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April is Child Abuse Awareness & Sexual Assault Awareness Month



Please thoroughly wash your hands to keep us healthy!

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Scenic Mountain Medical Center recognizes EVS Week

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

Ensuring a hospital is clean is important on a daily basis, but now that the nation is dealing with the coronavirus pandemic, it seems sanitation expectations have been taken up a few notches. Scenic Mountain Medical Center's EVS team is staying up with recommendations and providing quality cleaning according to CDC guidelines and hospital policies as they continue their efforts of providing a welcoming, safe environment at SMMC.

"Our EVS team is truly a vital part of our operations," April Arms, Executive Assistant, said. "This is the group that ensures our visitors are greeted by a welcoming, clean building. During this time, just as everyone in the hospital has, they have truly stepped up and are doing what needs to be done to ensure the safety of all who walk through SMMC."

Scenic Mountain Medical Center took



Courtesy photo
Scenic Mountain Medical Center EVS team has been doing their part in helping slow the spread by ensuring the hospital is being cleaned according to CDC guidelines and taking added precautions.

See EVS, Page 3

Howard County Commissioners to meet Monday

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

Howard County Commissioners Court will be holding a regular meeting on Monday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. in the Howard County Courthouse, following a Budget Session at 2:30 p.m. The budget workshop will be taking place in the 3rd Floor Commissioners Courtroom in order for the regular meeting to convene directly after.

To keep with social distancing guidelines and to keep the group small, the meeting will be available for viewing on the Howard County Info Tech Facebook Page live and will be posted for those who are unable to attend while the meeting is taking place.

Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman will open the meeting, after a moment is taken for citizen input, and discuss retirement notice for Justice for the Peace Precinct 2 and lead discussion on the Jail Court Coordinator.

The County Commissioners will be discussing once again on the 2020 Tx-DOT CTIF Grant Application that was presented by Brian Klinksiek, Road Engineer, and discussed at the previous meeting.

In addition to more information pertaining to the grant application, Klinksiek will also be providing the 2020 Road Report to the Commissioners and providing roadway maintenance updates on projects around the county.

The Commissioners Court will also discuss and possibly take action on the following:

- Monthly payroll report (April) and Treasurer's Quarterly Report, both presented by County Treasurer Sharon Adams.
 - Approve invoices, purchase requests and budget amendments presented by County Auditor Jackie Olson.
 - Tiffany Sayles with the Tax Assessor/Collector's Office will also speak about a proposal of The Master's Touch LLC Mailing Service Contract.
- To view the meeting, visit <https://www.facebook.com/HowardCounty-Info-Tech-110733893888746/>.
- To view the agenda, visit the Howard County website at <http://www.co.howard.tx.us/page/howard.Commissioners.Court>.

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Mobile Test Collection site to be set up May 3
Testing by appointment only

Herald Staff Report

A mobile test collection site will be coming to Big Spring residents May 3, 2020, from 9 p.m. to 5 p.m. The screening will take place at Trinity Baptist, located at 1701 E. FM 700, and will be by appointment only.

Testing will be screening to see if you have fever/or chills, cough (dry or productive), fatigue, body aches/muscle or joint pain, shortness of breath, sore throat, headaches, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, nasal congestion, and loss of taste/and or smell.

Those wanting to register for a time slot can visit txcovidtest.org or call 512-883-2400.

The testing site is a joint effort between the Texas Health Department, the Emergency Management Team and The Texas Military Department.


State National Bank joins "Texas Banks 4 Food Banks" campaign

Special to the Herald

State National Bank of Big Spring has joined the Texas Bankers Association and its charitable arm, the Texas Bankers Foundation, in making a contribution to the West Texas Food Bank and the South Plains Food Bank, as part of the Feeding Texas network of 21 food banks that serve all 254 Texas counties. The Foundation is making contributions totaling \$26,000 on behalf of Texas banks as part of the "Texas Banks 4 Food Banks" initiative.

Texas community banks have led the nation in processing Paycheck Protection Program loans for small businesses as well as supporting individual customers in a variety of ways throughout the crisis. Bankers, however, recognize the overwhelming challenges Texas food banks are experiencing as the unprecedented demand for assistance makes it more difficult than ever to keep their shelves stocked.

"We have seen the demand and the significant needs at food



State National Bank
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banks across the state and are inspired by the incredible efforts of the Feeding Texas network to meet those needs," said State National Bank's President & CEO Richard Steel. "We have been assisting our customers and communities through this difficult time with their financial needs, but it's also very important that we help with their essential needs as well."

Texas banks and the Texas Bankers Foundation have been giving back to their communities during disasters, such as Hurricane Harvey, tornadoes, shootings and fires, and through contributions to military organizations and 4-H and Future Farmers of America, to name a few.

Whether it is putting food on the table by helping to preserve jobs or literally helping to put food on the table in partnership with Feeding Texas, the Texas Bankers Association and its member banks embrace the tagline, "Strong Banks. Stronger Communities," now more than ever.

To learn more about Feeding Texas, visit: <https://www.feedingtexas.org>

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Sheriff & Fire/EMS

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.

- No arrests were made.

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of S. Anderson. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 15th and Gregg Street. No transport was needed.

Take Note

- Forsan Elementary has opened virtual pre-registration for 2020-21 school year. Due to COVID-19 pre-registration will be done virtually. Contact Mandy Buske with any questions at 432-457-0091 ext. 203 or by email at abuske@forsan.esc18.net. All pre-registration packets will need to be completed and returned to Mandy Buske via email or fax. A copy of the following items need to be returned with the packet: certified birth certificate, social security card, immunization record, proof of residency for district students only (utility bill), parent driver's license and proof of income (pre-k only). Age requirements are: Pre-K – must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020; Kindergarten – 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020. New transfer students (Kinder - 5th) may apply at this time.

- Pre-registration for CISD Kinder, Pre-K3 & Pre-K4 underway. Due to COVID-19, Coahoma Elementary will be handling Pre-K3, Pre-K4 and Kindergarten registration for the 2020-2021 school year a little differently.

For safety precautions, district officials will only take registration by phone at this time. The phone registration does not guarantee your child will be attending CES for the 2020-2021 school year, but it will give the district a starting point until restrictions are lifted.

Pre-registration by phone will continue through Friday, April 17, from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. To register, please call 432-394-5000, ext 2 and speak to Jessica. Pre-registration is only open for children who live in the district. Transfer requests will not be processed until after June 1.

For CISD Kindergarten and Pre-K requirements, please visit the CISD website: www.coahomaisd.com

- Isaiah 58 while not open during normal business hours, will be open on Sundays from Noon until 2 p.m. until further notice, for the safety of their volunteers and those they serve.

- Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Economic Development Corporation and Leading EDG understand the serious challenges our country faces as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. In response to this crisis, the Small Business Administration (“SBA”) has created new programs geared towards financial relief for affected businesses.

The Economic Injury Disaster Loan (“EIDL”), is currently available, but only by applying directly to the SBA via the online portal: <https://www.sba.gov/disaster/apply-for-disaster-loan/index.html>. It only takes a few minutes to fill out.

Another option, The Paycheck Protection Program, (“PPP”), has been approved by Congress. If you want to apply for the “PPP” loan contact your local lender.

Information changes daily so make sure you are checking the SBA website regularly.

- 2020 Advocating for Agriculture Symposium will be hosted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension – Corpus Christi based specialists is set for Tuesday, April 14, 2020 from 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The symposium can be attended from the comfort of your home. To register visit <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/ag>. For more information email megan.clayton@ag.tamu.edu.

- Effective immediately, to contact the City of Big Spring Water Office, please call 432-466-3264, 432-466-3568, or 432-466-7248. The Water Office is temporarily located at 305 South Johnson. Be advised, all City of Big Spring offices, including the Water Office, remain closed to the public and open by

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2800 block of Clanton. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of Johnsen Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of W. 6th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4400 block of W. Palm Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the area of 4400 block of W. Palm Street. No transport was required.

appointment and electronic means only. Ways to make your payment: 1. Pay online at www.mybig.spring.com. Click ONLINE BILL PAY; Pay via the automated phone system by calling 833-227-1752; Payment can be placed in the Drop Box at the Polly Mays Annex (501 Runnels). Staff checks the box daily; Pay over the phone by calling 432-466-3264, 432-466-3568, or 432-466-7248. Water Office staff are still available to assist customers by appointment and over the phone during normal business hours.

- City of Big Spring offices will remain open by appointment and electronic means only effective Sunday, March 22, at midnight. These offices include: City Hall (432-264-2401); Finance Department (432-264-2513); Public Works Department (432-264-2501); Human Resources Department (432-264-2346); Water Office (432-264-2319); Code Enforcement/Permits (432-264-2505); Community Services Office; Convention and Visitors Bureau (432-263-8235); Facilities (432-264-2322); Cemetery (432-264-2323); Police Department (432-264-2550); Fire Department (432-264-2304); The Big Spring Senior Center will be closed to congregate meals, but those who wish to pick up a to go order can call 432-267-1628, for more information. All City pavilions and playground structures will remain closed until further notice. For any questions or concerns please contact the City Manager's Office at 432-264-2401.

- Permian Basin Multiple Sclerosis Support Group for information, encouragement and support. The group meets monthly on the Second Saturday of each month from 10 AM to 12 PM at the Holiday Inn Express at 5321 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa. If you or someone you know has been touched by MS, or if you are just interested in more information please feel to contact Gary Tidwell at garylteagle1987@gmail.com.

- Gun and Blade Show for April 4-5 at Horseshoe Pavillion has been cancelled.

- The City of Big Spring will be following CDC guidelines and the executive order by Governor Abbott concerning COVID-19 and will be closing all city park playground structures and park pavilions including: Kidz Zone, Cotton Mize softball field, playground structures at ABC Park, Bert Andries Park, Dr., Morgan Park, and any other city owned playground structure or pavilion until at least April 20th. The date of closure has the possibility to extend. We also ask that you refrain from gathering in groups of 10 or more during this time so we can help stop the spread of COVID-19. For any questions or concerns please contact the City Managers Office at 432-264-2401.

- Big Spring High School will be recognizing the football team, band members and cheerleaders who participated in the first game at Memorial Stadium in the fall of 1956. The recognition will take place Friday, Sept. 4, 2020 at Memorial Stadium. If you are a member of these groups, or know of a member of these groups, and would like to participate, please contact Edward Slate at 432-270-1995, or at 813 Vista Ridge, Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

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Food Pick Up Info

Big Spring ISD will be providing sacked meals for students while the campuses are closed. Meals will be available at three schools from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. Meals can be picked up at any of the three campuses where they are being handed out, which will be Moss, Marcy and Big Spring Junior High School. At both March and Moss, pick up will be in the bus lane behind the campus. At BSJH, pick up can be made at Door #5 on the east side of campus.



Children in Big Spring ISD can also pick up meals at the following times and locations:

- From 9 a.m. to 9:55 a.m., you can pick up at:**
- Bus 13-Navajo and Choctaw
 - Bus 14-Bauer
 - Bus 15: Larry and McDonald
 - Bus 27: 5th and Abrams
 - Bus 28: 3rd and Lockhart
 - Bus 77: Parkway and Hearn
 - Bus 85: Goliad Elementary
 - Bus 86: 6th and Circle
 - Bus 90: Southridge RV Park
 - Bus 96: Albrook and Randolph

- From 10 a.m. to 10:55 a.m., you can pick up at:**
- Bus 13-Barcelona Apartments
 - Bus 14-Lakeview
 - Bus 15: Colby and Drew
 - Bus 27: 8th and Lorilla
 - Bus 28: Roy Anderson Complex
 - Bus 77: Airport and Mobile
 - Bus 85: Scott and Macausian
 - Bus 86: Washington Elementary
 - Bus 90: Oasis and Neill
 - Bus 96: Anderson School

Lunch is also available at North Side Movement for all children in the area. Meals can be picked up at Ryan Hall, located behind the church, at 605 N. Main St. To comply with Governor Abbott's mandate, all meals will be set-up drive-through style. No meals will be served inside the hall. Deliveries will depend on number of volunteers available.

You can follow the North Side Movement Facebook page for additional information.

Coahoma ISD will provide take-home lunches to all students while the campuses are closed. Students can pick up a lunch at the back door of the cafeteria, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Forsan ISD will be providing sacked meals for students while the campuses are closed. Meals are available at the following three locations: Forsan Elementary at the south entrance of the building, Special Education 87-20 Coop, or "The Pad". Breakfast is served from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., and lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If your restaurant or organization is helping feed students during this time, please e-mail us information and we will be sure to include it in our listing and let the community know. On behalf of the Big Spring Herald and all those who are able to receive support during this time, we say Thank You for all that you are doing and continue to do.

The support is much appreciated and does not go unnoticed.



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A word from the library this week ...

By SANDRA VERDIN

Special to the Herald
Howard County Library will now offer curbside pickup starting Monday, April 27 between 11 AM and 5:30 PM, Monday through Friday. The library building will remain closed to the public but curbside pickup allows the public to check out some materials. If you do not currently have a library card visit our library webpage and go to the About Us tab to complete a library card application and find information about submitting an application without coming in to the library. There is also information for applying for an eCard, to access to online resources only. Details for curbside pickup are listed below but we encourage anyone to give the library a call if they have any questions.

There are two ways that patrons can access physical materials. The quickest option is to place a reserve online. To do this go to the library catalog page at <https://howard.biblionix.com/catalog/?login=1> and click on the "Log in to your account" section in the upper right corner. You can also get to the catalog page from our website at <http://howard-county.ploud.net> by clicking on the "Library Catalog" section. If you have trouble login into your account, give us a call. Once you are logged in you can search for materials. When you find a material you want,

click on the title to expand your options then click on the "Reserve This Item" tab, make sure to verify how you want to be contacted when your item is ready for pickup, and finally click the "Place Reserve" tab. The second option to reserve an item is to call the library at (432) 264-2260 and tell library staff what you want to check out. You will need to know the exact title and author when you call to reserve your item by phone.

For curbside pickup the amount of materials will be limited to 5 items- books, DVD's and audiobooks for adults and young adults, children are limited to 10 books. At this time Activity Kits and Launchpads will not be available for check out. These check out limitations are in place because once items are returned they must be quarantined for 72 hours. By limiting the number of items checked out, fewer books will be in quarantine at one time and it will allow for more books to be available for checkout.

Please allow 24 hours from the time you place your request until pick up. Patrons will be notified when items are ready for pickup. To pick up your materials park in the first row of parking and call the library. To observe social distancing and safety precautions when picking up materials, you must wear a mask even though you are in your car. For your protection and ours, library staff will also be wearing masks. Library staff will place your items

in your car trunk.

We ask patrons not to attempt to return any items to library staff directly, as we will be observing social distancing measures and all items need to go through quarantine protocols. All items may be dropped off in the returned books box next to the front door but only books may be dropped off in the drive through return in the alley besides the library.

Please note that if you choose to use curbside pickup, please continue to practice social distancing protocols as stated by local, state, and federal government guidelines. The public is also advised to not do curbside pickup if they are experiencing any signs of symptom of illness including but not limited to; shortness of breath, fever, sore throat or cough. Social distancing measures help keep you safe and protect our community.

"Reading is a gift. It's something you can do almost anytime and anywhere. It can be a tremendous way to learn, relax, and even escape." - Richard Carlson

Howard County Library is closed until further notice. Please visit our website at <http://howard-county.ploud.net> and our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/HowardCoLibrary for further updates. You may reach also us at 432-264-2260.

Big Spring Steers making memories for Seniors 2020



HERALD photos/Natalie Permenter

Big Spring High School Steer Nation gathered together to celebrate seniors last week as they picked up their graduation cap and gown. Social distancing guidelines were implemented and other safety precautions were taken. The students and parents were greeted by staff, administration and lots of Steer pride.



EVS

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the time to recognize the hard work being put forth by this team, and while a celebration wasn't able to be held, there is always an opportunity to show appreciation.

"Our entire staff has really stepped up during this time and we appreciate all the hard work that is being put in," Arms said. "We will continue to

provide quality care in a safe environment to our community because of the people who serve on this team."

To show your appreciation, send in a thank you to editor@bigspring-herald.com and/or a photo of an essential worker you know to be shared with the community.

Amanda Duforat is the Managing Editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, call 432-263-7331.

RRC Oil and Gas Inspections Exceed Expectations for Fiscal Year 2020

AUSTIN - Oil and gas inspectors at the Railroad Commission of Texas have already surpassed annual inspection targets, even with more than four months remaining in the fiscal year.

The Texas Legislature sets performance measures tied to agency budgeting for each state fiscal year. For Fiscal Year 2020 the target for oil and gas well and facility inspections was 189,367. As of this week, 218,995 have been conducted. Also this week, RRC exceeded the 5-year well inspection frequency goal for the year.

Inspections include responding to incidents and complaints; conducting routine well inspections; and witnessing critical well operations including setting surface casing to protect groundwater, mechanical integrity tests and well pluggings.

"These performance numbers indicate the hard effort of dedicated staff in our district offices statewide," said Clay Woodul, RRC Oil and Gas Division Assistant Director for Field Operations. "Our work is critical to ensuring the safety of the public and the environment in Texas. We continue those important tasks even as work routines have changed during the current COVID-19 pandemic."

The Commission has

an online tool, RRC OIL, that allows the public and oil and gas operators to lookup inspection and violation data recorded during inspections of oil and gas leases, wells, facilities and other sites. RRC OIL can be found at: <https://rrc.texas.gov/about-us/resource-center/research/online-research-queries/oil-and-gas-inspections-and-violations-query/>

About the Railroad Commission

Our mission is to serve Texas by our stewardship of natural resources and the environment, our concern for personal and community safety, and our support of enhanced development and economic vitality for the benefit of Texans. The Commission has a long and proud history of service to both Texas and to the nation, including almost 100 years regulating the oil and gas industry. The Commission also has jurisdiction over alternative fuels safety, natural gas utilities, surface mining and intrastate pipelines. Established in 1891, the Railroad Commission of Texas is the oldest regulatory agency in the state.

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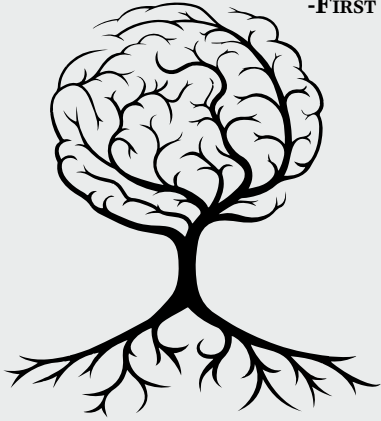
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Opinion

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

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DAILY PRAYER

*May our relationship with You, Lord,
easily weather the ups and downs of
this earthly life. Amen*

The inmate farmers of Hopkins County

Some residents of the Hopkins County Jail in Sulphur Springs are farm hands. Sheriff Lewis Tatum was instrumental in starting a farm to grow food for inmates. Trustys in the jail take care of the plants and animals. These are men and women who are considered ideal prisoners that get along with guards and others behind bars, keep their quarters and clothes clean and neat and have a good attitude about doing chores.

“They raise vegetables, chickens and hogs,” says Sheriff Tatum. “We’ve got a big sign out there that says TRUSTY FARM. A few years ago I got with County Commissioners and they told me they had a piece of land east of town, 4 to 5 acres or so, that belonged to the county and they told me I could use it as a farm. So we took a bunch of trustys out there and got started. We built

our hog pens and chicken pens out of the scraps from the football and baseball stadiums. The trustys worked on them for the school system.”

The farm is doing well. “Right now we’ve got 12 sows, and a boar, and I couldn’t tell you how many pigs we’ve got ready to process.

We have our own processing plant. We’ve got a little over 400 laying hens. We haven’t bought any meat in over 3 years.

Around Valentine’s Day we start planting potatoes and beans, okra, tomatoes, peas, mustard greens, just whatever we can plant. There’s a spot of land south of town we may be getting to use where we can grow watermelons and cantaloupes.”

Sheriff Tatum says the farm saves the county a bundle of money.

“If you average up what it would cost to feed 192 inmates a year and what we actually spend our projection is to save \$200,000 a year.”

He says the inmates benefit from the farm work in many ways.

“Number one, they eat better because the food is always fresh.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Control

As I go out to work and even the supermarket in my mask, I think about the world of today that we cannot control. All because of a virus that is only microns tall that could cause such a problem such a danger to humankind. The question that always comes to me is how do we bear this cross. There are many things about getting infected that we cannot control.

I think the greatest enemy in all this is fear. Fear brings hatred, madness, and even grief. It keeps us down and makes us weak so we forget to learn how to fight and survive. We cannot control getting sick and we most of all we cannot control death.

When you watch the news it seems like we are all on a merry go round that is spinning out of control with dizzying speed that has no plans of stopping. What do we do when it comes home to us. I have talked to many health-care workers who express their

own fear about testing and caring for someone that may be infected, but despite their fear they do it because that is what we do.

We are not superhuman but it’s that we care for humankind’s survival. We cannot control time and that means that we cannot control the future or our past. However, there are things that we can control and that is our own choice on which way to go. Do we give into our own fear or do we just ignore everything authorities are trying to tell us because maybe this is all too unbelievable. The other thing is that we don’t have control over is everyone’s opinion of one another nor can we control their actions at times. Do we choose to listen to those negative opinions or do we remember the beautiful gift of life that was given to us from the beginning?

When life is spinning out of control or even if you are just having one of those bad days, I always wonder what do we have control over. When we have that choice to choose one thought over another. Do we choose self-doubt, fear, and worry, or do we

learn how to fight this thing and choose to stand with confidence by simply staying home or washing our hands. We have a decision to learn from our own and other’s mistakes because that in itself is the essence of learning.

We have control over whether we want to be greedy and hoard everything or stand together and help one another even those that are sick.

Do we forget how to love and stand with one another or do we live in a world of suspicion and self doubt and hatred. We have control over our inner peace, we just have to look for it and find it again. We have control over all the negativity that we see on Facebook, Snapchat, etc..

There is a saying that fear does not stop death. It stops life. And worrying does not take away tomorrow’s troubles. It takes away tomorrow’s peace. When life brings us down and makes us fall we must remember to kneel and pray for those that have suffered or will suffer. Do not forget what it says in the Bible in John 13:34: love one another as I have loved you.

No one can keep you from caring and loving one another and that most of all is what we must always remember.

When life’s wheels seem wobbly

Let’s make a worldwide observation.

Man’s “inhumanity to man” has been chronicled-as well as played out, unfortunately-across the centuries. (Hey, now. I’m writing in broadest terms that likewise include women, too. They’ve worked right alongside, and often ahead, but that’s a whole ‘nuther story.)

In these uncertain days when calendar pages seem to turn ever so slowly, it is heartening to read and hear accounts of folks around the globe demonstrating deep compassion for others. Evidence abounds in both traditional and social media. Indeed, there are heroes at all levels. Hearts are beating for others! Let’s pray that this long-time radical shift of “man’s inhumanity to man” continues. Yes, we are our brothers’-and sisters’-keepers.

Life seems like a barber pole, the red color for the pain, suffering, hunger and despair, with alternating swirls of white, symbolizing light, hope and optimism for better days.

I’ll give fulltime media reps their due, but pledge in my weekly space to concentrate on the barber pole’s white stripes. It is my intent, whenever possible, to string together a few hundred words that make us smile, or at least think better about ourselves-and others.

Uncle Mort, my imaginary 107-year-old kin in the thicket, may “cut in”-so to speak-and

he’s always welcome to do so.

As if on cue, the old gent has arrived! He’s saluting with one hand-the other one covering his heart. He’s offering hearty “amens” to corporations, churches, various organizations and masses of individuals who have stepped up to help fight the virus.

Mort singled out Louis Vuitton, the company known for turning out designer bags, designer shoes, and now--drumroll, please--designer masks! (He says this reminds him of the 1930s, when some well-heeled Ku-Klux-Klanners “tipped their hands” by wearing fitted sheets.)

Mort babbled on, citing “a usually reliable source” describing a church in Houston with “drive-through confessionals.” He says they’re calling it “toot n’ tell.” Mort also passed along the story of the dim-witted robber who showed up at a bank without a mask, “so they couldn’t identify him.”

Millions are relying on videos of staged events to make us smile, even though statistics and assorted grim views stack up fore and aft.

In Paris, nuns gathered on an outdoor basketball court, mostly passing the ball, with occasional close-in shots taken.

The nuns--attired fully in their habits--didn’t try any fast breaks, at least I don’t think so!...Closer to home, there’s a real happening, rather than one of my frequently suggested “coulda/woulda/shoulda” accounts.

In Ennis, TX, lives Caylin Hixson, a lively 10-year-old Miller El-

ementary School student. She is exemplary by all measures. Active to the max, she’s always skating or bouncing on the backyard trampoline. Sheltered in place, though, she has logged tons of hours, and reached the “enough-is-enough” stage a while back. “Mom, it’s driving me ‘spoon crazy,’” Caylin moaned. “You know, like you always say.”

“Do you mean ‘stir crazy?’” her mother Karen (Mrs. Brandon Hixson) quizzed. “Yeah, that’s it,” Caylin admitted. Laughter abounded, led by Caleb, her 14-year-old brother....

And what about the preschooler who left an ounce or two in her breakfast juice glass? This seemed unlikely, since grape juice is her favorite.

Her mother urged her to “take the last sip.”

“No way,” the youngster answered. “You’re trying to trick me. I know what ‘sip’ stands for: sheltering in place.” I couldn’t track down the source of the SIP acronym.

Tracking isn’t always a walk in the park. The phrase, “Man’s inhumanity to man” is a good example. The words appeared in a Robert Burns poem in 1874.

Wayda minute! In 1673, Samuel von Pufendorf wrote, “More inhumanity has been done by man himself than any other of nature’s causes.”

The latter seems exceedingly scholarly, but I like “spoon crazy.” And the source’s name is more easily spelled.

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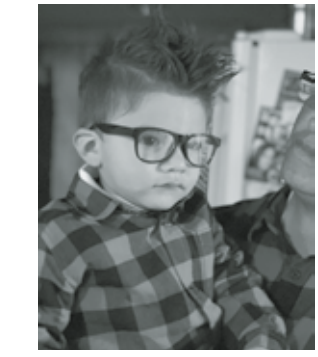
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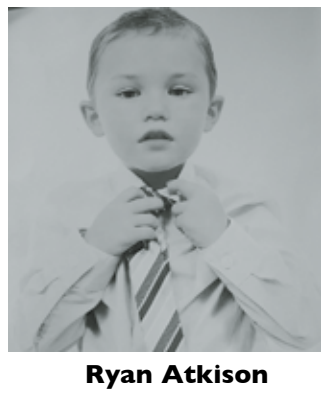
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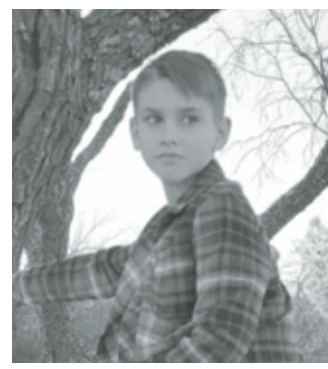
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Bulldogs hoping to move ahead with second year of summer athletics program



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Pictured above left: Coahoma senior Zack Schneider prepares to send a ball down the field to one of his receivers. Pictured above right: Bulldogettes basketball coach Jim Kinnear coaches up his team during a timeout.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

Several changes have been made around the Coahoma athletics department since Chris Joslin took over the Athletic Director/Head Football Coach job almost three years ago. Joslin had found success at other schools, such as when he was the offensive coordinator of the 2017 3A state-champion Rockdale Tigers, and decided to bring his style back to West Texas.

When Joslin first took the position in late May of 2018, he knew that he would have his work cut out for him with such a compact schedule in his first summer as Head Coach.

"With it being so late, we've got to get busy right now meeting the coaches, trying to meet the kids as they come up and work out and getting everything in line before August gets here," Joslin said nearly two years ago. "It's going to be a fast summer."

Now, two years later, Coahoma athletics and the entire state of Texas are at a standstill with one month remaining in the school year. Joslin implemented his workout schedule last summer and had a healthy turnout of student-athletes at those workouts every day. With the way things are going in the world now with the COVID-19 pandemic sweeping the nation, Joslin might have to put his workout plan on hold.

With Coahoma athletic programs like the football team and girl's basketball team excelling on the field and court this season, it seems as though Joslin's leadership is bringing the Bulldogs in the right direction.

"The main thing was getting the buy-in from the kids," Joslin said. "Those seniors are the ones that really bought-in to that and got all of the kids up there. We averaged around 100 kids a day and for Coahoma, that's a lot. We've got to have another summer like that if we get to come back. Those seniors are the ones that bought-in to that, got on the phone and got their teammates there."

At the junior high and high school level this past school year, both the girls and boys athletic teams had some of the most success that those programs have had at Coahoma in quite a while. Joslin credits that to the effort that each of his dedicated student-athletes showed last summer by showing up to the school everyday ready to work.

Joslin wants not only his high school athletes participating in the summer workout program, but the junior high student-athletes as well. If that program becomes as consistently popular as it was last summer, then Coahoma will have built themselves a nice pipeline for future varsity athletes.

While the junior high student-athletes might not directly practice or play against the older students, the chance to be in the environment of the varsity players and coaches should motivate those younger players and get them used to the hard training that awaits them if they want to be successful varsity athletes.

In such an unprecedented time with no sports being currently played or practiced, Joslin is still looking forward to his team and all other Coahoma programs future potential.

"I think that now they know what to expect and what we're expecting out of them. We're going to do the same kind of stuff that we've instilled over the last year and a half. The fun thing about high school athletics is that every year, your team is different and that's the big challenge of it. We're looking forward to it, we have a lot of young kids that we're excited about but we're going to miss these seniors a ton. They've been great leaders but we as coaches have to not pout when we lose kids. We've got to continue to do what we've been doing and coach the kids that we have coming back."

Joslin is prepared whether his student-athletes are able to return to workouts this summer or not. If they are allowed to get back in the weight room and back on the field for agility drills, then everything will proceed as planned. Joslin and his fellow coaches will be at every workout four-days-a-week ready to improve because he believes that if he demands that all athletes attend the workouts, there is no reason the coaches should not be there.

The University Interscholastic League (UIL) has had recent discussions about the return of high school sports in Texas. If players and coaches are able to get back together for their practices and workouts, then UIL has a plan to slowly reintegrate their players into the program. After not practicing or playing at full speed for months, it is a tall task for any athlete at any level to jump right back into top-speed competition.

"Every school across Texas has not had a workout since Spring Break," Joslin said. "That's dangerous for kids to go right back into playing after taking around five months off if that's what it ends up being. They're looking at laxing some rules and if they do that, we'll adjust our schedule to get the most out of our kids and get them ready to play."

In addition to the success that the Bulldogs had on the fields and courts this past season, Joslin also believes the summer workout program helped eliminate injuries. Without a strong summer program in the past, many student-athletes would be injured in the first few weeks of practices or games. But with the program instilled by Joslin and his assistant coaches, he believes that Coahoma cut down on those types of injuries and will continue to do so.

"The players are getting their bodies ready for a whole season," Joslin said. "All of our kids play every sport. And so for a kid's body to hold up for nine months worth of different activities, you've got to put in a lot of time in the summer."

When, and if, Coahoma is able to return to their summer workout program, expect them to do so at 110 percent.

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Athletic Support: With sports gone, son's grades tanking

By ELI CRANOR

Special to the Herald

Dear Athletic Support: What's the point of school right now? Seriously, my son is sixteen years old and completing his online assignments are the absolute farthest thing from his mind. He hates it! To make matters worse, his teachers won't stop calling and badgering him. From what I can tell, the work's not hard, it's just tedious. The fact that he has to remain eligible for football is the only thing keeping him going, but who knows if there will even be football next fall. What can I do to help? — School's Out 4 Ever!

Dear School's Out: I'm a teacher. I'm the one calling kids and parents multiple times a week to check in and make sure they're doing okay. Not to badger anyone about schoolwork. If your son's teachers are behaving in such a way, then I'd urge you to contact them directly and explain the situation. Schoolwork is important, sure, but during these unprecedented times, there are definitely more pressing matters at hand.

Take your son's emotional state, for instance. It sounds to me like he's going through what most athletes go through at the end of their careers — withdrawals. He's missing his friends. The joy of

competition. Everything in his sixteen-year-old life has been turned upside down, but you don't want the same thing to happen to his report card too.

Your son is used to a day filled with practices, workouts, and classwork, but that's all been stripped from him now. Luckily, this is where you can help. It's time to sit him down and help him create a new routine.

At first, he might balk at the idea, so put some fun stuff in there like body-weight workouts or going for a hike, but also slip in an hour or so a day for schoolwork. After he gets the hang of it, your son might not even realize he's hammering out assignments left and right; it will just be a part of his routine.

Dear Athletic Support: My daughter hasn't been the same since her senior softball season got cancelled. She had aspirations of playing at the collegiate level but with everything that's happened, she fears college coaches are going to skip over her. Is that true? Are college coaches still actively recruiting right now? — Doubtful Dad

Dear Doubtful: Recruiting is basically ALL college coaches are doing right now. Think about it. This time of year, coaches are usually inundated with a hundred other things besides recruiting

high school athletes: practices, games, semester exams and grades, just to mention a few.

But now they're stuck at home. And let me tell you something about coaches — they do not idle well. They're used to going, going, going. All the time. Cramming as much as humanly possible into every single day because that's what it takes to win. Their whole life is a competition and right now, the only way they can get an edge is by recruiting.

With the help of cellphones and laptops, a coach can still go about watching film, making calls, and scanning recruits' social media pages. Which is great news for your daughter, who should be using this time wisely, as well.

Whether it's updating her highlight video or reaching out to coaches (yes, athletes can contact coaches; I mailed 50 VHS tapes to my top colleges the summer before my senior year), make sure your daughter is actively chasing after her goal of playing at the next level, and not just dreaming about it.

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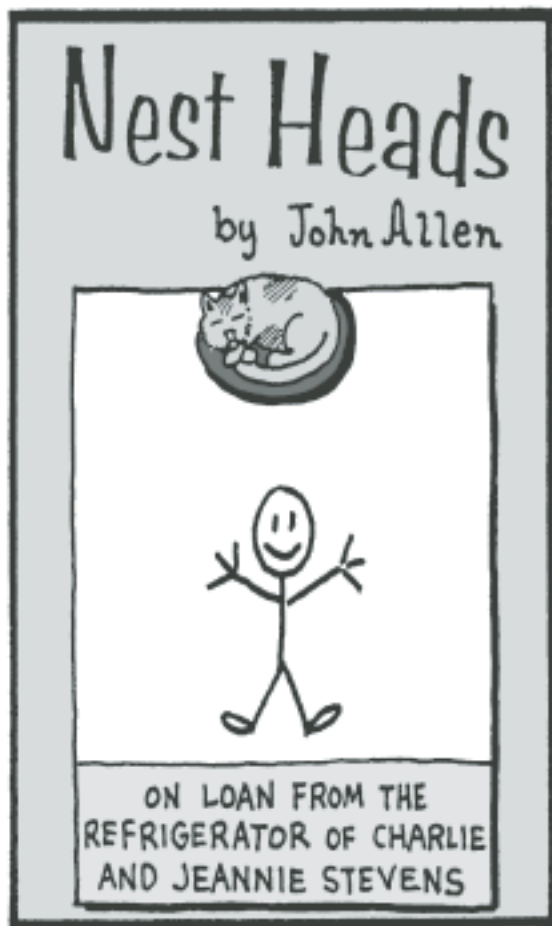
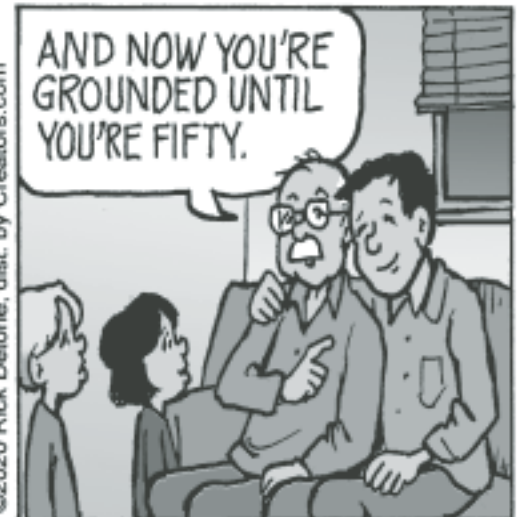
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Cowboys skip defensive needs, draft WR CeeDee Lamb at 17

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Pro Football Writer

Receiver CeeDee Lamb was still there in the first round of the NFL draft for the Dallas Cowboys, who decided needs at several defensive positions could wait.

The Cowboys drafted the breakaway threat from Oklahoma 17th overall Thursday night, giving quarterback Dak Prescott another weapon to go with Amari Cooper and his newly minted \$100 million contract.

Pass rusher, cornerback and safety were bigger needs for a team that already has a trio of offensive stars in Prescott, Cooper and two-time NFL rushing champion Ezekiel Elliott, not to mention perennial Pro Bowlers on the offensive line.

Now there's another intriguing offensive option for new coach Mike McCarthy, who won a Super Bowl in Green Bay with Aaron Rodgers and cultivated a number of standout receivers.

Executive vice president Stephen Jones said Lamb was No. 6 on their draft board, and owner Jerry Jones kept thinking Lamb would go next, all the way to the previous pick by Atlanta.

Jerry Jones said other teams probably thought Dallas wouldn't take a receiver because it wasn't the biggest need. The Falcons took cornerback A.J. Terrell of Clemson at No. 16.

Lamb was the third receiver to get drafted, behind former Alabama teammates Henry Ruggs III (12th to the Las Vegas Raiders) and Jerry Jeudy (15th to Denver).

"I think that was really surprising to us to see CeeDee sitting there," Stephen Jones said. "We went through a lot of mock drafts. I can tell you he wasn't a part of any of them just because we felt like he was a top 10 player in this draft and we'd never see him."

The Cowboys went with Lamb when they could have taken LSU edge rusher K'Lavon Chaisson, and former Oklahoma basketball star Trae Young was excited. The Atlanta Hawks guard tweeted to Lamb that he was in good hands with young Dallas Mavericks sensation Luka Doncic. Young and Doncic were traded for each other on NBA draft night two years ago.

Lamb was projected to go slightly higher, so his availability was a bit of a surprise. The All-American skipped his final season and left as the school's career leader with catches of at least 40 yards (24). His 19-yard-per-catch average was the highest among Sooners with at least 130 receptions.

"Honestly, I didn't know if they were going to take me," said Lamb, who went to high school in the Houston area. "But when I saw my phone ring, it obviously surprised me. Everything that I dreamt of was definitely in that phone call."

Lamb, who had 2,485 yards receiving and 25 touchdowns his final two seasons with the Sooners, is the first receiver drafted in the first round by Dallas since Dez Bryant out of Oklahoma State in 2010. Bryant is the club's career leader in TD receptions with 73.

"We want to be able to have the flexibility to move all of our perimeter players around," McCarthy said. "He's an excellent fit for that. We just felt like we took the best player on the board and he'll be very dynamic for our offense."

The Cowboys have the 51st overall pick in the second round and the 82nd choice in the third round Friday night.

A year ago, Dallas sat out the opening night of the draft following the 2018 midseason trade for Cooper, who has highlighted free agency so far for the team with his monster five-year contract. Only Atlanta's Julio Jones has a higher annual compensation average among receivers.

The Cowboys lost their best cornerback in Byron Jones to Miami and their 2019 sacks leader in Robert Quinn to Chicago in free agency. While the remaining cornerbacks lack the pedigree of Jones, Dallas is optimistic that suspended defensive ends Aldon Smith and Randy Gregory will be reinstated to bolster the line.

Smith signed a one-year deal with the Cowboys even though he hasn't played since 2015 and has had several legal issues, including a domestic violence case in San Francisco that ended his most recent hope of returning in 2018. Gregory was productive in 2018 before his fourth substance-abuse suspension kept him out last season.

While the Cowboys had respectable overall numbers on defense the past three years, game-changing plays weren't frequent enough for a team that missed the playoffs twice. That included last season, which started with expectations and a 3-0 record before fading into another .500 finish under Jason Garrett, whose contract wasn't renewed.

Instead of focusing on that defense, though, the Cowboys gave Prescott more firepower in the passing game coming off career bests of 4,902 yards and 30 touchdowns.

Dallas is deep at receiver now as well. While Cooper is still the clear No. 1, Michael Gallup goes into his third season with the Cowboys believing he has plenty of promise. Gallup showed dramatic improvement from his rookie season, finishing with 1,107 yards and six TDs.

The Cowboys entered the draft needing a slot receiver after losing Randall Cobb to Houston in free agency.

Seahawks keep their pick, select Texas Tech LB Jordyn Brooks

By TIM BOOTH

AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE (AP) — It was falling into place as Seattle Seahawks general manager John Schneider wanted. A trade was on the verge of being finalized that would land the Seahawks more selections and likely still allow them to get the player they wanted.

Then it was gone, thanks to a better offer from elsewhere. It left Schneider and the Seahawks in the position of doing something they hadn't done since 2011 — make a selection with their original first-round pick.

The Seahawks selected Texas Tech linebacker Jordyn Brooks with the No. 27 pick Thursday night.

The shock was in Seattle's decision to make a pick in the first round without making moves to acquire additional picks later in the draft.

"We always need to get faster and get tougher on defense no matter what spot we're talking about,"

Seattle coach Pete Carroll said. "Jordan fit that perfectly."

While defensive line was considered the top priority for the Seahawks, they instead went with a speedy linebacker who led Texas Tech in tackles in three of his four seasons in Lubbock. Brooks was a second-team AP All-American last season after posting 108 tackles and three sacks in just 11 starts. Brooks ran a 4.54 40-yard dash at the NFL combine.

Brooks said he wasn't surprised to hear his name called in the first round, but was surprised that it was Seattle making the call.

"I hadn't talked to them since the combine," Brooks said.

The question will be his position in Seattle. The Seahawks are already set at middle linebacker with All-Pro Bobby Wagner. But veteran K.J. Wright is entering the final year of the two-year contract extension and Seattle's other starter last season,

Mychal Kendricks, suffered a serious knee injury late in the season.

Brooks said that during his first three years at Texas Tech he played a hybrid position that shifted against formations and he often found himself playing an outside linebacker spot in the Red Raiders defense. His senior season, Brooks played more of a traditional middle linebacker position.

"I feel comfortable playing any position," Brooks said.

Carroll and Schneider agreed that his versatility will give Brooks a chance to contribute early. He has size and speed similar to Kendricks' and can play on the line of scrimmage. But his speed might best be highlighted playing off the ball.

Brooks was coached his senior year at Texas Tech by Matt Wells, who also coached Wagner at Utah State.

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Howard County MASKing it up We are in this together!



Courtesy photo submitted by David Salazar
David Salazar and his wife are doing their part and sporting a mask to slow the spread.



Courtesy photo submitted by Larenda Harrison

Pictured at left: Masks can be made out of all types of fabric and this couple has decided to sport blue jean masks.

Courtesy photo submitted by Laura Olague-Swartzell

Pictured below: The State Park is now open, but part of the requirements is that those in the park wear a mask. Laura shared a photo of herself as she was taking a walk at the mountain, with her mask.

Herald Staff Report

The nation continues to deal with the pandemic, while some are seeing numbers decline there are other areas of the nation barely receiving their first cases. Howard County has four confirmed cases of COVID-19, and has conducted more than 90 tests. As the State of Texas prepares to open back up, according to announcements coming from the Governor's office, guidelines are being put in place for the protection of all.

This past week, Governor Abbott issued an announcement allowing state parks to open, which in turn led local leadership to open back up the city parks as well. While playground equipment, pavilions, the Municipal Golf Course and Moss Lake remain closed, there is an opportunity to get out and enjoy fresh air while taking a walk. Grocery stores remain open and essential businesses are still operating, with the hopes of more businesses being allowed to open in the new few weeks. As the nation prepares to open back up, the *Big Spring Herald* would like to share some CDC guidelines and helpful tips when it comes to wearing a mask.

When it comes to wearing cloth face masks, the CDC offers the following guidance: Cloth face coverings should—

- fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- be secured with ties or ear loops
- include multiple layers of fabric
- allow for breathing without restriction
- be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape

While each local municipality can make their own regulations, the CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain. If you are venturing out to the grocery store, pharmacy or other indoor areas where it will be hard to keep a six-foot distance or greater from others, it is a good idea and protective measure to wear a mask.

Since there are those who can be asymptomatic with the coronavirus, wearing a mask is a good way to slow the spread when venturing outside your own home. The use of a mask just adds another level of precaution for those who may be capable of transmitting and not know it due to no signs of symptoms and helps in slowing the spread for those who are in the high risk categories.

The CDC does advise against children under 2 years of age and anyone who has trouble breathing using a cloth face mask.



Courtesy photo submitted by Jennifer Caudill
Josh Caudill had to make a quick trip to the grocery store for a wife and tried to get out of it by saying he couldn't find his mask. His wife Jennifer solved the problem and let him borrow hers!



Courtesy photo submitted by Aide Moreno Buentello
Pictured above: Families across Howard County are doing their part to slow the spread as the nation battles the pandemic.

Courtesy photo submitted by Debbye ValVerde
Pictured left: The Big Spring Area Chamber Executive Director Debbye ValVerde is not only doing her part by wearing a mask when out in public, but also reminding the community to Wash Your Hands. The United Way of Big Spring



is hosting a fund-raiser for the shirts featuring Wash Your Hands with proceeds going to local agencies.



Courtesy photos
Pictured above left: Christy Brorman is sporting a fashionable leopard print mask as she tackles her day. Pictured above right: Edna Gonzales is doing her part to keep others and herself safe, as we join together to slow the spread of COVID-19. Pictured below left: Terri Telchik is doing her part in slowing the spread by wearing a customized mask, as she continues her duties for work. Pictured below right: Joe Moreno made a visit to the hospital and was able to get a mask in order to keep himself and those around safe, while he was out in public.





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Something to think about...

My six year old daughter, Elise, and I recently shared a meaningful moment together. Seemingly out of nowhere, she came over and gave me a big hug. It was the kind of moment that will melt a father's heart. Then she opened her mouth and said, "Daddy, your tummy has gotten fluffy!" What a way to ruin a moment, but it is the truth. Of course, I would like to blame the quarantine closing all the gyms and parks, and our friends and neighbors bringing us all kinds of baked goods, but the truth is my tummy was getting fluffy long before the corona crisis. Consequently, I started doing sit-ups again.

If you really want the truth then spend some time around young children or the elderly. They certainly won't spare your feelings. We live in a world where it is increasingly rare to get the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Instead, what we get is "truthiness".

A few years ago "truthiness" was named the Word of the Year. It was recognized by the New York Times as one of the nine words defining the

spirit of the age. Truthiness is a form of relativism. It is the claim that there is no absolute truth from which all other truths proceed and are judged. My truth is just as good as your truth. This attitude feeds cynicism, apathy, the "whatever" mindset. The problem with relativism is that human beings will always think my truth is better than your truth. We inevitably begin to resemble Israel during the time of the Judges: In those days Israel had no king; everyone did what was right in their own eyes. (Judges 17:6) It didn't turn out very well for them.

In a culture supersaturated with information, overwrought with shrill grabs at our attention, overstimulated by media of many kinds, none of us is immune to the allure of truthiness. We are undated 24/7 with information. The modern search for truth has turned to the internet for guidance, and we all know it is not a trustworthy source of wisdom. It is tiring to even try and keep up with a few of these rivers of information. Our attention is stretched thin and largely confined to the surface. As we are flooded by the thundering, ever-rolling wave of hypermedia, we are often forced back on some sense of what "feels true." And the information overload does not lead to the genuine transfor-

mation and deep spiritual formation that we need. It doesn't lead us to the true King.

What is your primary source for wisdom and guidance in this season? Where are you going in your search for the truth? Jesus had some things to say about this subject, "To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'" (John 8:31-32) And as He stood before Pilate, Jesus said, "'You are a king, then!' said Pilate.

Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.'

"What is truth?" retorted Pilate." (John 18:37-38a)

What we accept as true will guide our attitudes and actions every day. Especially in confusing crises, we need a source that we can depend on and trust. Rather than relying on the media or the internet, let me encourage you to turn to the one who said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6) His teaching is a solid foundation to stand in a world of sinking sand.



RICHARD SCHNEBERGER



LILLIAN BOHANNAN

Break up the fallow ground

When I was a youngster in Northern Nevada, my daddy was an avid gardener. He was a farm boy growing up in Oklahoma, so he knew a lot about growing crops to feed his six children.

Every winter just before spring arrived, he would get natural fertilizer from a cow lot and plow it into his garden plot. His sons would take turns shoveling up and turning over the soil until it was well mixed in. Then it would lay there untouched until planting time when the ground was warm.

Daddy started planting the garden seeds in January in the little milk cartons we brought him from our school lunches. Every morning he would remind us, "Don't forget to bring your milk cartons home." He planted radishes, peppers, tomatoes, onions, cantaloupes, and watermelon in those cartons and they sat in every window ledge in the house.

When it came time to set them out in the warm soil, we would have another plowing time and broke up the deep fallow ground again. Planted in rows and hills, those plants would flourish under his watchful eye.

In the middle of summer until the last cool days of fall we would reap every-

thing we had planted. Sometimes we would even sit in the middle of that lush beautiful garden and eat supper right there.

Daddy's garden was so big, he would help Mother can everything she possible could. Then he would take all that was left and give it away to half the people in our small city. They loved his garden.

In our fair city we are going through a time of deep plowing. We are asked to stay home and socially distance ourselves from everyone except our own families. It is a time we can reflect on why this pandemic is upon us.

Are we using this time to plow and plant seeds of repentance? Hosea 10:12, tells us to sow to ourselves in righteousness to reap God's mercy. He tells us to look deep in the fallow soil beneath the surface of our lives where hidden things are—things that don't please Him. He says it is time to seek the LORD. And He says don't stop seeking Him until He comes and rains righteousness (found only in Jesus), upon us.

We need to stop and see if we have sown the right kind of seed. Have we trusted in our own way?—instead of His?

When we plow up the fallow ground of our lives, we need to repent and seek the LORD while He may be found.

Only then can we be a blessing to others.

Building a dynamic force for God

Matt 16:17-18 18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. NKJV



RALPH ANDERSON

Many are deserting the church today. Folks are screaming, "Jesus yes; the church NO." Moralists are declaring they want Christianity and not churchanity. Liberals a regulating the church to museum, declaring that established religion is passe and out of touch with contemporary needs of our time. Some brethren are pleading for a restructured church. Thank

God, Jesus stood by His church in these words: "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

While many are knocking the church - we must build it! The place to begin is at the local level. The local church is the best thing to which a person can give his life. We must join partnership with Christ in building the congregation of God.

The local church is the gathered people of God (I Corinthians 1:2). By their own volition saints are to voluntarily associate themselves together for mutual worship, fellowship, proclamation, teaching and ministry of benevolence. All Christianity gravitates to the local church. We can never love the church universal until we love it LOCALLY (Acts 14:23; Philipians 1:1; 1 Peter 5:1-3).

The local church is to be a dynam-

ic force for

god in a sin-ridden world. Within a new climate of love, fellowship and unity, renewed people are to bless God, others and their own lives. The local base is a LIGHT HOUSE to illuminate the path of the lost (Isaiah 2:4); it is a HOSPITAL for broken and sinful men (Luke 19:10); it is a REHABILITATION CENTER for those made invalid by iniquity (Acts 20:32); it is an INTENSIVE CARE UNIT for those fighting for their life (Romans 15:1-22); it is a FRATERNITY HOUSE for those seeking an incendiary fellowship (Acts 4:32); and it is an ARMORY where troops train for active duty. The church: our life; our love; our all. No wonder Jesus threw His protective wings over her: the gates of hell shall not prevail against her.:

While many from

within and without criticize her, some despise her and others abandoned her - I stand by her. I owe her my life and my love. While it would be a place of distinction to serve qs head of a school, editor of a paper, president of q bank or board, school teacher or anything else - I would rather be a local preacher. It is the greatest place to serve in the world! If I had a thousand lives to live, I would want to be a preacher - in a local church - in every one of them. I would rather be a speaker in the house of God, than a speaker in the house of Representatives; I would rather be a foot-soldier of the cross than Commander-in-chief of all our U.S. Forces.

I am standing by the church because I want to stand with Jesus.

We Salute!

There are those in the community - local business, individuals, or civic organizations - who have gone above and beyond. There have been those moments that have made a positive impact on the community and we want to recognize those moments, contributions and people:

- Big Spring Mask Makers for providing hundreds of masks to local healthcare workers, frontline staff, first responders and other essential workers as we go through the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Big Spring Police Department, Howard County Volunteer Fire Dept., Big Spring Fire Dept., Howard County Sheriff Dept.

- Big Spring High School staff and administration for coming together to help make memories as the graduating class picked up their caps and gowns this past week. Those who attended were greeted by staff, Steer Nation banners and lots of celebrating while maintaing social distancing.

- Life Church for extending a drive through prayer opportunity to the community.

- Stephen Hope to making his way throughout Big Spring and extending prayer for numerous businesses, city buildings and people who crossed his path.

Recognizing the great things happening in Big Spring is important. Send in your recognitions to editor@bigspringherald.com. We Salute will run

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Sharing a journey

As one friend closes a chapter another carries it on



HERALD photos/Carrie Harvell

Mark Mitchell recently took over the operations at what was Elrod's Furniture, but is now operating under Mitchell's Furniture. Mitchell and former owner Dee Elrod are longtime friends. As Elrod decided it was time to retire, Mitchell decided it was an opportunity to continue his friend's journey and begin a new journey of his own.

By CARRIE HARVELL

Herald Contributing Writer

True friendship transcends time, distance and can even open up the door to new journeys. Two long-time friends—Mark Mitchell and Dee Elrod added a special memory to their friendship journey.

While on vacation in Florida Mark decided to call his longtime friend Dee Elrod. During the conversation Mark approached the subject of possibly buying Elrod's Furniture when Dee decided to retire. Dee was also on vacation with his grandchildren, both agreed to talk about it when they returned. The rest as they say "is history"

As one friend closed a chapter another picked up and continued the journey. On Oct. 7, 2019, Mark opened his second furniture store, this one in Big Spring in the historic Elrod's, a family owned business since 1924.

Mitchell is from Marathon, a small town known as the Gateway to the Big Bend National Park, some of his family still lives there. Mark attended Sul Ross State University, but before that he started his first business at age 17.

"I saved money and would purchase mattresses. As I sold them, I would drive to Dallas, reinvest the money in more mattresses," he said. "Soon I was on my way to being a successful business man, but I learned along the way the making of a business man is expensive."

Mitchell met his wife in Midland when he was starting his furniture business. "Starting a family and trying to get a business going led to some hard times, but the good times far outweighed them," Mitchell said. "Being poor makes one work harder, and if someone is poor in spirit then they are truly poor. I have always felt wealthy in spirit. My faith is my guiding light."

While in high school he read "The Cross and Switchblade" by David Wilkerson. This book had a profound effect on him, and has led him to become involved with several charities. Most notable Teen Challenge, an organization that helps people overcome drug and alcohol addiction.

"I firmly believe the more you give the more you get in return, and because of this I make a point of treating my staff like family." He continued; "This applies to my customers, as well. If I don't have something someone is looking for, I will try to find it even if it means referring them to another company. The way you look at a problem determines how you solve it."

Since Mark is from a small town, he feels comfortable in Big Spring. He said the community has been wonderful and welcomed them with open arms. Even thru this difficult time there has been a loyalty of buying locally.

"Being in Big Spring has been a blessing, I am happy and content here, and I hope to be a blessing in return."

USDA invests more than \$200 million in partner-driven projects that protect natural resources

WASHINGTON – USDA's Natural Resources Service (NRCS) today announced it is investing in 48 conservation projects across 29 states through its Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). NRCS will award \$206 million for these 48 RCPP projects while leveraging nearly \$300 million in partner contributions.

"I'm excited to announce the first RCPP awards under the 2018 Farm Bill," said NRCS Chief Matthew Lohr. "Through collaboration and aligning our resources toward a common goal, we're making an impact for natural resource conservation that could never have been realized on our own."

RCPP uses a partner-driven approach to fund innovative solutions to natural resource challenges. Through RCPP, NRCS and partners work together with private landowners and producers to implement a variety of conservation activities, including land management practices and systems, short-term land rentals, conservation easements and watershed structures. The mix of conservation activities carried out under each project is dependent on a project's goals, objectives and conservation benefits.

These projects offer impactful and measurable outcomes. They will support diverse agricultural and natural resource objectives, from helping farmers and ranchers improve water quality, soil health and drought resiliency to protecting drinking water supplies and enhancing wildlife habitat.

Projects selected for this round of funding include:

The Massachusetts Division of Ecological Restoration (DER) and a diverse group of 17 partnering organizations propose to protect and restore historic wetlands on retiring cranberry farmland in Massachusetts. The partnership plans 20 projects to restore 900 acres of high-value wetlands and 1,800 acres of protected open space using an innovative process-based restoration approach developed specifically for cranberry bogs coming out of production. This creates habitat for wildlife while also storing water and improving water quality.

The San Joaquin Valley Land and Water Conservation Collaborative (SJVCC) in California seeks to catalyze cooperation in the Valley to address water re-

source issues by using cutting-edge planning tools that ensure the most efficient use of resources and result in the strategic protection and stewardship of agricultural land. The partners plan to target outreach to historically underserved and female producers.

Though RCPP was first authorized in the 2014 Farm Bill, the 2018 Farm Bill made changes to strengthen the program and simplify its rules. RCPP is now a stand-alone program with \$300 million annually available for partner-driven projects. In addition to the general RCPP projects announced today, NRCS has already awarded more than \$50 million for 18 renewals of 2014 Farm Bill projects. A separate RCPP Alternative Funding Arrangements (AFA) funding announcement is currently open until May 18.

Since 2015, RCPP has combined \$1 billion in NRCS investments with close to \$2 billion in partner dollars to implement conservation practices nationwide. There are currently 341 active RCPP projects and close to 2,000 RCPP partners.

For more information, visit the [RCPP webpage](#).

A Primer on viruses, coronaviruses and COVID-19 from Texas A&M-Texarkana virologist

Special to the Herald

Few scientists in the world know more about coronaviruses than Dr. Ben Neuman, head of the biology department at Texas A&M University-Texarkana.

He has studied coronaviruses for 24 years in England and the United States. His expertise in virology earned him a position on the international committee that named SARS-CoV-2, the coronavirus causing the COVID-19 pandemic.

His knowledge and engaging way of explaining the science of the virus has placed him in demand among some of the biggest news media outlets in Europe, Asia and North America. Dr. Neuman has been a guest on about 150 television shows and more than 200 radio shows, and he has been

interviewed in several thousand news articles. In March he began hosting "Dr. Ben Neuman's Science Group" on Facebook to answer children's questions about COVID-19.

"Context is what really makes a scary thing less scary," Dr. Neuman says. "When you understand what's going on and why everything is happening, all of the sudden everything makes sense."

Even in the midst of a global crisis, knowledge about COVID-19 and the novel coronavirus behind it can ease people's fears.

"It's an important role we play for the entire state," said John Sharp, Chancellor of The Texas A&M System. "The scientists here are uniquely qualified to help people understand this outbreak."

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 Jacquelin Dannon Ramey, 1404 E 6th St. Big Spring
 Gilbert P. Ramirez, 1614 Settles, Big Spring
 Byron Roberts, 2206 Alabama St Big Spring

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Michael Robinson, 801 Anne St., Big Spring
Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Rd., Big Spring
Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar, P.O. Box 173, Colorado City
Polly Ann Rusk, 4201 W Hwy 80, Big Spring
Elizabeth Salazar, 1808 Hearn, Big Spring, Texas
Shane Skaggs, 1 Courtney Place, Apt. 301, Big Spring
Derrick Dewayne Smith, 703 West 16th, San Angelo, Texas
Leon Torres, 1500 Lincoln, Big Spring
Michael Ray Watson, 1503 Tucson Rd., Big Spring
Tamara Ruth Whitt, 1909 Morrison, 2526 Fairchild, Big Spring
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd., Apt. #28, Big Spring

Marriage Licenses:

Roberto Rodriguez, 58 and Erlinda Calvin, 63, both of Big Spring.
Bryan Keith Green, 31, and Jennifer Lorene Green, 31, both of Big Spring.
Joshua Ontiveros, 40, and Jamie Elisha Castillo, 36, both of Big Spring.
Chance Michael Edwards, 22, and Che'ly Lean Bolton, 19, both of Big Spring.
Edward Hijinio – Guzman Vasquez, 30, and Debra Michelle Garcia, 29, both of Big Spring.
Enrique Galvan Chavira, 20, and Alma J. Pina Armenta, 21, both of Big Spring.
Aaron Presley Usselton, 22, and Jessica Lynn Nugent, 21, both of Big Spring.
Alex Mark Huckabee, 29, of Colorado and Hali Jo Kerby, of Big Spring.

District Court Filings

Plaintiff: John Numbers
Defendant: Dawna Numbers
Type of Case: Divorce – No children
Date: April 16, 2020

Plaintiff: In the interest of Brooklyn Keeling
Type of Case: All other family law matters
Date: April 17, 2020

Plaintiff: Jeffrey Rodriguez
Defendant: Latacha Rodriguez
Type of Case: Divorce - Children
Date: April 20, 2020

Plaintiff: Avalanche Equipment LLC
Defendant: JSPAZ Guardian Energy
Type of Case: Civil Case - other
Date: April 20, 2020

Plaintiff: Christina Garza as next of friend of K.G. Minor child
Defendant: Nathan Miller

Type of Case: Injury/Damage-motor vehicles
Date: April 21, 2020

County Court Rulings
(Note: The State of Texas is listed as the prosecutor in all County Court Rulings.)
Defendant: Billy Rosas
Offense: Driving while intoxicated 2nd
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$270 court costs, \$75 reimbursement fee, time served
Date: Jan. 5, 2020

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Big Spring Monticello Homes, LLC
Grantee: Cruz's Construction and Homes LLC
Property: Lot 14, block 7, Monticello Addition
Date: March 16, 2020

Grantor: Jimmy Clayton and Sharon Clanton
Grantee: Luz Roberts
Property: S/57 of Lot 14, block 7, Washington Place Addition
Date: March 26, 2020

Grantor: Mason Parker
Grantee: Alkali Energy Services LLC
Property: Being 9.63 acre tract of SW/4 Sec. 32, block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: March 17, 2020

Grantor: James Martin and Brandy Renee Manning
Grantee: Kyle Enock Carroll and Jeannie Louise Carroll
Property: Lots 9A, block 12, Saunders Addition
Date: March 30, 2020

Grantor: Rose Acceptance Inc
Grantee: Jorge Chavez
Property: Lot 5, block 17, Cole and Strayhorn Addition
Date: March 30, 2020

Grantor: Loretta Crawford-Kissel f/k/a Loretta Burns
Grantee: Chad Kill
Property: An .5 acre tract of land of SW/4 Section 44, block 31, Tsp. 1-N Cert. #2/31, T&P Ry Co Survey
Date: March 31, 2020

Grantor: Chelsie Grantham
Grantee: Terry Chance Grantham
Property: Surface estate only – tract 1, Sec. 50, block A, B&C Survey; tract 2, Sec. 17, block 33, T-2-N, T&P Ry Co. Survey; tract 3, Sec. 50, block A, B&C Survey; tract 4, Sec. 30, block 34, T-3-N, T&P Ry Co. Survey
Date: March 19, 2020

Grantor: Kyle Ware and Kimberly Ware
Grantee: Robert K. Fowler
Property: Lot 1, block 20, North Park Hill Addition
Date: April 7, 2020

Grantor: Anna Silva

Grantee: Rosemary Sanchez
Property: Tract 1: lot 7, block 1, Rice Addition; Tract 2: lot 1, block 3, Rice Addition
Date: April 1, 2020

Grantor: Nona B. Templeton
Grantee: Rose Linda Contreras
Property: Lot 12, block 6, Avion Village Subdivision
Date: April 9, 2020

Grantor: Michael Joseph Gomez for the estate of Ursula M. Gomez
Grantee: Thomas E. Black Jr.
Property: Lot 20, block 4, Kentwood Unit
Date: April 13, 2020

Grantor: Sande Glaspie
Grantee: Tiffany May
Property: Lot 1-4, block 3, Subdivision A, Fairview Heights Addition
Date: March 26, 2020

Grantor: Manuel Valdez/
Guadalupe Valdez
Grantee: Jose Jaime Quintanilla/ Monique Quintanilla
Property: Surface estate only in and to W/25' of lot 11, all of lot 12, block 20, Cole and Strayhorn Addition
Date: April 9, 2020

Grantor: Lewis E. Collins and Virginia D. Collins
Grantee: Charla Kay Scott
Property: Lot 31, block 3, College Park Estates
Date: April 14, 2020

Grantor: Beall Land LLC
Grantee: Jerrod Beall and Stacy Beall
Property: Tract 1: 32.41 acre of land of NE/4 of Section 21, block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: April 15, 2020

Grantor: Michael A. Garza
Grantee: Kaniel Miramontes
Property: Lot 3 and E/2 of Lot 2, block 21, Cole and Strayhorn Addition
Date: April 3, 2020

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Liens

Grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum
Grantee: Robert Ybarra
Property: Lot 8, block 27, College Park Estates
Date: March 19, 2020

Grantor: Manuel Ontiveros and Christina Ontiveros
Grantee: Michael Rubio and Patricia Rubio
Property: Lot 9, block 10, Surban Heights Addition
Date: March 19, 2020

Grantor: Lanny Levi Swanson
Grantee: Angela Grace Moran
Property: Lot 42, block 3, College Park Estates
Date: March 20, 2020

Grantor: Anita Dianne Maxwell
AKA: Anita Maxwell and Craig

Maxwell
Grantee: Barbara Jones, Maria Lilia Rodriguez
Property: Lot 28, block 8, Suburban heights Addition
Date: March 19, 2020

Grantor: Curtis Crabtree and Heather Crabtree
Grantee: Austen Clay Newton
Property: Lot 10, block 2, University Gardens #2
Date: March 20, 2020

Grantor: Natalie Arispe
Grantee: Guadalupe A Garcia
Property: Lot 4, block 3 and the E/90' of Lot 5, block 3, Earl's Addition
Date: March 23, 2020

Grantor: Bradley James Owen and Leslie K. Trasport
Grantee: Andrew Garcia and Andrea Garcia
Property: Lot 13, block 1, University Gardens No. 2 consisting of lots 1-14 and Block 2, lots 1-15
Date: March 26, 2020

Grantor: Andrew Garcia and Andrea Garcia
Grantee: Thomas E. Black Jr., Trevor J. Fortner
Property: Lot 9, block 24, College Park Estates
Date: March 26, 2020

Grantor: Triple Play Investments
Grantee: Dakota N. Badding
Property: Lot 1, block 1 Worth Peeler Subdivision, Section 4, block 32, T-1-South, T&P RR.Co. Survey and except S/125' of Lot. 1
Date: March 27, 2020

Grantor: James Thomas Marlow
Grantee: Jerry Andrew May
Property: Lot 10, block 4, Kentwood Addition
Date: March 27, 2020

Grantor: Phillip Ayer and Teryn Spenser Ayer
Grantee: Thomas E. Black Jr., Justin Allen Norwood and James Dylan Bell
Property: Lot 19, block 2, Kentwood Unit No. 1
Date: April 7, 2020

Grantor: Michael C. Clay and Tricia J. Clay
Grantee: Cody Young
Property: North part of 2.04 acre tract NE/4 of Section 1, block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: April 3, 2020

Grantor: Shelbi Bennett and Michael Bennett
Grantee: Thomas E. Black Jr., Martin G. Castaneda Jr.
Property: Lot 27 of Balch Subdivision No 7, .408 acre tract South part of Sec. 32, block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: March 27, 2020

Grantor: Gary Feaster
Grantee: Krista Bailey
Property: Lot 7, block 1, East Highland Park Addition
Date: March 27, 2020

Grantor: Dora Roberts
Rehabilitation Center
Grantee: Alkali Energy Services LLC
Property: Tract 1, 69.5222 acre tract of land SW/4 of Sec. 32, block 33 Township 1-North, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: March 27, 2020

Grantor: Robert Baker and Sharon Baker
Grantee: Francisco O Chapa Jr.
Property: Being a 3.21 acre tract out of 24.35 acre tract of NE/4 Section 46, block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: March 27, 2020

Grantor: Jake Smith
Grantee: Alfredo Hernandez Perez
Property: Lot 7, block 5, Mittell Acres Addition
Date: March 31, 2020

Grantor: Terry W. Wegman and Debra S. Wegman
Grantee: Alecc L. Herrera and Hayley S. Herrera
Property: Lot 9, block 8, Highland South Addition No. 6
Date: April 1, 2020

Grantor: Wanda Penny Binion and Jimmy D. Binion aka Jimmy F. Binion
Grantee: Christie Wendland Larson
Property: Being .50 acre tract of NE/4 Sec. 1, block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: April 1, 2020

Grantor: Duane Murphree and Laura Murphree
Grantee: Tania Bradley Higginbotham and Arick E. Higginbotham
Property: Lot 7 and S. 32' of Lot 8, block 11, McDowell Heights Addition
Date: April 13, 2020

Grantor: Don Pepper Jr. and Tonja Pepper FKA Tonja D'Ann Green AKA Tonja D. Green
Grantee: Daniel Miramontes and Sylvia Miramontes
Property: 6.33 acre tract out of the SW/4 of Section 24, block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR. Co. Survey
Date: April 10, 2020

Grantor: Jean G. Lokken
Grantee: Noah James Lozano
Property: 5.03 acre tract of land, NE/4 of Section 41, block 32, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey
Date: April 9, 2020

Grantor: James Gartman and Deborah Gartman
Grantee: Austin Hamblin
Property: Lot 13, block 5, Douglass Addition
Date: April 15, 2020

Texas Drilling Permits and Completions Statistics for March 2020

AUSTIN — The Railroad Commission of Texas issued a total of 744 original drilling permits in March 2020 compared to 1,137 in March 2019. The March 2020 total includes 671 permits to drill new oil or gas wells, six to re-enter plugged well bores and 56 for re-completions of existing well bores.



The breakdown of well types for original drilling permits in March 2020 is 189 oil, 43 gas, 468 oil or gas, 40 injection, and four other permits.

In March 2020, Commission staff processed 1054 oil, 313 gas and 240 injection completions for new drills, re-entries

and re-completions, compared to 493 oil, 127 gas, and 43 injection completions in March 2019.

Total well completions processed for 2020 year to date for new drills, re-entries and re-completions are 3,857, compared to 2469 recorded during the same time period in 2019.

Recent Information Technology changes are allowing the Commission to report more detailed data on drilling permits and well completions each month. The information in prior year reports may

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pletion-and-plugging-summaries/ Midland had 375 permits to drill, 419 new oil completions, 111 new gas completions San Angelo had 23 permits to drill, 164 new oil completions, no new gas completions West Central Texas had 14 permits to drill, 23 new

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Each Bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to GLASSCOCK COUNTY and must be marked on the outside with the name of the Bidder and the name of the project: 2020 ASPHALT SURFACING PROGRAM. If submitted by mail or delivery service, the sealed envelope containing the bid should be enclosed in another envelope addressed to the Glasscock County Judge, P.O. Box 67, Garden City, Texas 79739.

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Glasscock County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any technicalities, informalities or minor defects, and/or to accept the proposal they deem to be in the best interest of the county. Any bid received after the time and date specified will not be considered.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Diamondback E&P LLC 500 W. Texas Ave., Ste. 1200 Midland, TX 79701-4203, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation

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not productive of oil or gas.

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to Technical Permitting, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of Ricky Loamuh Harston, Deceased, were issued on April 1, 2020, in Cause No. CC-446-P, pending in the County Court of Glasscock County, Texas, to Cortney McAnaw.

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

c/o: **Melinda Hedrick Beard Kultgen Brophy Bostwick & Dickson, PLLC**
220 S. Fourth Street
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DATED the 20th day of April, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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BY: /s/ Melinda Hedrick Melinda Hedrick

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STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HOWARD

NOTICE OF EXECUTION AND SHERIFF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

BY VIRTUE OF an execution issued out of the 109th District Court of Andrews County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in that court on April 16, 2019, in favor of Robert E. Eubanks and against Cynthia Strohmeier in Cause No. 21,390, styled Robert E. Eubanks v. Cynthia Strohmeier and TCT Financial II, LLC on the docket of the court, on the 6th day of April, 2020, I levied upon the following described real property situated in Howard County, Texas as the property of Cynthia Strohmeier:

All of her right, title and interest in that certain undivided One Twenty-Fourth (1/24) mineral interest in the W/2 of Section 42, Block 30, Township 1 North, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, comprising 13.333333 net mineral acres, together with any and all other rights, titles and interests owned or claimed by Defendant Cynthia Strohmeier in the oil, gas and other minerals located in Howard County, Texas.

On May 5, 2020, which is the first Tuesday of the month, between the times of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the courthouse door in Howard County, Texas, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all of the right, title and interest of Cynthia Strohmeier in and to the described property.

Signed on the 6 day of April, 2020.

Sheriff Stan Parker, Howard County, Texas

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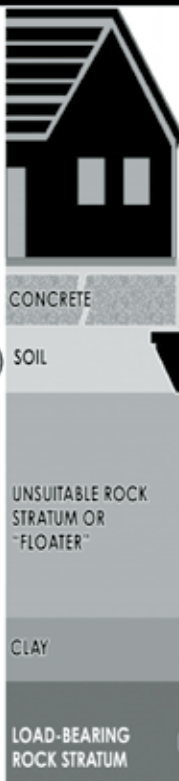
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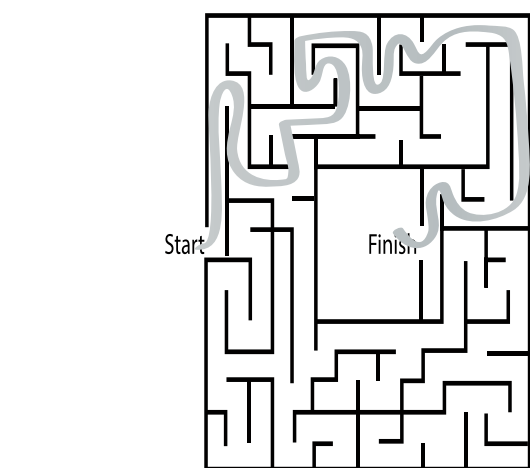
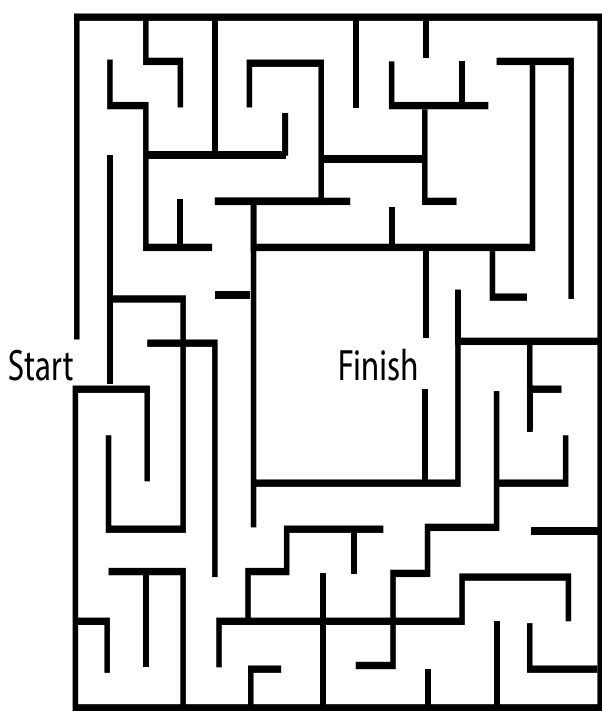
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A stitch in time saves West

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ A Q 10 9 3		♠ J 8 6 5	
♥ Q 5 4		♥ 10 2	
♦ J 10 3		♦ 6 4	
♣ Q 6		♣ 10 9 8 4 3	
WEST		SOUTH	
♠ 7 2		♠ K 4	
♥ A 9 7		♥ K J 8 6 3	
♦ A K Q 8 7 2		♦ 9 5	
♣ 5 2		♣ A K J 7	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	2♦	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥			

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

One of the more colorfully named plays in bridge is the so-called uppercut. As in boxing, the term is meant to describe a maneuver in which a devastating blow is delivered from the bottom up.

The uppercut is basically the province of the defenders. Its purpose is to establish a trump trick, or an extra trump trick, that does not exist naturally. Its effect upon declarer is

often disconcerting, because there is usually nothing he can do to prevent the defenders from manufacturing a synthetic trump trick.

As a typical example, consider this deal where West leads the K-Q of diamonds, everyone following suit. Normally, West would continue with the ace, on which East would discard while declarer was being forced to ruff.

However, South would easily weather this storm by ruffing the diamond, leading a low heart to dummy's queen and another heart back to his jack, losing to West's ace. Declarer could then claim the rest of the tricks.

But West should not adopt this prosaic method of defense. He should realize that South must have every critical missing high card for his three bids, and that the only real chance to defeat the contract lies in establishing an extra trump trick for his side.

Accordingly, at trick three West should lead a low diamond rather than the ace, hoping his partner was dealt either the ten or jack of trump. After East obliges by ruffing with the ten, declarer finds that he must lose two trump tricks regardless of how he proceeds, and he eventually goes down one.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.

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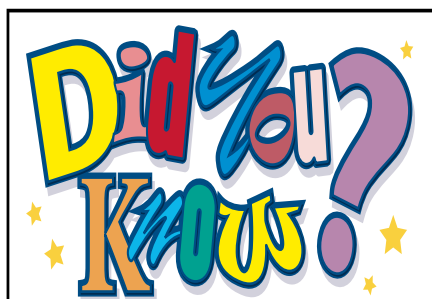
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SPANISH: Respiración

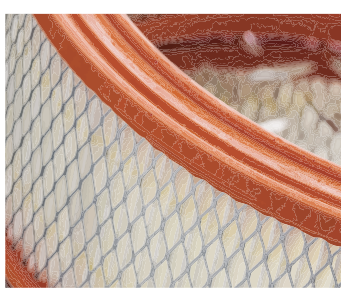
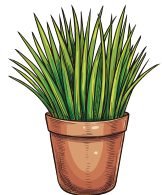
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FRENCH: Souffle

GERMAN: Atem



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ANSWER: CAR AIR FILTER

Guess Who?

I am a comic actress born in Texas on April 26, 1933. I once lived in a boarding house for women pursuing careers in acting. I have earned a Tony, Emmy and Golden Globe for my work in various genres.

Answer: Carol Burnett

SUDOKU

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

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!

Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

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

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

ANSWER:

Annie's Mailbox

Wanting a Break from the Front Lines

Dear Annie: Due to COVID-19 and the economic downturn, I was recently laid off and am getting unemployment. My wife, meanwhile, is a health care worker who still has to work with COVID-19 positive patients. She is ticked off at me, and everything else, and would like some time off. Please help. -- Husband at Home

Dear Husband: First, a huge thank you to your wife and all the other health care workers and emergency responders on the front lines of this crisis; the sacrifices that they're making for the rest of us are truly remarkable. And thank you to the family members, such as yourself, who are these workers' rocks.

It may be a while before your wife can take any real time off. Your job, in the meantime, is to make her time away from work as stress-free as possible. That means stepping up with any household chores that she might normally manage, having a meal ready when she's off

work, and offering a sympathetic ear whenever she needs to vent.

I know that this isn't an easy time for you, either. No one wants to be laid off. I'm so sorry that you're going through this. Hang in there, and trust that there is a light at the end of this tunnel, even if we can't quite see it yet.

Dear Annie: I have a problem in my marriage, one I thought we'd solved, but it has recently resurfaced. My husband has Asperger's syndrome. When he runs across any item around the house that isn't familiar to him, he just throws it away or gives it away for free online. I have lost things that were family keepsakes, jewelry, clothes.

I finally got us in marriage counseling about six years ago. After three years, our therapist said we had resolved our major problems, so we were dismissed.

As our problems have escalated again recently, I asked him to go back to therapy. He answered that he had been to therapy so he

didn't need nor want to go back. -- Worn-Down Wife

Dear Worn-Down: No one graduates from therapy. I applaud the two of you for attending marriage counseling and working through previous problems. It sounds as though it helped, which is why you were able to stop going. New issues have arisen, and now you would benefit from returning. It's as simple as that. Tell your husband that it will make life less stressful for both of you.

Also, I would consider investing in a safe with a combination lock for your keepsakes and other treasured items.

Dear Annie: I was touched by "Grateful Grandmother." I am a grateful nana. I have raised three grandsons, due to my daughter's drug use. Two are 24 and 20. The youngest is 11. Fortunately, my library, in conjunction with the YMCA, holds a monthly grandparents support group. It is a wonderful resource.

I have also seen some distancing from other parents to me as

a grandmother. I am 72. It can be hurtful. But I encourage play dates and I try to be friendly when I meet these parents. You just keep trying. My grandson has several friends because of these efforts. The best part of being a grandparent raising my grandchildren is that it keeps me young. And I have so enjoyed every moment of my grandsons' lives. -- Grateful Nana

Dear Grateful: Your gratitude is beautiful and inspiring. Though in-person support groups are limited at this time, many groups are organizing meetings online via video conference. So I encourage you to reach out to your fellow grandparents and set something up, if you haven't already. Helpful platforms for online meetings include Zoom (<http://www.zoom.us>) and Google Hangouts (<https://hangouts.google.com>).

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Jupiter Asks, 'How Much Is Enough?'

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Rebellion produces action, often erratic. Obedience produces action, often consistent. People obeying orders look reasonable and systematic, even while carrying out unreasonable orders.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People like to have someone to blame. In fact, they need it. Otherwise, how is anyone to go on as though they know what they're doing and haven't made significant errors?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You understand the world by understanding yourself. The creed you follow, the values you uphold and the products you use are indicators of an identity that still doesn't even come close to representing the whole of you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Having something to tell and not being able to tell it -- that's an agony! You

won't break anyone's trust if you create a locked document or diary to spill your fascinating information into.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your emotions have a way of showing up in your body. You'll experience that today -- interesting physical reactions that tell you something specific and personal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are rich because you give richly. Don't refuse the bounty that comes your way. Say "yes," and let people heap help and other beautiful contributions on you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The problems you solve today will give you something you can use later. You'll build on these solutions. They'll become the rules by which you solve future problems.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It will be supremely satisfying to use your creativity. You'll bring things into being that no one else could. They might be able to do something

similar, but no one can do exactly what you can do.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Thinking something doesn't make it true. It's useless to argue with untrue things. Say to yourself: "How interesting that I think that. I could also think something else."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). As much as you'd like some assistance from loved ones, this is one of those days when the hand that will help you the most is at the end of your own arm.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Being hard on yourself is silly and pointless. Sometimes the only way to know your limits is to

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



19-March 20). You're not one to shy away from a challenge. You'll dare to take on a difficult task and because of this, you'll get a reward that is afforded to very few.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 26). Your work ethic is stellar, and you are using your time better and better. You make sure to do what you love as much and as regularly as possible and this makes your life feel meaningful and wonderful. You're able to be more tolerant of people's quirks, so the days go smoothly and

your horizons open to a large view. Libra and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 11, 32, 28 and 15.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Pluto's retrograde emphasizes concepts of power, force and authority, affording us the opportunity to reassess what we are able to do, who can help and why it's important. It is often true that we place imaginary limits on ourselves or that others lead us to believe we must stay in the roles and positions that serve them best. We are like cattle that have been trained not to cross gratings in the road. Once our training has taken hold, the gratings can be replaced with painted lines that could be easily crossed were we not so afraid of illusory consequences. The Pluto retrograde is a chance to rethink what's got us so timid, find our points of leverage and see if there aren't ways we can take back the power we wrongly or unnecessarily ceded. The second significant change is Mercu-

ry's entrance to Taurus, which bodes well for getting business back on track. Taurus is the sign of the material world and of luxury and quality goods. Our usual ways of doing business have been interrupted, and we're having to get creative about how to move forward. Let Mercury in Taurus be the sign of grit and determination that helps us walk and work in hope.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Channing Tatum will star in the upcoming comedy "Dog" about an army ranger and his dog embarking on a road trip along the Pacific Coast Highway to a funeral. Tatum was born when the sun was in sensual Taurus, the sign of money, appetite and sheer determination. Tatum's natal moon, Jupiter and Saturn are all in the disciplined sign of Virgo, which manifests in an iron will and a devotion to health and fitness.

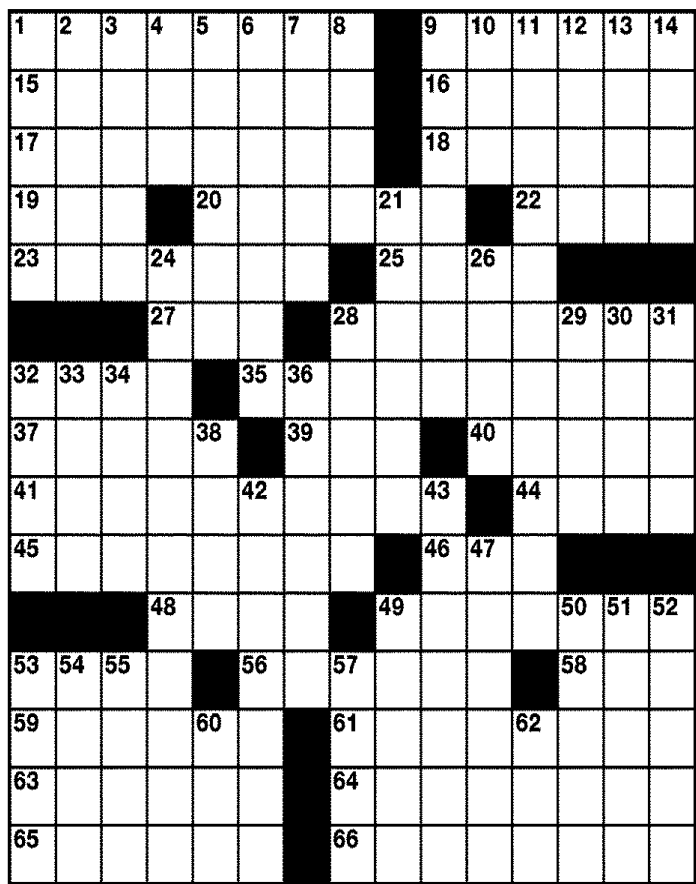
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Specialty crop producers suffer COVID-19 disruptions

Special to the Herald

AgriLife Extension

Specialty crop growers in the Rio Grande Valley are facing significant problems due to COVID-19 disruptions and market losses, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Luis Ribera, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension economist, College Station, said crops are being destroyed because they have no place to go, and prices have dropped due to high supplies and much lower demand.

Ribera said specialty crops ranging from citrus to onions have taken a hit during the COVID-19 pandemic. But how much remains to be seen.

He and other Texas A&M AgriLife Research and AgriLife Extension experts are putting together a report focused on the potential economic impact of the virus on Texas agriculture producers.

Like many other agriculture sectors, the virus has disrupted traditional supply lines and market demands. The closure of schools and demand reduction by restaurants has put some commercial fruit and vegetable growers in a tough spot.

"Some fresh fruits and vegetables don't have a home to go to," he said.

"These are highly perishable products with reduced to no outlets. They can't be stored, and prices are very low. At a certain point prices become so low the crops aren't worth harvesting, so they disk it under."

Good growing season, bad situation

Farmers in the Rio Grande Valley have already disked under crops like kale and other greens because harvests would likely sit and waste, Ribera said.

Ribera said about 40% of commercially grown produce typically goes to wholesalers who ship to retail grocers.

Another 40% of their harvest go to restaurants with the remaining 20% going to market in other ways.

Sales to grocers has increased 10%-15%, but that means a significant portion of their crop has no place to go, he said. Producers reported sales were down 20%-50% in March.

Ribera said disruptions will continue to batter producers until normalcy returns. He expects April numbers to be worse for growers because they don't have options.

To make matters worse, the winter growing season produced above-average yields, Ribera said.

"Yields were very good, so you have good supplies and much lower demand," he said.

There have also been disruptions to harvest due to lack of labor, he said.

"There has been a shortage of harvesting crews," he said. "That has delayed or prevented harvests. Each day a crop sits in the field or is delayed in its journey from field to consumers, the quality is reduced, and that costs producers. This is one of those 'perfect storm' situations."



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Quantifying specialty crop losses

Dale Murden, a grower and president of Texas Citrus Mutual in Mission, said it's too early to tell the extent of losses to Texas specialty crop growers, but changes in markets like schools and restaurants have hurt. He suspects citrus is faring better than some crops but not being able to provide schools with juices for breakfast was a big blow to the industry.

Murden noted seeing a field of onions harvested and bagged, but with no destination. He also expressed concerns about social distancing orders' effects on the region's melon crop, which is approaching harvest.

"We don't know who it's hurting and how bad yet," he said. "It's a fact that kale and greens growers have plowed crops under. It's a fact orders are being cancelled. It's a fact that crops have no place to go, but it's hard to quantify the dollars and cents at this point."

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

CENTRAL:

Some near-record low nighttime and daytime temperatures were recorded. Corn looked a little rough due to continued cool temperatures but should bounce back when conditions warm. A light frost was reported in some areas. Temperatures knocked Bermuda grass pastures back but were not cold enough to hurt peach trees. Sheep and goat markets bounced back a little, but the cattle market remained down.

Pastures and rangelands looked good. Cold weather slowed cotton planting. Some fields held standing water, and those crops were suffering. Winter wheat was fully headed and entering the flowering to filling stages. Wheat fields were show-

ing significant disease issues including glume blotch on the heads and expanding tan spot lesions onto the flag and flag-1 leaves. These diseases likely will negatively affect yields. Fusarium head blight incidence was light.

Some stem maggot damage and common root rot were also noted. Corn was developing well, however, widespread fields were exhibiting temporary chlorosis/bleaching as a result of herbicide applications. Foliar spray applications in corn were now winding down. Weed control was going well in all crops. First hay cutting and baling was underway. Producers were spraying pastures.

SOUTH PLAINS:

No measurable rain was reported. Subsoil and topsoil moisture levels were short. Winter wheat and rangelands were in fair to good condition. Corn producers started preparing their fields for planting. Most producers sprayed winter wheat fields they plan to plant with cotton. Cattle were in good condition.

FAR WEST:

Temperature highs were in the 80s, and lows were in the 40s. No precipitation was reported. Corn and sorghum were planted. More farmers cut and baled their wheat fields, and some were preparing dryland and irrigated cotton acres. Many cotton producers were sandfighting and preparing seed beds. Other producers were grazing out their winter wheat and oat crops. Producers finished planting hay grazer. A couple of diseases, including leaf and stripe rust and leaf blotch, were being monitored. Alfalfa weevils continued to be a problem for farmers who did not spray due to cooler temperatures. Pecan farmers were spraying zinc and/or irrigating. Pecan nut case bearer traps were hung throughout the district. Cattle producers were preparing for spring roundups and sorting of fall calves. Most spring calving was finished. Producers were working sheep and goats and continued to feed wildlife and livestock.

WEST CENTRAL:

A mild, dry week allowed spring planting to resume. Stock tanks filled up from a hard rain. Weeds were abundant and difficult to manage due to wet or windy conditions. Winter wheat was being grazed out by livestock. Cattle continued to improve weekly with good grazing.

SOUTHWEST:

A cold front delivered traces of precipitation up to 3 inches of rain across the district. Pasture and rangeland conditions looked good. Peaches were starting to set. Hay grazer was being planted. Weed control and fertilizer applications on pastures continued. Cattle and sheep markets were low. Producers were reporting livestock conditions were improving with less supplemental feeding. Spring sheep shearing continued.

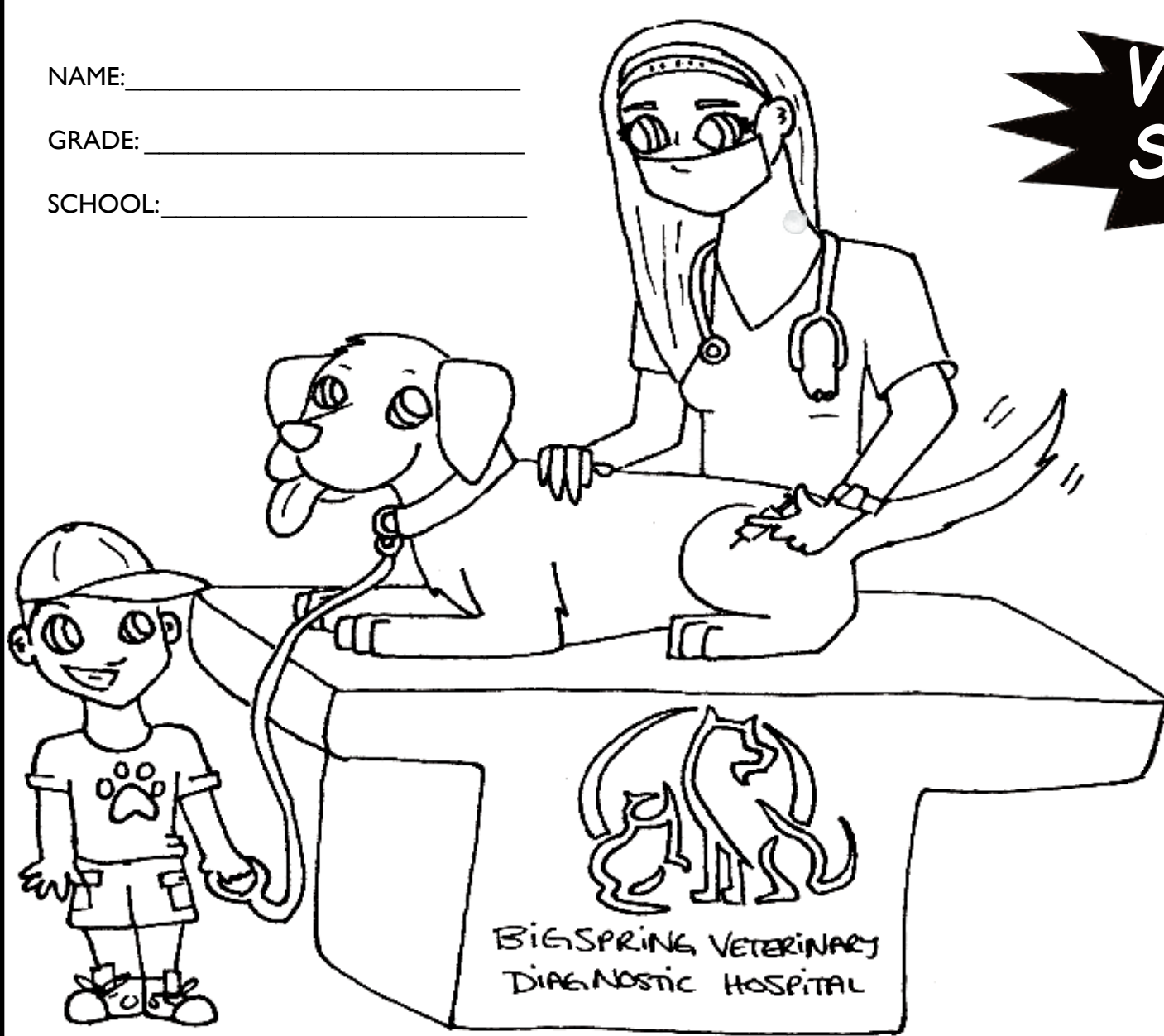
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