurricular student drug testing services contract is also up for renewal and could possibly be reapproved, during Thursday evening's meeting.

Discussion surrounding employment recommendations and personnel issues will be heard Thursday. As part of the discussion, trustees could enter into an Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.074 when discussing personnel

As part of the Superintendent's Report, Jay McWilliams will provide a Covid-19 update as it relates to the district and overall community. In addition, the Board will be briefed on any resignations and retire-

ments that have come up since the last

meeting. Current standing of the See BSISD, Page 1





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# **Obituaries**

## Michael "Mic" A. Garza

Michael "Mic" A. Garza, 37 of New Braunfels, Texas went home to our heavenly Father on Nov. 28, 2020, and is under the care of Buffington Funeral

Home. Michael was blessed to have two sets of parents. He was born to Jesse N Torres and Ramona Garza in Big Spring, Texas, on March 29, 1983. He was raised

by his parents Daniel and Sylvia Miramontes of Big Spring, Texas. He is survived by his partner Sergio Valdes Resendiz, three brothers: Joe L. Miramontes of Big Spring, Texas, Danny Ruiz of Odessa, Texas, Kaniel Miramontes of Big Spring, Texas. Three sisters: Elizabeth Garza of Gonzales, Texas, Roxann Evans and Ashley Miramontes of Big Spring, Tex-

Texas, numerous aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces and cousins. His two dogs: Buboo and Ogie, He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents: Joe A. Torres and Trinidad Nunez, and his

maternal grandfather Eleazar Garza Sr.

Concepcion Rodriguez

as, maternal grandmother Sara Garza of Gonzales,

Michael attended Howard College in Big Spring, Texas, and UTPB University in Odessa, Texas.

He loved to cook and experiment with different recipes, dancing and listening to music. He loved history and art and enjoyed the outdoors. He loved watching old movies. He loved to debate on subjects that were important to him.

Michael was Baptized on November 27, 2016, at Family Faith Center by Pastor Samuel Segundo in Big Spring, Texas.

Visitation will be Friday, December 11, 2020, at Buffington Funeral Home, 424 St. Peter, Gonzales, Texas 78629, from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Interment will follow at Gonzales Memorial Park Cemetery in Gonzales, Texas, on Saturday, December 12, 2020.

A heartfelt thank you to Nick and Tina Marie Clark for the care and guidance during this sorrowful time. Thank you, Jesse and Ramona, for blessing us

with Michael's short time on earth. Michael was full of life and laughter. He loved life.

Michael, you will live in our hearts forever.

#### Paid Obituary

Concepcion Rodriguez, 90, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Dec. 6, 2020. Viewing and

visitation will be Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020 at Myers & Smith Funeral Home, with a Vigil service at 7:00 PM. Funeral service will be Friday, Dec. 11, 2020 at 10 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Coahoma Cemetery. Concepcion was born on June 1, 1930, in Lockhart. He married

Carlota Gutierrez on June 8, 1949, in Big Spring. He was a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

He was a retired welder. He loved baseball and played ball when he was

Sylvia Ann Polanco

He is survived by his four daughters: Manuela

Hernandez of Coahoma, Anita Gaitan of Big Spring, Carlota Martinez of San Antonio, and Martha Rubio of Big Spring; four sons: Pedro Rodriguez of San Antonio, John Rodriguez at Lawton, OK, Joe Rodriguez of Big Spring, and George Rodriguez of Elizabeth, PA; a number of grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren; one brother: Cruz Rodriguez, Jr., and seven sisters: Ramona Gutierrez, Minga Alvarez, Olivia Molina, Amada Rodriguez, Feliz Rodriguez, Panfina Torres, and Manuela Molina; and a number of nieces and

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son: Edward Rodriguez; and two brothers: Alfonso and Gregorio Rodriguez.

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

#### Paid Obituary

Sylvia Ann Polanco, 77, went with her Lord and Savior on Friday, Dec. 4, 2020. Viewing and visitation will be Thursday, Dec. 10 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be Friday, Dec. 11 at 10 a.m. at Myers and Smith followed by burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Sylvia was a lifetime resident of

Big Spring, Tx and grew up on the Northside "el barrio". She was born on May 3, 1943, in

Odessa, Texas to Juan and Ramona Sylvia graduated from Howard

College in 1970 with a degree in Nursing. She started her nursing career at Hall and Bennet and retired from the Big Spring State Hospi-

tal after 35 years of nursing. Sylvia was a member of Family Faith church for

over 16 years and was a Christian.

following activity:

driving while intoxicated.

sault - with a deadly weapon.

ful restraint.

Sylvia is preceded in death by her parents; her sisters: Marguarete Davis and Cherri Josette Polanco; her grandson: Joseph Mata Gomez; her brother-inlaw: Gavino Rodriguez; and her best friend Irene

Sylvia is survived by her children: Carlos (Tyky) Mata Jr, Juan (Johnny) Polanco Mata and Josette

tucky Way, was arrested on a charge of warrant –

• JASON C. RODRIGUEZ, 28, of 1506 Tierra

CARL EDWARD DUHAMEL, 43, of 4315 Es-

Bella, Weslaco, Texas, was arrested on a charge of

mond Drive, Odessa, Texas, was arrested on charg-

es of public intoxication and warrant – other agen-

• GABRIEL RAY BOMAR, 24, of 804 S. Douglas Street, was arrested on a charge of aggravated as-

CHRISTOPHER M. SANDOVAL, 42, of 1401

TANYA JEAN JENKINS, 32, of 207 Washing-

N. Highway 87, was arrested on a charge of unlaw-

ton Boulevard, was arrested on a charge of public

• PAUL LEE BERRINGER, 50, of 4053 Vicky,

• JAYLYN GAGE HERNANDEZ, 20, of 100 S. 6th

Street, Coahoma, Texas, was arrested on a charge

of assault family violence threat or offensive touch. ALEXANDRIA DIANE BOSLEY, 18, of 100

S. 6th Street, Coahoma, Texas, was arrested on a

charge of assault family violence threat or offen-

• MICHAEL JOHN ARCIBALD, 62, of 4620 Ash Street, was arrested on a charge of assault family

was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

Mata, all from Big Spring; her grandchildren: Joe Michael Mata, Daniel Mata, Joey Mata, Andrea Mata Ybarra, Abraham Mata Gomez, Khloe Mata, Kameron Mata and Kylee Mata; her great grandchildren: Destiny Mata, Kylor Mata, Kynslea Mata and Andrew Mata.

She is the sister to Cynthia Torres, Emma Wilson, Mary Polanco and Gerd Polanco; her sisters in law: Lupe Rodriguez, Juanita Muniz and Lydia Hensley; her son in law: Tony Gomez; her aunt: Mary Mock: her lifelong neighbors of over 40 years: Maria Elena Hernandez and Olga Trevino; her best friends for over 60 years: Julia Correa and Sylvia Rodriguez; and her precious companions, her dogs: Diego and Sylvia is also survived by several nieces and

nephews: Michele Chavez, Danielle Martinez, Max Hernandez, Sandra Torres, Jennifer Wilson, Justin Wilson, Shanna Garciaroiz, Estela Guevara, Israel Guevara, Gabriel Guevara, Stephen Rodriguez, Patrick Rodriguez, Becky Rodriguez and Richard Ro-

Pallbearers will be Abraham Mata Gomez, Kameron Mata, Daniel Mata, Joey Mata, Mason Hernandez. Christian Hernandez and Max Hernandez.

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

#### Shirley White

Shirley White, 87, of Big Spring, died on Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020. Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020 at Mount Olive.

Shirley was born Aug. 4, 1933 in Big Spring to Grace and Elmer White.

Survivors include several cousins.

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

#### Darla Ann Cross Darla Ann Cross, 55, of Big Spring passed away

rection of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com.

on Dec. 4, 2020. Arrangements are under the di-

# **Sheriff**

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 82 inmates at the time of this re-

- ISMAEL CHACON, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CODY JAMES MATTESON**, 33, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of assault causes
- BIANCA NICOLE VALENCIA, 30, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of assault causes

# Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity: •MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1100

block of Sycamore. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. •MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Road. One person was transport

ed to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. (x2) •MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2900 block of W. Highway 80. One person was trans-

ported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 700 block of S. Gregg. No transport was required.

•MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 4900 block of Ratliff Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. •MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1300

block of E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. •MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1700

block of Goliad. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. OUTSIDE RUBBISH FIRE was reported in

the 2200 block of N. Highway 350. The fire was contained.

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enrollment report will also be delivered during the meeting, as well as any updates for the dis-

Other items to be considered and possibly approved by the Big Spring ISD Board of Trustees

• Minutes from the Nov. 12, 2020 and Nov. 19,

2020 Board Meetings Paid Obituary

# Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the BENNY DWAYE LOFTON, 33, of 1603 Ken-

• INTOXICATED DRIVER was reported in the 3700 block of Howard County. CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the

1700 block of Donley Street.

HARASSMENT was reported in the 2600 block

**DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1300 block of Ridgeroad Drive.

MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1200 block of S. Birdwell Drive. **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in

the 1400 block of N. Highway 87. SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported in the 300 block of S. Owens Street; area of Radio Tower

**THEFT** was reported in the 100 block of E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

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- **UNWANTED SUB-JECT** was reported in the 2500 block of Cha-
- nute Drive. • FORGERY was reported in the 500 block of
- N. Lamesa Highway. **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1700 block of E.

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- DISTURBANCE was reported in the 900 block of Willia Street; 1400 block of Scurry. **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in
- the 4600 block of Ash Street. DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 100 block of S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Coahoma, Texas.
- DISTURBANCE was reported in the 2900 block of S. FM 821
- WELFARE CONCERN was reported in the
- 1900 block of S. Runnels Street.
  ASSAULT was reported in the 2400 block of S Gregg Street.

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to coach. Never had a bad day of practice; every practice was fun, mainly because of these guys standing in front of you."

Each of the Varsity team football players were recognized for their achievements this past season and each was presented with a certificate. Following the Varsity Football team recognition, the Board had an opportunity to recognize the Cross Country tream

"I am extremly proud of our Cross Country runners. They have run hundreds of miles since August.... It takes a lot of dedication and mental toughness to be a Cross Country runner and these guys prove everyday why it's so important to be in Cross Country," Janet Shelton, Cross Country Coach, said.

The Public Hearing opened, with Financial Officer Jason Mims presented an overview of the recently received FIRST rating. According to Mims, the ranking of A – Superior, was based off of data from 2018-2019. Mims did inform the Board that in the 2020 and 2021 evaluations, a few of the indicators will be changing, but no big issues are expected. One of the biggest changes is that data will be figured on a three year average and a heavy focus will be placed on fund balance in the legislature.

Barring no public comment or inquiry, the Board moved on to the public comment of the agenda. Once again nobody requested to address the Board. Opening up routine agenda items was the Administror's Reports.

The Board heard from the campus principals as

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members of the public that have questions or concerns regarding the vaccine to reach out to him in order to receive answers.

Consent Agenda items approved in a unanimous vote included:

 City Council Minutes of the Special Meetings of Nov. 17 and Nov. 30;final reading establishing a policy to address grievances concerning accessibility to city services; An increase the General Fund Budget by purchasing an upgrade to the city's ERP Software System and applying for reimbursement from the Coronavirus Relief Fund from the State of Texas Cares Act; An increase to the Utility Fund Budget to be used for additional equipment and the General Fund Budget to be used for a new server; A final reading authorizing signatures for bank accounts and final reading authorizing representatives empowered to transmit and withaw funds from Tex Pool.

Big Spring Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Mark Willis provided the Council with a yearend report stating that the airpark and industrial road construction is to be completed at the end of the year. Willis also made note that the Economic Development Board is currently working with retail investors for the city in order to create more throughout the area. There was also mention of seeking big market investors to create a distribution center or warehouse in Howard County in order to create more jobs for its residents and better the economic development of Big Spring.

"The future looks bright, I'd say with the vaccine coming on, we expect the real marketing opportunities are going to be in the second quarter," Willis said.

After Willis addressed the Council and shared his thoughts on upcoming planning, Mayor Thomas Shannon shared his thoughts about previous issues in the handling of business of the BSEDC and the rift with the City Council and other entities and the BSEDC that he noticed upon entering

'We have faced some challenges in the past with the EDC, and I for one want to make sure you have the tools you need to be successful in your job and in extension make Big Spring economy successful,' Mayor Thomason said.

Mavor Thomason brought up a previous encounter that was had with the EDC and a potential agreement.

each delivered their respective Administrator's Report. Forsan Junior High/High School Principal Hanna Carter and Elementary Principal Andrew Eudy gave an update on Board Goals. As part of Mrs. Carter's presentation she provided data pertaining to progress measures including TSI (Texas Success Initiative) which demonstrates college readiness in the students preparing for graduation; Industry Based Certifications and the upcoming ability for the welding teacher to soon be certified to administer the certification tests on campus; and the most recent achievements with Business Information Management. According to Mrs. Carter, almost 20 students have received certifications in Word, PowerPoint, and Excel. During the Elementary Board Goal update Mr.

Eudy discussed the benchmarks for Third Grade percentages in Reading and Math. The data is based off of NWA with a new round of testing to take place early in the second semester. In addition the Board was briefed on holiday events coming up, including the annual Christmas program for each of the different grades. This year, due to the pandemic situation, each of the programs will be recorded and shared with parents due to no visitors allowed in the school at this time. Superintendent Randy Johnson provided the en-

rollment report and gave a preview of future agenda items, before the Board moved on to the consent portion of the agenda. At this point, enrollment is only down two students from the beginning of the year.

Johnson also informed the Board that he recently visited with the Howard County new Chief Appraiser and the convesation resulted in good information and a positive outlook on the upcoming audit and

"Last year Mr. Scott approached the EDC about funding of a project, long story short he was asked to bring certain documents to the EDC, he did, and then the EDC director at the time said that's not what we wanted go back and bring back this... He went through that three times," Thomason said. "That's not a reflection on you because you weren't here. But there have been other businesses along the way that have approached the EDC and have been politely denied, given the run around. Whether it was the fault of the previous director or not, my concern is why the board didn't step in at some point."

Mr. Willis informed the Council that his operating procedures include treating the EDC as a business. With each project a cost/benefit analysis is conducted. He looks at jobs created, benefits packages, demographics and other data to reflect gains from any given business, as a way to make the best decision.

"I want to make you have the tools you need to accomplish that ... I want to see you, Mr. Willis get the tools that will be the best for the City of Big Spring, therefore I move that the Big Spring City Council remove the Board of the EDC and appoint a new board at our first meeting in January," Thomason said.

Silence followed the Mayor's motion, and with no second to the motion, the motion died. Following, Mr. Willis readdressed the Council and expressed his gratitude for City Staff who have stepped up and formed working partnerships with himself and the BSEDC.

Afterwards, Community Services Director Haley Herrera provided the Convention and Visitors Bureau year-end report. Herrera stated the CVB is looking towards becoming a film friendly city to create more opportunity for interested parties to film in Big Spring, alongside new guidelines. Herrera also made note of the future collection of AirBnB taxes. According to Herrera, the city began with only two AirBnBs at the start and now has approximately 25.

Herrera then moved into the appointment

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financials for the coming year. In addition Johnson also updated the Board on the Covid-19 status in the

"Numbers are looking a lot better than expected. We were expecting a spike after the Thanksgiving holiday, but we are looking good right now and are hoping to hang on until Christmas break," he said.

Members heard and voted to approve the follow-

ing: minutes from December meeting, monthly financials including Rev & Exp Report, Investment Report, Activity Report and List of Bills. Johnson approved the Board of the most recent calendar changes for 2020-2021 which includes a

half-day on Wednesday as the Elementary will be hosting UIL competitions for the students and a Teacher Work Day on Monday, Dec. 14 due to the Forsan Band traveling to State Competition in San We will have a send off on Sunday around 10 a.m

for the band as they head out to State," Carter said.

Before the meeting adjourned, the Superintendent Evaluation Instrument was reviewed by the Board members and approved.

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Shirley White, 87, Wednesday. died Graveside services will be at 10:00 AM Thursday at Mount Olive Memorial Park. Margie Barron, 93,

died

19, 2020.

Graveside service will at 10:00 AM Wednesday at Mount Olive Memorial Park. Arthur Yanez, 65. Wednesday.

Thursday.

later date. Josefa Salgado, 88, died Thursday. Services will Saturday, December

Services will be at a

Sylvia Polanco, 77, died Friday. Visitation will be Thursday 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM at Myers & Smith Home. Funeral will be at 10:00 AM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive

Lenora Mancha, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers Smith Funeral Home.

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

Billy Jack Darden, 83, died Sunday. The family will receive friends Thursday from Noon until 2:00 PM at First Baptist Church in Coahoma followed by his funeral service at 2:00 PM at First Baptist Church of Coahoma with buri-Coahoma at Cemetery.

Concepcion Rodriquez, 90, died Sunday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Thursday with a vigil at 7:00 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

Vicente Alvarado, died Sunday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 1:00 PM Saturday at Family Faith Center.

Maria Recio, 90, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Maria Greene, 79, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



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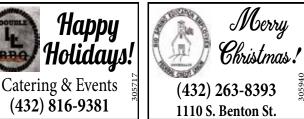
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# Forsan Buffaloes shut down Coahoma for 59-27 cross-county rivalry win





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Above left: Mason Hillger controls the ball with a Coahoma defender close on him during Tuesday night's big win. Above right: Ernesto Rivera drives the lane and goes up for a layup on Tuesday night against the visiting Bulldogs.

#### By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

FORSAN — The Forsan Buffaloes weren't able to score early and often on Thursday night when they built a big early lead and translated that into a 59-27 victory over the visiting Coahoma Bulldogs.

Forsan played lockdown defense for the entire four quarters and built up a strong 14-4 lead following the first quarter of action. Buffalo players were getting their hands into passing lanes and often ended up taking the ball back the other way for an

In total, the Buffaloes had over 15 steals and also recorded a handful of blocks as a team. This strong defense converted into strong offense and Forsan was never in danger of losing the contest.

"We've struggled the last four games in scoring so I think our intensity level picked way up and we passed the ball better, moved without the ball, and it was a team effort. Strong hustle makes up for a lot of other things," Forsan coach Cory Richardson

The Buffaloes were led in scoring by the insideoutside duo of Mason Hillger (17 points) and Cayden

Morgan (16 points). Morgan was a pest on defense all-game long and made it very difficult on Coahoma's guards to get anything going. On offense, he would often drive the lane to take a layup over a jump shot. Meanwhile, Hillger was causing serious problems for Coahoma's bigs on the low block. His strong rebounding was a big reason why Forsan was able to build up their lead with second-chance opportunities.

Richardson relies on those players as the veterans of the squad and knows that they are a tough squad to beat when both of those players are on their 'A' game.

"Having those two guys going as threats made the defense move and react and we were able to find the open man. We played unselfishly and I think that it paid off," Richardson said.

Coahoma was led in scoring by Raheem Ashford, who was responsible for the first 12 points of the game from the Bulldogs. He finished the game with only 14 points as foul trouble caused him to be on the bench for a large portion of the second half.

As a team, Coahoma shot a lowly 4-for-14 from the free throw line and were being out-rebounded consistently by Forsan. Without Ashford on the floor, they had trouble putting the ball in the basket and Forsan's lead continued to grow.

The Buffaloes have played some tough competition so far this season and they appeared and played like a battle-tested squad on Tuesday night. Richardson is happy with what he is seeing out of his team right now and would just like to keep moving in the right direction.

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

UP NEXT: Forsan (1-4) will now travel to Grape Creek on Friday night to take on the Eagles (0-5) at 8:00. Coahoma (1-4) will hit the road and head to Borden County for a meeting with the Coyotes on Friday night (8:00).

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

# Forsan Lady Buffs stifle Bulldogettes for 47-40 rivalry win

#### By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

FORSAN — In an early-season, non-district rivalry game between two cross-county teams, the Forsan Lady Buffaloes prevailed over the Coahoma Bulldogettes by a final score of

"We played really good defense. I felt like we made them throw the ball away and turn the ball over quite a bit. We didn't let it into the post like they like to do. That was the difference in the game was just playing good, hard defense," Forsan coach Seth Johnson said.

Forsan led for the entire game and were led by the lights-out beyond the arc shooting performance from senior guard Rylee Evans. The Lady Buffs passed the ball around well while playing unselfish basketball and often found Evans wide open near the three-point line where she would knock down the shot. Evans finished the game with 26 points.

Coahoma coach Jim Kinnear believes that his team would have had a better chance to pull out a win if they had played the entire game like they had played the fourth quarter. The Bulldogettes' energy was top-notch during the final quarter and they were one missed layup away from tying the game.

"We didn't play very well in the first three quarters," Kinnear said. "In the fourth quarter, we made a run. We did what we needed to do. It's just one of those things. We had a chance to take the lead but couldn't convert on the shot."

Coahoma was led by senior forward MaKynlee Overton, who recorded a double-double with 16 points and 11 rebounds. In sharp contrast to their opponents, the Bulldogettes were only able to knock down one threepoint shot throughout the game. Coahoma was also 50% from the free throw line (9-for-18)and struggled for the majority of the game to consistently rebound.

However, the Bulldogettes do seem to be moving in the right direction and they showed their team's potential during the fourth quarter on Tuesday night.

"I have to give them credit. They played hard in that fourth quarter and they almost pulled it out. The last four or five games, we've made some great strides," Kinnear said.

On the other hand, Forsan now moves to 6-1 on the season and earned a crucial victory over a rival to put last weekend's loss to Christoval behind them. As long as the team continues to grow and find different ways to win under Johnson, the Lady Buffaloes should be a force to be reckoned with.

After holding off a rival to win a close game, the Lady Buffaloes confidence should be rising. It took Forsan until the twelfth game of the 2019 season to pick up their sixth win and

this year they picked up their sixth win in their seventh game of the season. Forsan is an experienced group that has players that can score from all over the court and they will look to keep their positive momentum going.

"I think it was huge for us to respond to a loss last Saturday," Johnson said. "I think every game that we step onto the floor, we're getting better as a team. We're playing together and we're playing unselfish basketball which is what you want to see."

Forsan will now look to continue their hot stretch to open the season while Coahoma will try to get back on track.

UP NEXT: Forsan (6-1) will travel to Westbrook to take on the Lady Wildcats (8-2) on Friday night at 6:00. Coahoma (5-3) will take a road trip to take on Borden County (6-1) on Friday night at 6:30.

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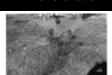
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My son blamed me for the rift and refused to see me. I got married later that summer and even though he said he would attend, he didn't show up, and neither did my younger son. A year later, I attended his high school graduation and things seemed to be on the mend until, during a discussion, he said he was not sorry for cutting me out of his life for his senior year and doesn't regret it.

His blazon arrogance and narcissistic personality are very much reminiscent of his maternal grandfather, whom he idolizes. This has caused me to not enjoy being around him, and I did not want to spend much time

with him the past year. As a parent, should I just ignore the bad behavior and suffer having him around? Or should I continue to refuse to see him until he matures and learns that my wife and I deserve to be treated with respect, requiring him to apologize for his past behavior if he wants to spend time with us? --Dad with Questions

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Dad with Questions: If you refuse to see your son until the day he wakes up having spontaneously metamorphosized into a mature human being, you might never see him again. But if you silently suffer his bullying

behavior, it will poison your relationship. Fortunately, you have other options. Continue to see him as often as is comfortable for you, taking breaks for as long as you need. When you do see him, call out any bad behavior as it arises. If and when he persists in rudeness, firmly (not fiercely) end the visit. It is unlikely that he will become a new man overnight, but he could become a better one over time.

Dear Annie: Some thoughts for us all, in this time of shopping during the pandemic. Recently, I have seen shoppers overloading

their carts with products of all kinds, and not leaving at least one for the next customer. I have seen this happen multiple times with all manner of household essentials, from cleaning supplies to paper products such as toilet paper and paper towels. This happens even when there are signs asking customers to limit themselves to one or two of each of these items. I wish others would be considerate enough to leave at least a few for the other customers and not clear the shelves of items. We are all experiencing a time we'd never imagined, and we need to

be in this together to cope and survive until our previous lifestyle returns. I hope that we all can learn to share and show kindness to our fellow Americans. -- Shopper in Need

Dear Shopper: I hope so, too. Fears about shortages are self-fulfilling prophecies, as people hoard essential items and create the very situation of which they were afraid. There is plenty to go around, so let's start acting like it.

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#### Nowhere to hide

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West dealer. Neither side vulnerable. **NORTH** ♠ A J 10 3 ♥AKJ9 **♦** 10 3

**♣**K Q 7 EAST WEST **♦**Q5 **♥**84 **♥**106532 ♦ AKJ9764 **♣**A964

SOUTH ♠K964 ♦852 **♣**J 10 8 3

The bidding:

East West North 3 ♦ Dble Pass Pass 4 🏟

Bridge is primarily a game of percentages, but there are times when psychological considerations play a bigger role than probabilities.

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Consider this deal from a team contest where both North-South pairs reached four spades after West had opened three diamonds. Both Wests led the diamond king and continued with the ace at trick two, East discarding a low heart.

At the first table, West continued with the diamond jack, which declarer ruffed with dummy's ten of spades. When East failed to overruff, it became clear that West had the queen of spades. So South next led a low spade to the king and returned a spade toward the A-J, picking up West's queen. East's ace of clubs later scored the defenders' third and last trick, and the contract was made.

Afterward, East reprimanded his partner for leading a third diamond, thereby revealing the location of the spade queen. Had West shifted to another suit at trick three, East argued, declarer might well have misguessed the spade position and gone down.

East's analysis left something to be desired, as evidenced by what transpired at the other table. There, West recognized the danger of playing a third diamond, so he shifted to a club at trick three.

East took the king with the ace and returned a club, but after winning with dummy's queen, South paused to consider why West had not led a third diamond in a potential overruff situation. The only rational explanation had to be that West was afraid of giving away information about his trump holding, so South led a spade to the king and returned a spade toward dummy, and that was that.

By drawing the proper inference, declarer was thus sure to make the contract whether or not West led a diamond at trick three. There was simply no place poor West could hide his queen of spades.

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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

**Know Thine Frenemy** GO (Aug. **21-April 19).** You have 23-Sept. fresh source of fun. It 22). might not be the most You can't be sure but you'll be surprised if your work endeavors light you up speaks and connect you with a for itself unless

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**TAURUS (April** 

**ARIES (March** 

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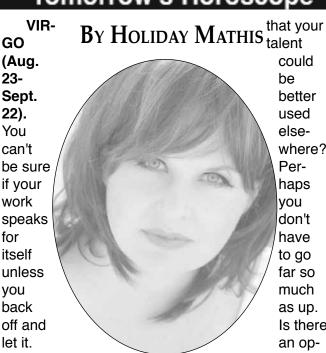
thriving community.

20-May 20). Peer pressure doesn't stop just because a person is grown. Certain things will be hard to say no to because their mass appeal is so strong. The trick is in writing vour own script before the world writes one for you.

**GEMINI (May 21-**June 21). As long as you're shooting for the moon, you may as well shoot for the sun. Either way, things change once you get out of the atmosphere and thus the gravity of a certain situation.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Water itself is no rival to your ability to go with the flow. But on a day like today, you prefer events to happen in your timing. In fact, you command them to as though an orchestra conductor setting the tempo.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your friendships exist in a kind of ringed system around the planet that is you. The first tier is an elite group and someone has to be extremely special to jump from one stratum to the next, but it will happen today.



Your silence will allow people to draw their own conclusions and you can go from there.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Before you're asked to fulfill a role. give yourself the part you want. Those who are well-aware of what they are saying "yes" to will find it much easier to say "no" when they need to.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You were ambitious, so you started. You were tenacious, so you finished. You were grateful, so you thoroughly enjoyed the fruits of your effort. That worked, so rinse and repeat.

**SAGITTARIUS** 

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You want love and attention as much as the next person, but you wouldn't dream of asking for it. You'd rather work for it, especially by creating delightful scenarios that people are irresistibly drawn into.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Do you get the sneaking suspicion

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PISCES (Feb.

19-March 20). Though

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others. Work and love

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**TODAY'S BIRTH-**

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**COSMIC QUES-TION:** To continue on yesterday's question: "I should have married my ex-boyfriend, a Libra I think about every night and stalk his wife's social media pages. Advice for a

regretful Sagittarius?"

Regret can be a costume worn by fear, or worse, a jacket worn by laziness. At its core, it's shirking off life's lessons -- understandable. Life lessons are a lot of work. It is easier to sav: "I messed that up. And now I deeply regret it." It is harder to say: "What are my takeaways? How can I apply the lesson to a new opportunity?" You are not a lazy person. On many other matters, you have been willing to roll up your sleeves and apply your fiery Sagittarian spirit to gain skills. Can you see how this is no different?

Don't forget that there are over 7 billion people in the world. What are the chances that you could find love and start a family, as you seem to want to? They're high. Now that you know that being stuck in this cycle of regret and stalking is an act of fear and laziness, perhaps you can let go of the self-punishment and get back to the business of noticing where your heart wants to go and doing your best to allow for that to happen. I believe in you!

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# SUDOKU

#### 9 4 2 2 3 4 6 5 9 3 Account 6 3 2 9 9 6 5

#### Here's How It Works:

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!

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#### 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 vour sudoku savvy to the test!

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine

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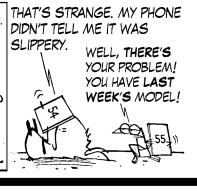


# WELL, IT WHAT IS IT NOW? USED TO BE DOCTOR KIKI BUTTERBRAINS, BUT IT'S WAY TOO LONG SO, I SWITCHED IT WITH MY DOG.

#### THE BARN











# This Date In History

#### Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 9, the 344th day of 2020. There are 22 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 9, 2000, the U-S Supreme Court ordered a temporary halt in the Florida vote count on which Al Gore pinned his best hopes of winning the White House. On this date:

In 1854, Alfred, Lord Tennyson's famous poem, "The Charge of the Light Brigade, was published in England. In 1911, an explosion inside

the Cross Mountain coal mine near Briceville, Tennessee, killed 84 workers. (Five were rescued ) In 1940, British troops

opened their first major offensive in North Africa during World War II.

In 1958, the anti-communist John Birch Society was formed in Indianapolis.

In 1962, the Petrified Forest in Arizona was designated a national park.

In 1965, the James Bond film "Thunderball," starring Sean Connery, had its world premiere in Tokyo.

In 1987, the first Palestinian intefadeh, or uprising, began as riots broke out in Gaza and spread to the West Bank, triggering a strong Israeli response.

In 1990, Solidarity founder Lech Walesa (lek vah-WEN'sah) won Poland's presidential runoff by a landslide. In 1992, Britain's Prince

Charles and Princess Diana announced their separation. (The couple's divorce became final in Aug. 1996.) In 2001, the United States

disclosed the existence of a videotape in which Osama bin Laden said he was pleasantly surprised by the extent of damage from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

In 2013, scientists revealed that NASA's Curiosity rover had uncovered signs of an ancient freshwater lake on Mars. In 2014, U.S. Senate investigators concluded the United States had brutalized scores of terror suspects with interrogation tactics that turned secret CIA prisons into chambers of suffering and did nothing to make Americans safer after the Sept. 11, 2001

attacks. Ten years ago: In Britain's worst political violence in student protesters years, rained sticks and rocks on riot police, vandalized gov-

ernment buildings and attacked a car carrying Prince Charles and his wife, Camilla, after lawmakers approved a controversial hike in university tuition fees. Actor Wesley Snipes began serving a three-year sentence at a federal prison in Pennsylvania for failure to file income tax returns. Florida's Clemency Board pardoned Jim Morrison for indecent exposure and profanity charges stemming from a Doors concert in 1969. John du Pont, the chemical fortune heir who killed Olympic gold medal wrestler David Schultz in 1996, died in prison at age 72. Five years ago: Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel apologized for the 2014 police shooting of a Black teenager during a special City Council meeting that he called to discuss a police abuse scandal at the center of the biggest crisis of his administration, and promised "complete and total" reform to restore trust in

One year ago: At a hearing by the House Judiciary Committee, Democrats outlined the impeachment case against President Donald Trump by saying his push to get Ukraine to investigate Joe Biden while withholding U.S. military aid ran counter to U.S. policy and benefited Russia as well as himself. A long-awaited report from the Justice Department's internal watchdog said the FBI was justified in opening its investigation into ties between the Trump presidential campaign and Russia. A volcano on New Zealand's White Island erupted as 47 people visited the tourist destination; the eruption killed 13 people initially and eight more died later from severe burns. The Supreme Court left in place a Kentucky law requiring doctors to perform ultrasounds and show images to patients before abortions. Former college baseball player Pete Frates, whose battle with Lou Gehrig's disease helped inspire the ice bucket challenge, died at 34. (The challenge raised more than \$200 million worldwide for research into ALS.) Today's Birthdays: Actor

Answer to previous puzzle 12/9/20 Dame Judi Dench is 86. Actor Beau Bridges is 79. Football Hall of Famer Dick Butkus is 78. Actor Michael Nouri is 75. Former Sen. Thomas Daschle, D-S.D., is 73. World Golf Hall of Famer Tom Kite is 71. Singer Joan Armatrading is 70. Actor Michael Dorn is 68. Actor John Malkovich is 67. Country singer Sylvia is 64. Singer Donny Osmond is 63. Rock musician Nick Seymour

(Crowded House) is 62. Comedian Mario Cantone is 61. Actor David Anthony Higgins is 59. Actor Joe Lando is 59. Actor Felicity Huffman is 58. Empress Masako of Japan is 57. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., is 54. Rock singermusician Thomas Flowers (Oleander) is 53. Rock musician Brian Bell (Weezer) is 52. Rock singer-musician Jakob Dylan (Wallflowers) is 51. TV

personality-businessperson Lori Greiner (TV: "Shark Tank") is 51. Actor Allison Smith is 51. Songwriter and former "American Idol" judge Kara DioGuardi (dee-oh-GWAHR'-dee) is 50. Country singer David Kersh is 50. Actor Reiko (RAY'-koh) Aylesworth is 48. Rock musician Tre Cool (Green Day) is 48. Rapper Canibus is 46. Actor Kevin Daniels is 44. Actorwriter-director Mark Duplass is 44. Rock singer Imogen Heap is 43. Actor Jesse Metcalfe is 42. Actor Simon Helberg is 40. Actor Jolene Purdy is 37. Actor Joshua Sasse is 33. Actor Ashleigh Brewer is 30. Olympic gold and silver medal gymnast McKayla Maroney is 25.

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# **Newsday Crossword**

#### **ACROSS**

- 1 High-society newcomer, for short
- root beer
- barrier

- attention

- **19** Cake toppers that are blown
- out 22
- princess)
- structure
- servings
- **34** "You didn't
- 36 Bread package
- informally

- locale
- solutions **47** Flower stalk
- letter
- 53 Liquor from
- 55 "Well done" message that

tops cakes

#### **CAKE TOPPERS** by Brad Wilber Edited by Stanley Newman

- 4 Gentle pulls
- 8 Ginger ale or
- 12 River's flood
- 14 Scary fairy-tale character
- 15 Monumental tale
- **16** Paying close
- **17** "Am I \_
- see you!"
- **18** Jones or Smith
- Highness (title for a
- 23 Compass point
- opposite WSW **24** Beaver-built
- 27 "Baby back" barbecue
- 30 Lambs' mothers
- defeat me!'
- 38 The South,
- 40 White spreadable
- cake topping **43** Boxing match
- 44 Flow slowly 45 Fake coin
- 46 Coloring
- 49 Double-curve
- **50** UFO pilots: Abbr.
- Jamaica

- 64 Eve's son after
- Cain 65 Bottom of a
- pedestal 66 Occur next
- 67 Misplace 68 Small bills
- 69 Triangular river
- formation **70** Dole (out)
- 71 Gambling
- probabilities **72** Ship's distress

#### DOWN

signal

- Neighborhood food shop
- after"
- **3** "Upper" or
- 4 Julius Caesar garment

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"The Duckling" (fairy tale)

- 6 Pre-meal prayer 35 On cloud 7 Car longer than a coupe
- 8 Mail away 9 Milky gemstone
- 10 Thinnest coin
- **11** High cards in
- poker
- 12 Chemist's workroom
- 13 Old-time
- anesthetic **20** Hole-boring tool
- 21 Requires
- **24** Temperamental
- soprano
- 25 Oscar or
- Grammy
- "... lived happily 26 Dollars or cents
  - 28 "Constrictor" snakes
- "lower" train bed 29 Bank vaults
  - **31** Smart, funny

  - people
  - 32 Banish

locale

33 Nasal congestion 63 The Caribbean,

- www.stanxwords.com (elated)
  - **37** Worry (about)
  - 39 Omelet main ingredients
  - 41 High-tech beam 42 Performance
  - with sopranos
  - 48 Turned off, as TV audio
  - **51** Prohibited thing
  - **52** Rise from a chair **54** Sources of coal 55 Serene
- **56** Woodwind instrument 57 Baby bird's home
- **58** Giddy happiness 59 Took off the
- shelf 60 Smaller in
- quantity 61 Norway's capital
- 62 Pecans and cashews

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of a Council member to the CVB Board where Council member Cody Hughes was appointed by acclamation from the Council.

Mayor Thomason then moved into discussion considering the appointment of three more members to the Charter Committee to represent Districts 4, 5, and 6. For District 4, Council member Gloria McDonald nominated Pat Chessworth; For District 5, according to Thomason, there were five residents interested in serving on the Charter Committee. Of those five, Troy Tompkins was chosen by a unanimous vote from the council; For District 6, according to Thomason, AJ Weaver was the only resident interested in serving on the board and was nominated as such.

According to Hughes, Crossroads Housing Development Corporation is looking to have each city taxing entity allow permission for selected properties - that are up for foreclosure or auction due to delinquent taxes - to be given to the organization in order to renovate and later be provided to qualifying low-income candidates. According to Crossroads Representative Anna Scott, the properties would not be donated to the qualifying candidates. Instead, with the property donation from the taxing entities, Crossroads would be able to renovate the property - creating a lower overall house price for interested low-income buyers all while providing the city a use for some properties that would



During Tuesday evening's meeting Big Spring Fire Chief Craig meeting due to Council member Ferguson gave the Oath of Office to new firefighter Chase Hughes asking for more information Westbrook.

otherwise lose city monies due to the delinquent taxes, according to Scott.

"We are interested in promoting home ownership in Howard County and by working with us, we're going to be taking properties that y'all are losing money on and improving them and releasing them into the market as fully renovated homes," Scott said.

Mayor Thomason then read an emergency reading of a resolution to designate Mike Dawson to fill a vacancy on the Howard County Appraisal District Board of Directors for the 2020-21 Term by acclamation from the Council.

The Council then moved into an hour Executive Session to discuss litigation matters.

Before adjourning for the evening, Council members reconvened to take action regarding the litigation matters where Council member Cody Hughes moved to authorize the city

rize the City Manager to negotiate a settlement. The motion was seconded by Council member Gloria McDonald to pass 5 to 0. Other items approved during the

meeting included:

· BSEDC Board of Directors Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Oct.

the downtown area in the amount of \$2,000

• An increase to the General Fund Budget to be used for professional services contract and an increase to the General Fund Budget by accepting a donation to be used for additional equipment for the EMS department

 Reappropriating budgeted funds left over within the General Fund from Fiscal Year beginning Oct. 1, 2019 and ending Sept. 30, 2020

 Consideration to hire a qualified consulting firm to assist the city in structuring and creation of a new tax increment refinance zone (TIRZ)

Amending the Meet and Confer

· Regarding the grantment of an easement and Right-of-Way to Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC this item was tabled until the next on the current easement already in the location, however, after Executive Session, the item was removed from the table and then approved.

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20, 2020 • The purchase of trees using funds from the Tree Memorial Fund for

## Lady Steers JH Basketball falls to Levelland Special to the Herald

The following are the highlights and scores from

Monday night's Junior High Lady Steer basketball games that were held in Levelland: 7th Grade B Team

The 7th Grade B team lost by a score of 32-2 to

the Loboettes. They played hard and played good defensively but were unable to get things going on offense. They will play Coahoma this Saturday for their next game.

8th Grade A Team

The 8th Grade A Team Lady Steers fell by a score of 48-25 in a hard-fought battle. The player of the game was Niomi Wines - who played all 32 minutes while racking up three blocked shots and led the team's scoring with all 25 of Big Spring's points. The team showed heart and effort against a very talented Levelland team. They will also play against Coahoma this upcoming Saturday. 8th Grade B Team

The 8th Grade B Team fell last night with a score of 32-11. The girls came out of the gate strong and ended the first quarter with a 5-4 lead. Players of the game were Jayla Overton and Ambrie Franco for leading in points and stellar defense. The girls have steadily improved as the season has gone along and are looking forward to facing the Bulldogettes this weekend.

"The girls have improved greatly from last game

and we are looking forward to seeing what they will accomplish as the season continues," Big Spring coach Stormi Smith said.



# Precinct One As newly elected County Commissioner I, Eddilisa Ray, would like to formally invite you to come down and meet me so that we can discuss the future of Precinct One. Your concerns are my concerns. DECEMBER 10th Special Guest: 6 o'clock in the Evening Prairie View Baptist **Brian Klinksiek** 1004 West FM2230 **Road and Bridges** Big Spring, Texas Engineer



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