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Budget, tax rate, public hearing top County Commissioner agenda

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

The Howard County Commissioners will be holding the public hearing for the 2020-21 Budget on Monday at 3:30 p.m., as part of the regular meeting. The Commissioners will hold the meeting in the Howard County Courthouse, in the third floor courtroom. The community is encouraged to attend the meeting and to speak during the Citizen input session regarding any of the agenda items. Public comments will also be taken regarding the proposed budget during the Public Hearing before the Commissioners move to adopt the budget



HERALD file photo

County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the proposed budge.

for the upcoming year. After citizen input, the Commissioners will hear from JoAnn H. Valle on the Indigent Healthcare/Welfare program. The discussion will include pharmaceutical bids and physician agreements for 2020-2021 fiscal year, at the Howard County

Detention Center and Howard County Indigent/Welfare Health Care and County Juvenile Probation program.

During the County Treasurer's report, Commissioners will step into Executive Session to discuss personnel considerations, according to Section 551.074. Once the Court reconvenes discussion will take place regarding the Payroll Tax Deferral Memorandum along with the Treasurer's Monthly Report and Payroll Report.

The County Auditor, Jackie Olson, will present routine items such as invoices, purchase requests and budget amendments, along with the

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Ports-to-Plains live virtual meetings to be held Aug. 25-26; available to view Sept. 10

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

The second round of Ports-to-Plains Corridor Interstate Feasibility Study public meetings – hosted by TxDOT – will be taking place Aug. 25 and 26 virtually. The live virtual meetings will have identical information presented and are being offered at two different times to allow convenient public participation opportunities since no in-person meeting will be held. For those who are unable to attend either live session, the WebEx recorded video will be available Thursday, Sept. 10.

According to information issued by the City of Big Spring and TxDOT, the purpose of the meeting is to present recommendations for the Ports-to-Plains Corridor Interstate Feasibility Study prepared by the study's Advisory Committee and solicit feedback from the public.

Recently, on Aug. 5, the Northern section of the Relief Route in Howard County was officially opened with a celebratory Ribbon Cutting by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the Big Spring

Economic Development Corporation.

“Wednesday, Aug. 5 was an exceptionally good day for Big Spring, Texas and Ports-to-Plains Alliance as the ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the completion of the North Hwy 87 Relief Route in Big Spring,” a statement in the Ports-to-Plains newsletter read. “We are a voice for our small town, grassroots members who may otherwise not have access to the right audiences, as well as a conduit for industry to come together in support and promotion of transportation improvements. We are committed to working as an Alliance to improve transportation infrastructure and business networks opportunities, by advocating for appropriate funding levels, so business and industry can thrive.”

The relief route in Big Spring was made possible through the ingenuity and dedication of the late W. B. Crooker, a former Howard County Commissioner and Ports-to-Plains Board Member, along with Gloria and Bobby McDonald.

According to the Ports-to-Plains

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Courtesy image

Live virtual meetings will take place for the Ports-to-Plains feasibility study due to the current situation. The community is invited to attend or watch after posted on Sept. 10

Rangel named as new Staff Writer at the Big Spring Herald

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor



Courtesy photo
Iris Rangel is the new staff writer at the Big Spring Herald.

While some may question why Big Spring, Rangel would simply answer small-town life is nothing foreign and actually a way of life she is looking to explore. Being originally from the Dallas area, she understands and has experienced the fast paced, big city life, however, she also experienced small-town America while she was in high

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Covid-19 weekly update for Howard Co.

Special to the Herald

On Aug. 20, 2020, Howard County officials were notified that a 78-year-old female patient had succumbed to her illness and passed away due to COVID-19. She was diagnosed with COVID-19 and was being treated by her physician at a hospital outside of Howard County.

Both County and City officials are saddened by this news and we extend our deepest condolences to her family members. We ask that you keep this family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

County and City officials urge community members to take every precaution to protect yourself and your family members. Please continue to practice social distancing, stay home when

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Obituaries

Helen P. Bryans

Helen P. Bryans of Roswell, NM went to be with the Lord on Aug. 15, 2020. Viewing of Ms. Bryans in Roswell, NM will be at Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home on Thursday, Aug. 20, 2020, from Noon-7 p.m. A viewing of Helen is planned for Monday, Aug. 24, 2020, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home at 906 Gregg Street, Big Spring, Texas. Graveside services will be at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring, Texas with Pastor Kevin Knudson officiating at 10 a.m. Tuesday Aug. 25, 2020.

Helen was born Sept. 2, 1925, and was raised in Danville, Illinois by her adoptive parents George and Lena Partlow. On March 14, 1942, she was married in Illinois to Edward B. Bryans of Garden City, Texas, while he was serving in the Army Air Corps. They moved to Roswell in 1985 from Long Beach, California. She was a long-time member of Aldersgate Methodist Church.

Helen is survived by son Edward B. Bryans Jr., of Newport Beach, Ca. and daughter Jenny Lynn (Lloyd) Chrisman of Roswell, NM. Grandchildren; Skeet Chrisman, Ladonna (Gary) Corman, Shelly (Ralph) Cobos of Roswell, Ted (Jerlie) Bryans, Lauren Partridge, and Cristie Crites of California. Great Grandchildren; Michael Chrisman, Steven (Valerie)



Chrisman, Megan (Randy) Creighton, Lacy (Lupe) Robledo, Randy (Clarissa) Cobos, Jacob (Raquel) Cobos, Savannah (Hunter) Cartwright, Cippi Cobos , Nicholas Cobos, Maximus Bryans, Cody, Cami and Kyle Crites, Josh Partridge and Eric Schoolcraft. Helen is also survived by 13 Great, Great Grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews, Brother-in-law, Leonard Bryans, sisters-in-law, Bonnell Newland & Reba Bryans.

Husband Edward Bryans, parents and three brothers Al, Joe and Chuck Hardy preceded her in death.

Helen enjoyed traveling with her husband in their motorhome for many years after retirement. She was a wonderful cook and enjoyed spending time with her family. She loved reading, doing crossword puzzles and playing games. Helen was a beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother. She was fun to be around and will be missed greatly.

The family would like to give special thanks to Sheila, Jenny and the staff at Heartfelt Manor, Dr. Stiller, and the staff at Kindred Hospice for their love, care and compassionate treatment.

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

Paid Obituary

Becky Cenicerros

Rebecca "Becky" Suzanne Smith Cenicerros passed away Aug. 17, 2020. She was born on March 31, 1948, in Ft. Worth, Texas and was the oldest child of Noah Franklin Fouts Smith Sr. and Ann Marie Bird Smith, both of whom preceded her in death. Her dearly loved brother, Scott Kent Smith, and cousin, Beverly Ruffin, also preceded her in death.

Becky graduated from Brownwood High School and Southwest Texas State University. Becky held Bachelor of Science degree in Education. Becky taught English and literature for over 25 years. She was affectionately referred to as "Ms. C" by her students. From The Great Gatsby, to Of Mice and Men, to Romeo and Juliet, Becky loved introducing students to classic literature.

After retirement Becky was devoted to crocheting blankets for the Randolph County Partnership for Children. Becky's blankets have been distributed to countless local children.



Those left to cherish her memory are daughter, Amber Siesling and spouse Frits, son, Collin Doring, brother, N. Frank Smith Jr. and spouse Cynthia, sister-in-law, Kathy Smith, nieces and nephews, Jason Smith, Bradford Smith, Christopher Smith, Kristen Haney, Kaitlyn Smith, and cousins, Joann Sears, Karen Dixon, Kathy Duer, Kay Beachman, and Phyllis Parker. Becky also leaves behind her many good and much-loved friends in the "Lunch Bunch".

Becky's urn and registry will be available from 1 until 4 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2020, at Ridge Funeral Home.

Becky loved animals, especially her dog Coco Chanel. The family requests that memorials be made to Randolph County SPCA, 300 W. Bailey Street, Asheboro, NC 27203; or to the Randolph County Partnership for Children, 349 Sunset Avenue, Asheboro, NC 27203.

Condolences may be made online at www.ridge-funeralhome.com.

Paid Obituary

Support Groups

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

MONDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees It, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **REBECCA LYNN COMSTOCK**, 36, of 509 S Johnson Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CHAUNCEY LAVAR FORD**, 39, of 305 E 8th Street, was arrested on warrant, Æ other agency.
- **PATRICIA DIANNE COOK**, 36, of 1804 Settles Street, was arrested on charges of manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance penalty group one (greater than or equal to one gram less than than four grams) (x3) and theft property (\$100 all other).
- **NICHOLAS CALE HYDEM**, 40, of 903 E 16th Street, was arrested on warrant, Æ other agency.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** RUN was reported in the 500 block of E FM 700.

was reported in the 500 block of E FM 700.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the area of Wasson/Alamesa.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1600 block of Indiana Hills Drive.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.
- **FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the 3200 block of W Highway 80.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of 15th & Owens.
- **HIT AND RUN** was reported in the 2300 block of Brent Drive.

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- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 2400 block of E FM 700.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 4000 block of Dixon Street.
- **IDENTITY THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W Highway 80.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 300 block of E 6th Street.

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Take Note

• Pack 305 Cub Scouts will be hosting a Sign-up Drive by Ice Cream Social in the NazFamily Church parking lot on Tuesday, Aug. 25 at 6:30 p.m. Those in kindergarten through 5th grade are encouraged to stop by and find out more about cub scouting.

• Coahoma Lion's Club Trade Day will be held Sept. 26 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Downtown Coahoma. There will be food, arts & crafts, antiques, collectibles, clothing, and more. This will be in conjunction with Coahoma City Wide Garage Sale. Please practice social distancing at six feet and face masks are recommended. For more information, call 432-394-4287.

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

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

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

• Maranatha Baptist Academy located at 903 Johnson Street, in Big Spring, Texas, is currently open and taking applications for enrollment for 20-21 School year. We are a faith-based Christian Academy and use the individualized Accelerated Christian Education Curriculum for Kindergarten through 12th grade, out of Hendersonville, Tennessee. July 20, is our startup date and applications will be accepted year-round. Someone will take your call for information at 432-213-1046. Please leave a message and we will get back with you.

• Isaiah 58 will be open on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. further notice, for the safety of their volunteers and those they serve. Those receiving services are asked to enter the parking lot on 9th Street and exit onto Scurry. Please bring a form of identification with you to pick up food. Masks are required and those receiving food boxes will need to place boxes in their own vehicles until further notice. All these efforts are being put in place to help slow the spread and ensure the safety of those volunteering and those receiving services.

• 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.



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Sheriff

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

Note: Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 85 inmates at the time of this report.

- **ROBERT MARVIN CARSON**, 52, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **REBECCA LYNN COMSTOCK**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CHAUNCEY LAVAR FORD**, 39, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of failure to appear/possession of a controlled substance penalty group one (greater than or equal to four grams less than 200 grams).
- **NICHOLAS HYDEN**, 40, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of failure to comply sex offender duty to register life/annually.
- **VICTOR KIPKOECH KIMELI**, 24, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

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Alliance and the Big Spring EDC, the US 87 Truck Relief Route in Howard County is the Abilene District's largest-ever project totaling \$118 million with \$25 million in Proposition 12 funding from other TxDOT Districts as part of that total. The total length is 7.5 miles north and 8 miles south.

Ports-to-Plains Chairman and Lubbock Economic Alliance President, John Osborne stated in a recent newsletter, "We are thrilled by the completion of the Relief Route. This new relief route will bring safety to downtown Big Spring while allowing truck traffic to more easily transport goods along the Ports-to-Plains High Priority Corridor. Additionally, it will bring future eco-

economic development opportunities to those along the new route. The completion of the relief route is a huge accomplishment and I appreciate all that the city of Big Spring and TxDOT have done to make this project happen."

Those wishing to join the live public meeting on Aug. 25 or 26 at 4 p.m., both days, can do so at www.txdot.gov and use the keyword Ports-to-Plains. Those wishing to submit written comments can do so by mailing comments to: TxDOT c/o Ports-to-Plains Study Team, 5835 Callaghan Rd. Ste. 200, San Antonio, Texas 78228 or by e-mail at portstoplains@txdot.gov. All comments must be received by Thursday, Sept. 10, 2020.

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RANGEL

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school.

"Experiencing these two different lifestyles has given me the chance to grow and the ability to make connections with anyone," Rangel said. "As a Texas Tech Alumni, West Texas has been my home for the past five years."

The field of journalism isn't one Rangel thought she would be stepping into originally, but yet, it flows in with the creative side she holds. As many journalists have, Rangel has spent countless hours with her nose in a book reading and learning as much as possible. She has found wordsmithing to be a passion of hers for quite some time now and the experience to be gained at a rural newspaper is something she feels she can use to fine tune that passion.

"In journalism, everyone has a story to tell and a purpose in this world. There's always a question to be asked or a topic to be dug deeper into," she said. "I want to share information with people that empowers them to make decisions in their own lives. Big ones, like who to vote for, and small ones, like which park to spend a Sunday afternoon in."

She continued, "Creating things and watching them come to life is how I like to spend my free time. Lots of my hobbies delve into the arts and music industry."

As a newcomer to Big Spring, Rangel said she is looking to explore all that Big Spring has to offer. A fresh set of eyes upon a community is an opportunity to shine a light onto areas that may have been overlooked by hometown residents, and respark an appreciation for areas of the community that may have fallen stagnant.

"Ideally, I'd like to learn as much as I can about Big Spring, and how I can best serve this community. I like to allow the job and the city to set the expectations for me. What does the city need? What does it want? Those types of things can really tell me what I need to do," she said.

She continued, "I'd like to dive into journalism to grow my skills and establish a thorough understanding of this city. Small towns usually have a lot more going on than people like to think, and I'd like to learn as much as I can about Big Spring both in it's past and present."

Being a first generation college graduate is one of the accomplishments that Rangel holds near and dear. Through this particular achievement she saw first hand what dedication and determination

can get you if you are willing to strive, no matter the circumstances. Being the first in her family to receive a degree is not only important and memorable to Rangel, but to her family as well.

"All of the hard work and determination that went into obtaining my degree means the world to my family and I," she said. "It allows me to pave a new path for everyone in my family and I am so grateful for that."

Already, after only being in Big Spring a few short weeks, she has found a few of the highlights of our community - Comanche Trail Park and the other parks that offer an opportunity to get outdoors and explore.

As Rangel steps into a new career field and embarks on all that Big Spring has to offer her, she moves forward with one of her favorite quotes, by Theodore Roosevelt, in mind: 'Keep your eyes on the stars, but don't forget your feet are necessarily on the Earth'.

Then again, she can't forget a major part of her foundation, 'Wreck 'em Tech!'

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monthly report. She will also open the public hearing for the proposed 2020-21 Budget which the Commissioners will be looking to adopt during Monday's meeting. There will also be discussion surrounding setting salaries, expenses and any other allowances of

elected county officers.

During the Monday meeting, Commissioners will also be setting the tax rate for the upcoming fiscal year. At the last meeting, the Commissioners decided the rate would not exceed the No New Revenue Tax Rate, which released them from having to hold a public hearing on the tax rate. The proposed budget was based on the proposed rate. As part of the tax rate discussion, Commissioners will discuss and possibly take action on levying a tax rate.

Commissioners will also look at granting permission to obtain fuel bids before Tiffany Sayles with the Tax Of-

ice presents a request for Electronic Storage to the Commissioners.

Sheriff Stan Parker will bring up the fee list for Commissioners to discuss and possible approve. Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief Mitchell Hooper will also be asking the Court for an extension on the burn ban. The burn ban is set to expire this month and with the current drought situation, Howard County is still in extreme fire danger. The burn ban is valid for 90 days if approved, which will put Howard County under a burn ban until the Fall.


Road Engineer Brian Klinksiek will be presenting the executed County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant (CTIF) to Commissioners. This is a grant that Klinksiek first brought

to the Court a few months ago and has since been working on the application process. He will also provide an update on the grant and speak with Commissioners about going out for bids for the first grant project, which is planned to be ready for work on Oct. 1. He will also be requesting to go out for bids on the roadway base and LRA to be ready for work on Oct. 1.

Commissioner Craig Baily, Pct. 2, will bring discussion on the second radio tower location and discuss land-owner agreement for this area.

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Weather



Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 99. South wind around 5 mph becoming east in the afternoon.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 72.

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

Coahoma ISD Board calls special meeting

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

The Coahoma Board of Trustess issued a notice on Friday afternoon, for a special meeting to take place Monday.

The Board of Trustees will be holding a public hearing on the Tax Rate and Budget for the upcoming year.

The public hearing will take place after the meeting has been called to order, roll is taken and an establishment of a quorum is determined.

In addition to the public hearing, the Board will consider and possible take action on a Redemption Order.

After the public hearing concludes, the Board will vote on approving the proposed budget for the 2020-2021 Fiscal School Year and look to approve an ordinance adopting tax rates for 2020-2021.

Discussion will also take place regarding the sanction of 4-H as an extracurricular activity and grand adjunct staff member status to Tommy Yeater and Sandy Taylor.

Other items on the agenda for the special meeting are:

- Approval of TIA plan
- Approval of budget amendments
- Superintendent Report
- Executive session - personnel

To contact the Big Spring Herald, e-mail editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

UPDATE

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possible, wash your hands frequently, and wear a mask while in public areas. These are all things you can do to help prevent yourself and your loved ones from becoming ill from any respiratory illness including COVID-19.

City of Big Spring and Howard County officials were notified of forty-seven (47) new positive COVID-19 test results for the week of August 17, 2020. To date, Howard County and Big Spring have had a total of 226 confirmed positive COVID-19 cases. The number of

active cases went from 34 to 62; an increase of twenty-seven (28) cases from last week. The total number of people recovered from COVID-19 also increased from 138 to 157.

County and City officials continue to urge community members to take every precaution to protect yourself and your family members. Please continue to practice social distancing, stay home when possible, wash your hands frequently, and wear a mask while in public areas. These are all things you can do to help prevent yourself and your loved ones from becoming ill from any respiratory illness including COVID-19.

4 people missing after pipeline explosion at port in Texas

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A dredging vessel at a Texas port hit a natural gas pipeline Friday, sparking an explosion that sent six people to the hospital and left four others missing, authorities said.

The U.S. Coast Guard said the four missing people are crew members on the dredging vessel Waymon L Boyd. The explosion happened at about 8 a.m. in the Port of Corpus Christi.

Corpus Christi Fire Department Chief Robert Rocha said that upon arrival, firefighters "encountered heavy fire and smoke conditions." By late Friday morning, the supply line feeding fire had been shut off and it was going out, Rocha said.

Coast Guard Lt. Marina Lawrence said the vessel hit a submerged pipeline. The Port of Corpus Christi said in a statement that a natural gas pipeline was involved and that operators had isolated it.

Rocha said that of the six people transported to a hospital, one was in serious condition. He said the Fire Department transported four people to the hospital, while the U.S. Coast Guard transported two.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott issued a statement saying that the state was working closely with authorities in the area and that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality was monitoring the air quality.

Rocha said most of the heavy smoke was blowing into a rural area.

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Leighrene Kohl, 82, died Sunday. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM Saturday at Alive In Christ Lutheran Church. Graveside services will be at 2:00 PM Sunday at Electra Memorial Park Cemetery in Electra, Texas.

Flynn V. Long, 92, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Monday-Friday
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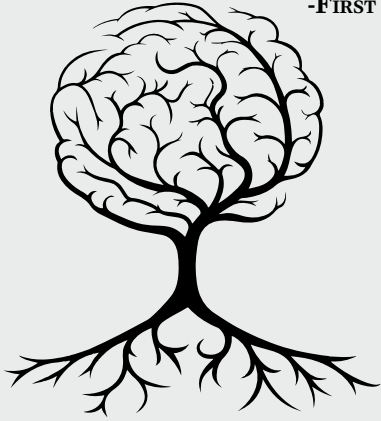
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Mother and son college students

June Stanley lives at Covington, a little place near Cleburne. She's a retired teacher who started teaching late in life.

"My son was 17 and wanted to quit school, just drop out," says June. "I had always stayed at home and taken care of my children all the time they were growing up. I dropped out of school and got married when I was 17. My son told me 'Mama, that's what you did.' I told him I didn't have to support a family either. I had a hard working husband who did that. I told him he was young and would have a family one day and couldn't make much of a living without at least a high school education. I told him he needed to get a GED."

He told me if he would go get a GED I had to get one, too since I didn't have a high school diploma.

"We went to Hill College in

Hillsboro where you can take a GED test every month. We both took the test and passed. I found out that the program has a graduation exercise at the end of the year.

All the people who passed the GED can dress up in cap and gown and walk across the stage and get a diploma. I told my son I would pay the twenty dollars to rent the cap and gown so I could see him get his diploma.

He told me he wanted me to be a part of that, too and since he was working he would pay the twenty dollars for my cap and gown. So we go to the graduation together and they call us up on stage and I get my diploma and he gets his. We're sitting there and I'm looking at my diploma and he starts elbowing me and said I had to go back up on stage. He told me I had won a scholarship and he was keeping it a surprise. That's why he wanted me to go with him."

June enrolled in Hill College. So did her son.

"We'd pass each other in the hall and you'd think a 17 year-old would turn his head and ignore

his mother but it was just the opposite. In those hallways and libraries and snack bars it was 'Hey.Mom, come over here and sit at our table. Before the semester was over I was Hey Mom to everybody."

After Hill College, her son became a paramedic and June enrolled in Tarleton State University in Stephenville where she earned a degree in education. During her years at Tarleton, she rented an apartment in Stephenville and shared it with her 15-year-old daughter, June's husband left home early and came home late and they didn't want their daughter home alone after school.

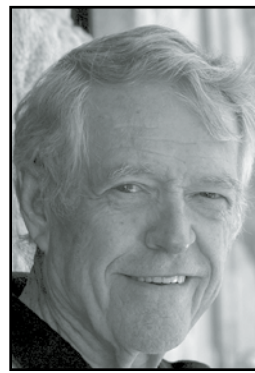
She was an honor student at Stephenville High School and returned to Covington to graduate with her class.

"Those were some of the best times in my life, being with my kids while going to school together," says June.

June taught elementary school in Itasca, later at Blum.

After teaching in public school she did home schooling for several kids.

Her husband, a carpenter, built her a schoolhouse in their backyard.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Great service

Dear Editor:

I meant to type this up several weeks ago but it's never too late to recognize people for excellent service.

On July 11, I had a freak accident and broke my femur resulting in ambulance, emergency room and air services.

The ambulance arrived at our house in probably 10 minutes or less. The EMTs were professional, caring and did their best in transporting me with as little pain as possible.

When I arrived at SMMC I was met immediately by nurses and then within a short time a radiology tech to do x-rays.

Radiology tech was excellent, again did his best to do the needed x-rays moving me as little as possible.

After x-rays I was told by Dr. Koop and an excellent nurse by the name of Michelle that I needed to be transferred to either Odessa or Lubbock for surgery.

I text a dear friend, Debra Wallace, who works for Air Evac to make sure that the insurance I had would cover me being transferred to Lubbock or Odessa. She assured me it would and had an excellent crew and staff that day!

Michelle informed me that if I went to Lubbock, I would be on a trauma unit and my husband would be able to stay with me. I had not thought about with the Covid restrictions, him not being able to go with me. Knowing he could be with me immediately made my decision of where to go and was also so comforting. She even went the extra mile and called UMC in Lubbock to verify that he would be able to stay with me. Also during this time, the registrar had quickly helped my husband get all the information she needed to get him back there with

me. Again excellent treatment!

The crew on Air Evac was superb. Debra told me their names were Kevin, Hector and pilot Spencer.

I had an excellent doctor, Dr. Jordan Simpson, orthopedic surgeon. Also the nursing staff on the trauma unit at UMC was superb.

For an unfortunate accident, I can honestly say I couldn't have had better treatment.

It all started with EMT's and ambulance service and Scenic Mountain Medical Center ER that we are blessed to have here in Big Spring.

I will never hesitate to use the ER here, and also advise anyone that does not have Air Evac insurance, it is a very minimal amount to pay for a yearly plan and well worth it if services needed.

Unfortunately I don't have the names of everyone who helped take care of me that day but if you were a part of it please know that my husband and I thank you with very grateful hearts!

*Shelane and Wayne Roberts
Big Spring*



Worthy

As I was waking up to start my work day I wanted to share with you some of my thoughts. As I was looking at all the photos of the Big Spring High School Senior sunrise event, I remember my own senior year.

I remember the excitement of not only finishing my journey but maybe dreaming of starting a new one. I have many fond memories of events like football games or basketball games.

For myself I was on the swim team and my biggest thrill was when I finally went to state in my event. Even though I did not go all the way in swimming it was just a thrill just to participate. Swimming is how I learned that it takes discipline and work to accomplish anything and even though you don't always win, it is the journey toward your goal that makes it all worth it.

Any journey that we start begins with just a thought. This

thought rolls over in your mind until cannot let it go. I heard a saying once that said that if you can't stop thinking about a dream, then don't stop working for it. Work always brings challenges. Any person that does anything amazing from raising a child and a family to flying an airplane always gets that feeling of self-doubt which can stop anyone in their tracks.

Have any of you stopped in the parking lot and just stared at the building that you work because you feel like you can't do it any more. All the excuses run through your head like I'm too tired.

I need more sleep and I'm just tired of doing this every day and getting nothing out of it.

The other main excuse is that people just do not see my worth. When we get those feelings especially after a failure we must get up, put our feet on the floor and take those first steps and get

back on that horse and ride back to where you started.

When you just feel like laying down and drying then have a good cry but then as we west Texans say "dry up" and stand back up.

Always when you forget your potential or when you just plain burn out on your job just remember why you started. Remember how far you have gotten in your life and remember that no matter what anyone says or does to you that is negative, potential and worth comes from within. You must make your mind up that you are going to work towards your goals and your dreams, and with that you will accomplish anything. Work hard in silence and make success be your noise. In closing the great soccer Pele said: Success is no accident.

It is hard work, perseverance, studying, learning, sacrifice, and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do.

If people don't understand your worth then show them through hard work and perseverance and never give up, and keep reminding yourself that you are worthy because we were made that way.



JOSEPH CHAVEZ

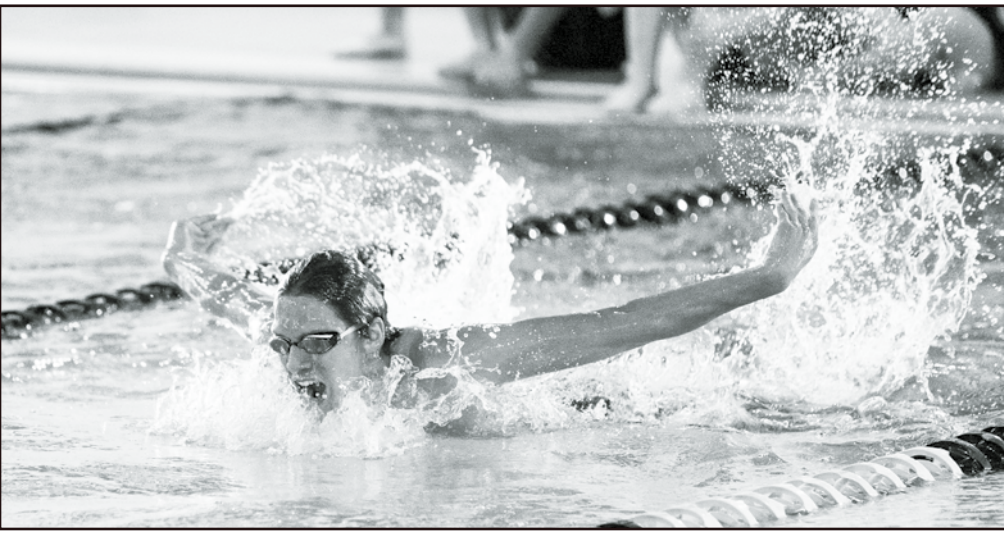
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*When we trust in You, Lord,
wonderful surprises come our way.*

Amen

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Big Spring swim team 2020 schedule updates



HERALD File Photo

A Steer swimmer makes their way through the pool with power.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

The summer break has come to an end and sports are slowly returning to the Permian Basin. Pro sports such as the NBA and NHL have been going through their playoff schedules in "bubble" atmospheres while MLB has been running along nicely save for a few outbreaks on a few teams.

Over the past couple of weeks, the Big Spring Steers football team has been hard at practice on the field and just played their season-opening scrimmage against Levelland. In addition to that, the Lady Steers also began their 2020 Volleyball schedule and the fall sports calendar has gotten underway in what seemed like the blink of an eye after months of high school athletic inactivity.

This week, Big Spring sent out an updated schedule for the swim team during this fall and winter. After having to find their own ways for the majority of summer on how and where to practice, the Big Spring swimmers are surely satisfied to almost be back competing in the pool.

Swim Coach Randall Shaw will have his hands full this year because of the never-before-seen situations that the coronavirus has created. Swim season is one of, if not the longest, athletic seasons at the high school level. These swimmers and divers begin their season in September and the last tournament of the season, the State Championships, are held in the middle of February.

Let us now take a look forward to the Big Spring swimming schedule that is set to begin this fall:

Meet One: Pecos Duel (Pecos) (Sep. 29)

Meet Two: Andrews/Seminole Dou-

ble Duel (Big Spring YMCA) (Oct. 6)

Meet Three: Fort Stockton Invitational (Fort Stockton) (Oct. 17)

Meet Four: Monahans Invitational (Monahans) (Oct. 31)

Meet Five: Lubbock 5A Invitational (Lubbock - Pete Ragus) (Nov. 6-7)

Meet Six: Pecos Invitational (Pecos) (Nov. 21)

Meet Seven: Abilene & Abilene Cooper (Abilene - McMurry University) (Dec. 5)

Meet Eight: Seminole Invitational (Seminole) (Dec. 12)

Meet Nine: Andrews Invitational (Andrews) (Jan. 8-9)

Meet 10: District 4-5A Championship (TBA) (Jan. 22-23)

Meet 11: Region 1-5A Championships (Lubbock - Pete Ragus) (Feb. 4-6)

Meet 12: State Championships (Austin - University of Texas) (Feb. 14-15)

Luckily for the swim team, none of their schedule was interrupted because of COVID-19 and they will be able to get back into the flow of things pretty easily compared to some other sports. Baseball and softball had most of their 2020 season's canceled and football had their workouts delayed until the beginning of June.

Even though the swim team did not miss any of their scheduled meets last season, they still have been left without a way of consistently practicing unless the student-athlete has a personal family pool. It is still way too early to tell if that will affect the Steers when they enter the pool for their first competition in a little over one month.

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Cowboys Corner

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

Dak Prescott adds visor to his new look

The Cowboys's signal-caller has added a new accessory to his look during this training camp and has kept it for the upcoming season. Many players around the league have been testing out the new visor that extends from the top of the facemask all the way to the bottom during this time of the coronavirus. Prescott, on the other hand, is opting for one that just covers the eyes.

"Changing things up, I guess," Prescott said to reporters at camp. "I threw it on to see if I liked it, to see if I want to keep it. I've worn one before. It's nothing new, it's nothing different. Just gives you a little bit different feel for yourself. I like it."

Offensive Tackle La'el Collins in minor car crash

Collins was in a small car accident earlier this week that kept him out of practice for the day. He is believed to be dealing with a soft tissue injury and at this point it is not clear how long it will keep the LSU product out of practice and whether it could cause him to miss the start of the season.

All-Pro Tyron Smith and off-season addition Cameron Erving also both missed practice, which shot the trio of Wyatt Miller, Terence Steele, and Brandon Knight into the trenches for all of practice.

Gerald McCoy tears quad, is cut next day

Big-name offseason signee Gerald McCoy went down in practice on Monday with a torn right quadriceps tendon and was promptly released the following day. McCoy had agreed to a three-year, \$18 million deal back in March that included an injury clause that gave Dallas the right to cut the perennial Pro Bowler if he injured his quad.

The move saves the Cowboys \$3.25 million on the cap this season but McCoy will be allowed to keep his \$3 million signing bonus.

McCoy and Head Coach Mike McCarthy had believed that McCoy was still in the team's future plans following the injury but plans changed suddenly.

"I will remain the mentor I am to the young guys and do my part to make sure that this team goes where it needs to," McCoy told ESPN's Ed Werder.

It seems that the Cowboys will be moving in a different direction and although McCoy could sign back with the team eventually, nothing with that move seems imminent.

Drew Pearson selected as Hall of Fame Senior Finalist

Via ESPN -- An undrafted free agent, Pearson played his entire 11-year career with the Dallas Cowboys, making three All-Pro teams. He had 489 receptions for 7,822 yards (16 yards per catch). A member of the All-Decade team of the 1970s, Pearson played in 22 playoff games, making 68 catches and scoring eight touchdowns. The 1977 Cowboys won the championship, with Pearson leading the NFL in receiving yards (870) that season.

"Thank you for the call," Pearson said to Hall of Fame president David Baker earlier this week. "You made my day, and you made my life. How can I thank you? I'm crying, and I haven't cried in a long time. Happy tears. I've been waiting for this call for so long."

Dontari Poe activated off Physically Unable to Perform (PUP) list

After starting training camp on the PUP list, Poe has returned to practice and therefore has been removed from the list. This comes just in time for the Cowboys after the subsequent injury and release of Gerald McCoy. The 30-year old Memphis product had 4.0 sacks last season in Carolina and will look to bring that interior pressure to the Dallas front seven in 2020.

MLB Standings (Through 8/20/20)

AMERICAN LEAGUE						
EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	HOME	AWAY
Tampa Bay Rays	17	9	.654	-	8-3	9-6
New York Yankees	16	9	.640	0.5	10-4	6-5
Toronto Blue Jays	12	11	.522	3.5	4-3	8-8
Baltimore Orioles	12	13	.480	4.5	4-12	8-1
Boston Red Sox	8	18	.308	9	4-10	4-8

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota Twins	17	9	.654	-	12-3	5-6
Cleveland Indians	16	9	.640	0.5	6-4	10-5
Chicago White Sox	15	11	.577	2	7-8	8-3
Kansas City Royals	10	15	.400	6.5	5-5	5-10
Detroit Tigers	9	14	.391	6.5	4-9	5-5

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	HOME	AWAY
Oakland Athletics	18	8	.692	-	11-3	7-5
Houston Astros	15	10	.600	2.5	10-4	5-6
Texas Rangers	10	14	.417	7	7-6	3-8
Los Angeles Angels	8	18	.308	10	5-9	3-9
Seattle Mariners	8	19	.296	10.5	4-8	4-11

NATIONAL LEAGUE						
EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	HOME	AWAY
Atlanta Braves	14	11	.560	-	8-3	6-8
Miami Marlins	9	9	.500	1.5	1-5	8-4
New York Mets	12	14	.462	2.5	5-7	7-7
Philadelphia	9	12	.429	3	8-8	1-4
Washington	9	12	.429	3	2-8	7-4

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	HOME	AWAY
Chicago Cubs	16	8	.667	-	11-6	5-2
St. Louis Cardinals	7	7	.500	4	3-1	4-6
Milwaukee Brewers	11	12	.478	4.5	2-6	9-6
Cincinnati Reds	10	13	.435	5.5	5-7	5-6
Pittsburgh Pirates	4	17	.190	10.5	2-9	2-8

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	HOME	AWAY
L.A. Dodgers	19	8	.704	-	8-5	11-3
San Diego Padres	15	12	.556	4	8-4	7-8
Colorado Rockies	13	12	.520	5	7-8	6-4
Arizona D'Backs	13	13	.500	5.5	8-4	5-9
San Francisco	8	13	.407	8	5-6	6-10

Howard College Makes Upgrade at Harold Davis Fitness Center



Special to the Herald

BIG SPRING – A facelift for the entry of the Harold Davis Fitness Center on the Big Spring campus of Howard College was recently completed, thanks to a grant for upgrades and improvements from the Delek Fund for Hope of the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee.

"The grant from the Delek Fund for Hope of the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee has made it possible for us to make the much-needed improvement at the fitness center," said Julie Bailey, Director of Institu-

tional Advancement and Assistant to the President. "Not only had the front entrance window coverings faded significantly, but it also made it more difficult to keep the interior cool as the windows face the hot afternoon west Texas sun. With this grant, we were able to upgrade with some fresh new graphics and we already notice a difference in the internal temperature."

The college has enjoyed a strong partnership with the Big Spring Refinery over the years as the organization has made various donations to benefit the students and community.

"We value the Big Spring Refinery and the role it plays in our Big Spring community," said Bailey. "And we are extremely grateful to Delek US and the Delek Fund for Hope of the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee for their support and generosity."

The fitness center, named after a pillar in the Howard College community – Mr. Harold Davis, serves the students of Howard College as well as the community members.

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Archie

THIS IS A CATCHY SONG!

WELL, IT CERTAINLY CAUGHT HIM!

LA DUM I CAN'T GET THIS SONG OUT OF MY HEAD!

HE'S NOT TRYING TO BE ANNOYING, DADDY!

OH, IT JUST COMES NATURALLY, EN?

DEE DUM PEE-- 'OOOPS!' WAS I DOING IT AGAIN? SORRY, MR. LOUGE, I'LL TRY TO STOP!

GRIND

I DON'T HEAR HUMMING! ARCHIE MUST HAVE GOTTEN THAT SONG OUT OF HIS HEAD!

NEXT BEST THING!

I GOT ARCHIE'S HEAD OUT OF OUR HOUSE!

8-23

MOMMA

BY MELL LAZARUS

FRANCIS, WOULD YOU EVER LIKE TO FOLLOW IN PRESIDENT WASHINGTON'S FOOTSTEPS?

WELL, THE HAIR IS COOL, AND I LIKE THE BOOTS, BUT THE REST OF IT LOOKS LIKE A LOT OF WORK!

HE DOESN'T KNOW THE HALF OF IT!

TRENTON

TREATY OF PARIS

CONCORD

SARATOGA

VALLEY FORGE

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MELL LAZARUS.

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Agnes

by TOMMY COCHRAN

HOW LONG DO YOU SUPPOSE WE ARE GOING TO LIVE?

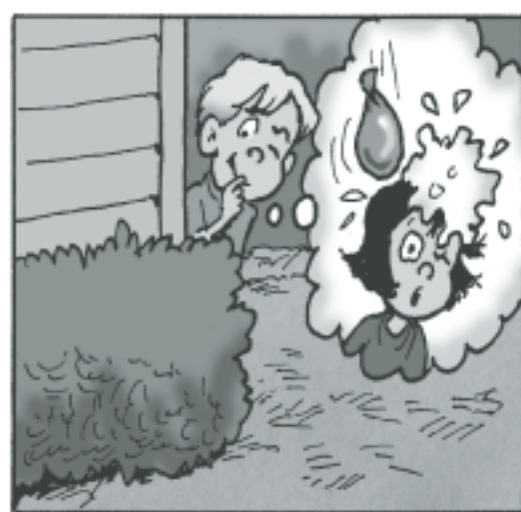
I'M GOING TO LIVE TO BE FINE HUNDRED!

NO ONE GETS THAT OLD. IT'S SCIENTIFICALLY IMPOSSIBLE.

OH! SO NOW YOU'RE A SCIENTIST!

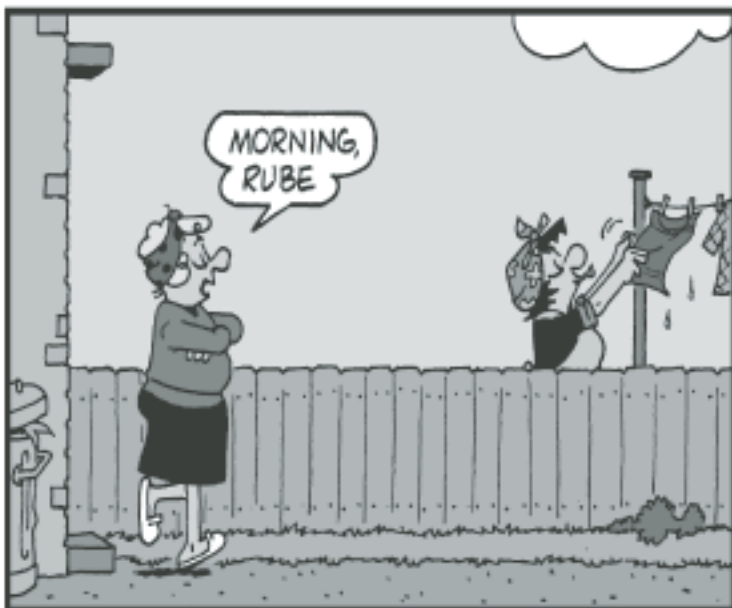
GOD DOESN'T LET ANYONE LIVE THAT LONG.

DON'T THROW YOUR RELIGION IN MY FACE EITHER.



ANDY CAPP

by Smythe



Check this out, at the library this week

Every decade the U.S. Census Bureau counts every person living in the United States, District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories. Raiseyourhandtexas.org/advocacy/census reports that "In Texas, a 1 percent undercount in 2020 could result in a federal funding loss of at least \$300 million per year over the next decade. The potential funding loss could amount to \$3 billion over 10 years for each percent of the population that is not counted." Through generous funding from the Texas Counts Pooled Fund and Carl B. and Florence King Foundation, the Abilene Library Consortium is able to offer support to the libraries across West Texas to engage their communities to complete the 2020 Census. Howard County Library is a recipient of this grant, funds from this grant will go towards helping Howard County get a complete count in the 2020 Census.



Sandra Verdin

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census, because Howard County counts!

This week's reviews include large print mystery, large print biography.

As the owner of Heavenly Treasures, the local gift shop, Claire is busier than ever helping customers find the perfect gifts for the special people on their shopping lists in "A Killer Carol" (LP M BRA L) By Laura Bradford. Then word comes that Ruth and Samuel Yoder are being questioned in the death of an elderly Amish couple who were found murdered after the newlyweds were seen leaving the victims' farm. Ruth seeks Claire's help in convincing the police that she and Samuel are innocent. But then Claire comes across a cryptic note tucked inside the wedding gift the victims had given the newlyweds. Can Claire get to the bottom of things in time to ensure a merry Christmas for all?

Bestselling novelist and an award winning short story writer David Morrell shares fourteen stories in "Before I Wake" (LP F MOR D). This collection demonstrate his mastery of numerous approaches: mystery, action, and tales of the supernatural. Each story has a fascinating introduction and several noted authors such as Henry James, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, and Thomas De Quincy are featured. Sherlock Holmes makes a surprising appearance, along with disguised versions of J.D Salinger and Laura Ingalls Wilder. Longtime fans of Morrell's work and new readers will find thrilling stories in this short story collection.

A chance encounter at a Martha's Vineyard party blossomed into an enduring friendship revealed in "Touched By The Sun My Friendship with Jackie" (LP B SIM C) By Carly Simon. Carly Simon and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis made an unlikely pair Carly a free and artistic spirit; and Jackie, one of the most celebrated and unknowable women in American history. Nonetheless, over the next decade they forged a connection deeper than either could have foreseen. Their shared time brought a

welcome lightness and comfort to their days, but their conversations often veered into more profound territory as they helped each other navigate the shifting waters of a life lived in publicity and in the wake of great love and great loss.

Growing up Diane Keaton and her younger brother, Randy, were best friends. In "Brother & Sister" (LP B KEA D) By Diane Keaton, she delves into the nuances of their shared and separate, pasts to confront the difficult question of why and how Randy ended up living his life on "the other side of normal." When they were kids in the suburbs of Los Angeles in the 1950s, the two eldest of four children, they lived, in some ways, the picture perfect American childhood. But as they grew up, Randy became troubled, then reclusive. Before he was thirty he was divorced, an alcoholic, a man who couldn't hold on to full time work his life a world away from his sister's and from the rest of the family. In a fearless prose that's intertwined with journal entries, letters, and poetry much of Randy's own, and supplemented by personal photographs and artwork, this insightful memoir contemplates the inner workings of a family, the ties of love and responsibility that hold it together and the special bond between siblings even those who are pulled far part.

"Books are like the plane and the train, and the road. They are the destination and the journey. They are home." – Anne Quaiden

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BBB Column: Wedding Tips

By HEATHER MASSEY

BBB Senior Regional Director

While summer is generally considered wedding season, a survey conducted by Wedding Wire shows that October 10 was the top 2020 wedding date. October has also been the most popular month to get married for four consecutive years. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has forced many couples to cancel or postpone their weddings, and many couples are still unsure what the future holds for their big day.

Many wedding industry services require nonrefundable deposits, which can make canceling your wedding financially devastating. In 2019, the average cost of a wedding in Texas was

\$30,200, which includes services like florists, videographers, catering and a venue. With so much at stake, understanding what goes into planning, or canceling, a wedding is important.

Whether you're finalizing details for your big day, or canceling the celebration because of COVID-19, use these tips from your Better Business Bureau to navigate the process:

Research businesses before hiring them. It can be easy to fall in love with a vendor and hire them on the spot. Check their business profile on BBB.org to see any complaints or reviews from other consumers. You can also ask if the vendor has a list of references you can contact. You may also want to consider how long they have

been in business. A business that has been operating longer may have better experience to cater to your nuptial needs.

Double check prices and fees. If you found a vendor online or at a bridal expo, double check the prices you were originally given. Ask what is included in the price and what services require extra fees. Some venues include caterers and bartenders in their price, and some may charge extra for access to bridal suites, cake cutting fees, cancellation fees, etc. Be sure you fully understand what you are paying for before paying a deposit or signing a contract.

Set a budget. Setting a budget for each vendor and service can help prevent you from overspending on your wedding. Research different busi-

nesses so you can get a feel for the average cost of florists, photographers, DJs and more. It may be tempting to hire the vendor with the lowest price, but scammers often use low prices to lure consumers in.

Pay with a credit card. Credit cards can help protect consumers in case a vendor backs out or disappears. If you experience a problem with a vendor, contact your credit card company immediately to dispute the charges.

Contact vendors directly. If you need to cancel or reschedule your wedding because of COVID-19, check your contract to find cancellation fees. If that is not spelled out in the contract, or to see if COVID-19 has changed cancellation and rescheduling policies, contact the vendor directly.



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Above photo submitted by Joanna Hidrogo; Center top photo submitted by Jerilyn Vela. He is ready to take on Kindergarten at Marcy. Photo at right submitted by Brookelynn Hale.



Above photo: Submitted by Jordan Freitag
Photo at left and below: Submitted by Danelle Castillo.
Students from elementary to high school, at BSISD, are back in the classroom and taking part in virtual learning.



Photo submitted by Stephanie Merrick
Merrick's kids are ready for a new year at BSISD. She has a 6th grader, Junior and Kindergartener heading back into class.



Photo submitted by Schemickia Marie
Back to school ready! Big Spring students are ready to see friends, teachers and classrooms that haven't been seen for the past six months.

Photo submitted by Kim Parrish-Cox
Cox's daughter is ready to tackle her kindergarten year at Marcy.



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL BIG SPRING ISD 2020



Photo submitted by Jerica Bryans
Pictured above: Students are headed back and Bryans' daughter is ready to tackle her freshman year at Big Spring ISD.

Photo submitted by Krystle Aguilar
Pictured left: This year Aguilar's daughter is taking her junior year, at least the first six weeks, online. During her studies, she has a few fellow "classmates" sitting with her.



Photo submitted by Elizabeth Jeremie Ebersole

Online learning is the way to go for Ebersole's son. He is ready to head back to learning.

Photo below submitted by Amanda Beck
Beck's kids are ready to head back to the classroom.



Photo submitted by Stacy Flores

Douglas Armstrong is ready to head back into the classroom at Big Spring ISD.

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The Pet Connection's Pet Talk: Where People and Pet's Connect

How old is my dog in human years

By MELANIE GAMBRELL





Pet Care Specialists

As I reach another milestone (birthday) this month, I'm saddened that I've outlived so many of my beloved pets and that I'll lose more before I'll take my last breath. Wouldn't it be a wonderful thing to know that you'd have them not for just a few years, but to be able to love them, care for them and enjoy them for many, many years!

Dogs and cats age differently, keeping that in mind will help you plan for a much healthier, longer life span. As we take better care of our health and we are living longer, we are now seeing that with our pets. In the early days of veterinarian medicine, we were taught that for every 7 years to out 1 year a dog ages. For cats, 1 human year is equal to 6-7 years for them. Well, that isn't the case any longer. We have found out that the larger the breed of dog, the shorter their life span and the smaller the breed of dog, the longer the life span. We must also take into account, not only their size but weight also. The larger and heavier the dog, the less time they have to spend with us here on Earth. That being said, if the pet is healthy and no underlying health issues and we stay on top of their health we should have them a good long time.

Knowing the age of your pet will help you understand and help you in caring for them as they age. A small dog is looked at as being "senior" at 7 years and a larger dog between 5-6 are "senior." Remembering that a dog's size (small, medium, large) play a bill role in their aging. Today vets are categorizing our dogs into 6 different classes: puppy, junior, adult, mature, senior, and geriatric. Cats have also

Looking to see how much grey they have in their muzzle, but sometimes that doesn't even help. I've known several dogs over my lifetime that have gotten that distinct grayness at an early age. Sometimes I can look for old age fatty tumors to give me

SIZE OF DOG	Small	Medium	Large	Giant
				
	20 lbs or less	21-50 lbs	51-100 lbs	100+ lbs
AGE OF DOG	AGE IN HUMAN YEARS			
1 Year	15	15	15	12
2	24	24	24	22
3	28	28	28	31
4	32	32	32	38
5	36	36	36	45
6	40	42	45	49
7	44	47	50	56
8	48	51	55	64
9	52	56	61	71
10	56	60	66	79
11	60	65	72	86
12	64	69	77	93
13	68	74	82	100
14	72	78	88	107
15	76	83	93	114
16	80	87	99	121



Courtesy photo
Little Bit (pictured above) passed away at the age of 14 years old.

How Old Is My Dog in Human Years? WebMD

Size of Dog	Small <small>Miniature Pinscher</small>	Medium <small>Schnauzer</small>	Large <small>Great Dane</small>
			
	20 lbs. or less	21-50 lbs.	More than 50 lbs.
Age of Dog	Age in Human Years		
1 Year	15	15	15
2	24	24	24
3	28	28	28
4	32	32	32
5	36	36	36
6	40	42	45
7	44	47	50
8	48	51	55
9	52	56	61
10	56	60	66
11	60	65	72
12	64	69	77
13	68	74	82
14	72	78	88
15	76	83	93
16	80	87	120

an approximate age, but it's all only a guess. Looking into their eyes will tell me a lot, if they are starting to cloud or cataracts are forming that's a good indication that they are of age. Sometimes hearing can be an indication that they are of age, but I don't rely on that much. The dog could have had hearing issues long before age took it's toll. Very rarely do we ever in rescue, know the exact date of birth unless we have had a pregnant momma in our care who's given birth.

It's very beneficial if we can narrow down the age, it'll help when deciding when it's time to spay/neuter, start their first heart worm pill and even when it's time to start including lab work into our veterinary visits. It helps in determining vaccinations as well as detecting other health issues such as diabetes or cancer.

We now have an age table that we can follow along with to track our pet's ages. This is just a guide to give us some idea to the pet's age, along with factoring in the other signs of aging. Let's now take a minute and look at our precious fur baby and see what we might be able to do to lengthen their lives!

It's important to have an idea on just how old your dog or cat is. As they age, you need to stay on top of their health more, their diets need to be changed and they require frequent trips to the vet for wellness checks. Have you ever heard your vet or friend tell you that you were killing your pet with kindness? As a pet ages, they begin to slow down, they aren't as active as they once were. Their metabolism slows and they begin to put on the pounds. You'll hear some people say, "My dog didn't get fat until I fixed him or her." We have learned that spaying/neutering wasn't the cause for their weight gain, but a combination of several different factors. As they age and slow down we need to take note and watch what we are feeding

been divided into different classes: kitten, junior, prime, mature, senior, and geriatric. With cats since most are about the same size, we don't see much difference with variables.

In the rescue, I'm hardly ever in the position to determine a dog or cats age to the exact. Most of it is by guessing, looking at their teeth, looking to see if they still have their baby teeth or if their teeth are worn and missing with heavy tartar buildup.

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:

- SMMC and all their contributors for hosting the 7th annual Back to School Health Splash which helped more than 400 students get ready to go back to school.

- BSISD for taking initiative and ensuring those students PK-8th grade would have school supplies for the upcoming year.

- DAV Chapter 47 for recognizing those in the community who have partnered to ensure veterans in Big Spring are taken care of.

Recognizing the great things happening in Big

Spring is important. Send in your recognitions to editor@bigspringherald.com. We Salute will run Thursdays and Sundays.



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Chamber of Commerce happenings



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The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce recognized KBST earlier this week with a Thank You Presentation, as a way of saying thank you for investing back into the community. Staff at KBST along with Chamber Ambassadors joined together in recognition of the community partnership. The day of the Thank You Presentation was also the conclusion to the Masked for Cash competition that KBST was hosting, as a way to get people out visiting local businesses and to encourage creativity when it comes to masks, as the community works together to slow the spread of the coronavirus pandemic.



Courtesy photo/Bruce Schooler

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed new member, Inspirations Flower and Gifts, on Thursday afternoon with a ribbon cutting. The ribbon was the first ribbon cutting since the pandemic began earlier this year. Inspirations is under new ownership - Tana and Arick Higginbotham. Chamber Ambassadors, Chamber board members, along with family and friends of the Higginbothams, joined in for the celebration. Following the official ribbon cutting was the first Alive After 5 event since the pandemic swept across the nation. Social distancing was practiced, as well as masks were worn by those attending, while embracing a long awaited opportunity to network with other community business leaders.

Highlighting Howard Co. Business Cornerstone Audiology helping you hear the world that surrounds you

By CARRIE HARVELL

Herald Contributing Writer

Being able to hear the world around you can make a big difference in daily life. While some may not realize what they are missing, or simply attribute it to getting older, hearing loss doesn't just have to be lived with or cause life to be missed out on. Through local support, there is the possibility of improving hearing loss and what better time to talk about those options, than August which has been recognized as 'Hearing Health Awareness Month'

"Life is worth hearing; Cornerstone Audiology is flying the flag to raise awareness for healthy hearing," said Dr. Beck.

Audiology is a branch of science that studies hearing, balance and related disorders. An audiologist treats those with hearing loss proactively to prevent related damage. They employ various testing strategies. Audiologists aim to determine whether someone has normal sensitivity to sounds. If hearing loss is identified, audiologists determine which portions of hearing are affected and to what degree. Once a determination is made the audiologist will provide recommendations for interventions, treatment and rehabilitation.

A few facts to think about:

- 48 million Americans have a significant hearing loss.
- 2 out of 3 people over 75 have a hearing loss
- 15 million people in the United States with hearing loss avoid seeking help
- 14% of people aged 45-64 have some type of hearing loss
- People with hearing loss wait an average of 7 years before seeking help

Marisha Beck received her bachelor of science degree in speech, language, and hearing sciences as well as her doctorate of audiology from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. She is a member of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and enjoys supervising audiology graduate students from her alma mater.



HERALD photo/Carrie Harvell

Cornerstone Audiology has been serving Big Spring and Howard County for the past few years with hearing loss and other hearing health needs. August is Hearing Health Awareness Month and is the perfect time to find out more about hearing loss and what you can do to avoid it.

"I was identified with hearing loss when I was 3 years old. This is where my interest in the field of audiology came from. I wear hearing aids and personally understand the struggles of coping with hearing loss. I am an advocate for people with hearing loss" she said.

Dr. Beck has 12 years of professional experience working in both private practice at Cornerstone Audiology (six years) and Veteran's Administration (six years); she has experience working with all major hearing aid manufacturers and strives to stay up-to-date on the ever-changing advances in hearing aid technology. Dr. Beck also has her certification in tinnitus management obtained through the American Board of Audiology.

She is well versed in telehealth technology which was valuable during the COVID shelter in place. "I see telehealth as the future of medicine. We are continuing to offer the curbside services for people who are busy or just do not want to come into the office. We offer drinks, brochures, letters updating patients about our services, change batteries and clean hearing aids with curbside service" she said.

"I have worked with patients that have multiple

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Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

- Jasmine Ahrnkeil, 1301 Princeton, Big Spring
- Sherri Monique Aldridge, 1507 E. Sixth St., Big Spring
- Anthony Anderson, 3401 Camellia Dr. #707, Temple
- Steve Antoine, 1425 E. 6th St., Big Spring
- Katie Cole L. Baker, P.O. Box 3372, Big Spring
- Letitia Baucham, 1202 Stanford, Big Spring
- Linda Beck, 1713 Worley Rd., Banner Elk, N.C.
- Joshua Bell, 1962 Tuscola, Snyder
- John Bochnicka, 538 Westover Rd. #260
- Chad Wayne Brown, 3901 Ave. O, P.O. Box 391, Snyder
- Douglas "Doug" Lee Brown, 205 W. 14th St. P.O. Box 275, Monahans
- James Bullard, 202 Fourth St., Palestine
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- Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder
- Selena Bethani Enriquez-King, 100 E Parker, Midland
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- Kristen Falcon, 2606 Fairchild Dr., Big Spring
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- Juana Fierro, 406 N. W. 5th St., Big Spring
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- Juan E. Garcia, 3355 River Road North Keizer, Ok
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- Jennifer Gonzales, 2616 Hunter Dr., Big Spring
- James E. Gonzalez, 604 Neff St., Sweetwater
- Jeremy Goodman, 3471 Green Meadow #24, San Angelo
- Kay Grant, 4405 N. Garfield #1005, Midland
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- John Grima, 914 E. Sixth St., Big Spring
- Thomas E. Gross, 4100 S. Highway 87 #37, Big Spring
- Lynn Guerrero, 203 W. Ave #3, Clayton, N.M.
- Melissa Gutierrez, 3310 SF Austin, No. 58, Brownwood
- Sandra Ann Gutierrez, 1501 N. Fourth Place, 1312 S. Ave. L, Lamesa
- Mike Haddix, 401 Humble St. Apt. E, Midland
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- Ethel Laverne McVae, 4202 Parkway Rd., Big Spring, Texas
- Heriberto Palafox Mora, 1311 Mobile St., Big Spring
- Felicia Ornelas, 538 Westover Rd.
- Dana Kay Peach, 1806 N 13th, Lamesa
- Nicole Preston, 1605 E 11th place, Big Spring
- Jacquelin Dannon Ramey, 1404 E 6th St. Big Spring
- Gilbert P. Ramirez, 1614 Settles, Big Spring

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medical diagnoses in addition to hearing loss and tinnitus. This includes traumatic brain injury, Alzheimer's disease, dementia, post-traumatic stress disorder, and other illnesses" she said.

"I am passionate about educating the public through free educational seminars about hearing loss, tinnitus, and treatment options. We have video's that the patient can watch that will assist them in adjusting to wearing hearing aids. The video's cover a wide range of questions that someone might have. After watching the video's if they still have questions or need assistance, I will talk with them by phone or computer. The only thing I cannot do by telemed is test hearing, however the VA is experimenting with a program to do that. I feel like it will be available to everyone soon." Dr. Beck said.

"We have several programs that we offer, Our Hear Better Live Better program is for business to do on site testing of employees each year.

Here, Big Spring offers refurbished hearing aids for free.

Better hearing for life offers a patient the option of making a low-down payment and then reasonable monthly payments. With this program the patient will get new hearing aids every three years without making new payments.

When COVID hit we furnished communicator masks to physicians and nurses so they could talk to their patients. The regular mask made it difficult for patients to understand the questions they were being asked and to hear instruction about medication and treatment.

There is a big difference between hearing loss and being deaf. Deaf patients do not wear hearing aids. Just because someone is experiencing hearing loss does not mean they are going to be deaf. We hear with our brain; it can be retrained to hear. I want to break the stigmatism of having hearing loss and wearing hearing aids.

Sudden hearing loss is not normal, it should be checked immediately. Hearing loss can be caused by a range of different health conditions. It does not matter what age you are hearing loss can affect you at any point during your life. There are many risk factors that can put you at an increased risk of developing hearing loss. These include some environmental factors (high noise)

RECORDS

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Byron Roberts, 2206 Alabama St Big Spring
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

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Elgin Niles Moreno, 31, and Crystal Connie Sanchez, both of Big Spring.

Justin Ryan Eason, 30, and Tristan Illyanna Nicole Rios, 22, both of Big Spring.

Larry Martinez Hilario, 37, and Laurie Flores, 37, both of Big Spring.

Irvin Torres, 34, and Jahneen Marie King, 34, both of Midland.

Fred Escabedo, 59, and Mary Cortez Cardenas, 51, both of Big Spring.

District Court Filings

Plaintiff: Wesley Beauchamp, Wesley and Kristi Beauchamp, Wesley R and Kristi Beauchamp, WK Beauchamp Enterprises LTD

Defendant: Howard County Appraisal District

Type of Case: Civil Case - other

Date: August 13, 2020

Plaintiff: Gutta P.A. D/b/a Midessa Oral & Facial Surgery

Defendant: Ronnie Gail Epley

Type of Case: Contract – Consumer/Commercial/Debt

Date: August 13, 2020

Plaintiff: Joesph Dekeyser

Defendant: Whitney Dekeyser

Type of Case: Divorce - Children

Date: August 14, 2020

Plaintiff: Alyssa Kemper

Defendant: Chad Kemper

Type of Case: Divorce – Children

Date: August 18, 2020

Plaintiff: Alyssa Stevenson

Defendant: Nathan Stevenson

Type of Case: Divorce – No Children

Date: August 17, 2020

Plaintiff: Texas Boring and Drilling LLC d/b/a Bury Utility Services

Defendant: Jackson Thompson, Janna Thompson

Type of Case: Contract – Consumer/Commercial/Debt

Date: August 18, 2020

Plaintiff: Theodore Frost

Defendant: Nicole Frost

Type of Case: Divorce - Children

Date: August 19, 2020

Plaintiff: First National Bank of Omaha

Defendant: Robert Jackman

Type of Case: Contract – Consumer/Commercial/Debt

Date: August 19, 2020

Plaintiff: Somer Lancaster

Defendant: Larry King

Type of Case: Protective order – No divorce

Date: August 19, 2020

Plaintiff: Zachary New

Defendant: Brogan New

Type of Case: Divorce - Children

Date: August 19, 2020

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Danny C. Butts also known as Danny Craig Butts

Grantee: Danny C. Butts and Patricia N. Butts, trustees of the Buckeye Tumbleweed Living Trust

Property: Tract 1: W/2 section 20, block 34, Township - 2 North T&P RR Co. Survey; Tract 2: W/2 section 20, block 34, Township-2 North, T&P RR Co. Survey; Tract 3: NW/4 section 23, block 34, Township - 2 North, T&P RR Co. Survey; Tract 4: NW/5 section 23, block 34, Township - 2 North T&P RR Co. Survey; Tract 5: NW/6 section 23, block 34, Township -2 North, T&P RR Co. Survey; Tract 6: W/2 of section 46, block 32, Township 1-North, T&P RR Co. Survey; Tract 7: W/2 of section 3, block 32, Township 1- North, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date: July 7, 2020

Grantor: First RDW, LTD

Grantee: Lee Harris Management, LLC

Property: Being a 24.82 tract out of a 29.81 acre tract out of and part of the SW/4 of Sec. 41, block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date: August 6, 2020

Grantor: Terry Chaney, an individual

Grantee: Chris Chaney, an individual

Property: Being the surface estate only of an 8.96 acre tract of land being Lots 9-10, block E, Campestre Estates as recorded in envelopes 111-A and 111-B, plat records

Date: August 5, 2020

Grantor: Maria Bejarano f/k/a Maria Cardenas

Grantee: Jaime Oseguera and David Saudiel Oseguera Diaz

Property: Lot 3, block H, Moore's Heights Addition

Date: July 29, 2020

Grantor: Justin McKenzie and Cori McKenzie

Grantee: Tony Castillo

Property: Being a .27 acre tract of land out of the North part of Lot C, tract No. 8, Kennebee Heights, a subdivision of part of Sec. 12, block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date: August 11, 2020

Grantor: Monique Love, heir of Armelinda Ornelas, deceased

Grantee: Salvador Ramirez and Amy Ramirez

Property: Being all of Lot 12, block 1, Ridglea Terrace, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, according to the map or plat of record in plat envelope 86/B, plat records in the office of the County Clerk in and for Howard County Texas.

Date: August 10,2020

Grantor: Simon Aladio Zubiata Jr.

careers, dietary factors, overall health and genetics. Direct injuries to hearing can also increase your risk even if it only happened once.

The 8 early warning signs of hear loss are

- Misheard Conversations - This is something you may not notice at first. It becomes apparent as soon as other people start to point out that they have to repeat themselves. It will usually happen gradually.

- You might notice that you are constantly needing to turn the volume up on everything. Increased volume can also make hearing damage worse

- Pain in the ears either temporary or chronic is a definite sign that something is wrong. Sometimes it is a simple infection or allergies yet other times it can be indicative of a more serious condition.

- Ear wax build up. Everyone has ear wax build up in the ears, although too much ear wax can sometimes be produced and get stuck in hard to clean areas. This can lead to a range of different problems, repeated infection, temporary hearing loss and pain in the ear.

- Repeated ear infections. Sometimes an infection can even travel from somewhere else in the body and become a problem to hearing and the ear canal. Repeated infections can cause damage to the ear canal and lead to hearing loss.

- Tinnitus. Is better described as a ringing in the ears, it can be temporary or it might never go away. It is usually combined with pain in the ears, dizziness and loss of hearing.

- Discharge from the ear. Discharge from the ear warrants immediate attention from a doctor.

- Dizziness. Frequent episodes of dizziness or feeling like you are off balance and falling over could be your ears. This is because the fluid in the ears is what controls our balance's

Possible consequences of hearing loss:

- Communication difficulties

- Embarrassment

- Lack of concentration

- Depression

- Low self-esteem

See **HEAR2**, Page 9B

Grantee: Fidel Calderon and Yvette Andrea Rodriguez

Property: Being .293 acres out of 90'x170' tract (called 90'x150' as described in Volume 1914, Page 329, deed records of Howard County, Texas) out of Tract 42, of William B. Currie subdivision of the SE/4 of Sec. 42, block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date: August 12,2020

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Grantor: James David Lowery, not joined by my spouse for the reason that the property conveyed herein is my separate property and does not constitute any part of my homestead

Grantee: Steve Wolf and Jean Ann Wolf

Property: Being the east 220 acres of the north one-half of section 18, block 27, of the H&T.C. Ry. Co. Surveys

Date: August 11,2020

Grantor: Mike Gressett

Grantee: James Arnold and Heather Arnold

Property: Being lot 10, block 3, Stanford Park addition

Date: August 10,2020

Grantor: J. Hopper Homes, LLC

Grantee: Nathan Walter Greer and Amie Leigh Greer

Property: Lot 4, Hill Country Estates

Date: August 13,2020

Grantor: Barbara L. Frasier

Grantee: Scott R. Valby

Property: Being the N/95' of Lot No. 14, in block No. 3, worth peeler subdivision

Date: August 10, 2020

Grantor: Big Spring District of the Methodist Church

Grantee: Kenneth Ray Steen and Patsy Jane Steen

Property: Being all of lot No. 7, block No. 6, College Park Estates

Date: August 17, 2020

Grantor: Steve Davenport and Leslie Davenport

Grantee: Bryce Samsel and Courtney Samsel

Property: A 1.0 acre tract of land out of the SW/4 of Sec. 33, block 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey

Date: August 10, 2020

Grantor: Terry Nichols and Dorothy Nichols

Grantee: Jaz Land LLC and Mitchell Liberty Fund LLC

Property: All that certain tract, parcel and piece of land out of and part of Sec. 43, block No. 33, TSP 1-south, Certificate No. 2055, T&P Ry Co. Surveys. Beginning at a point in the West line of said Sec. 660 yards Northward of the S.W. Corner of said section and 220 yards Southward of the N.W. Corner of the south half of said section.

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Public Notice

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF RONNIE HAROLD JONES, SR., DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of RONNIE HAROLD JONES, SR., DECEASED were issued on August 18, 2020, in Cause No. P-15049 pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to PAULA ANN BUCKNER CHRANE JONES.

The residence of PAULA ANN BUCKNER CHRANE JONES is 1210 Runnels, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

DATED the 18th day of August, 2020.

/s/Paula Ann Buckner Chrane Jones
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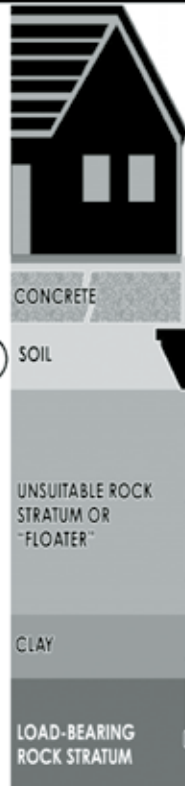
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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information should be submitted in writing within 15 days of publication to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capital Station, Austin, TX 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792)

#10620

NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Notice is hereby given that Application for Heirship, Independent Administration, and Letters of Administration for the Estate of Eugene Bennett, Deceased, was filed in Cause No. P-14976, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas. All persons having an interest as an heir to this Estate who have not been notified should contact Meredith Nieto as follows:

The Law Office of
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DATED the 19 day of
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/s/ Meredith F. Nieto
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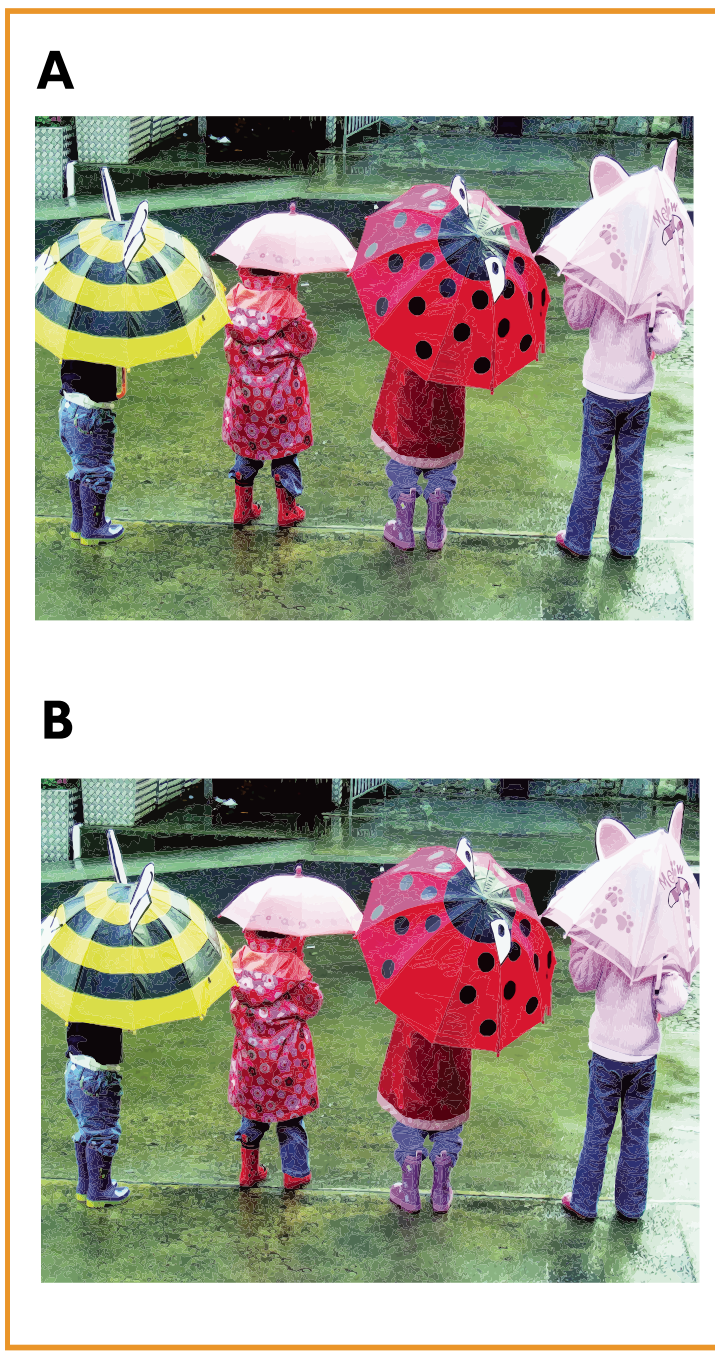


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ANSWER: LIGHTNING

What's the Difference?

There are four things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



Answers: 1. Polka dots missing 2. Extra paw print pulled down 3. Left umbrella handle missing 4. Jeans leg

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Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: LIGHTNING STRIKE

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

No business like show business

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ A Q 7 3
♥ K 6
♦ Q 8 4 3
♠ A K J

WEST
♠ J 10 9 4
♥ Q J 9 3
♦ A 10 6 2
♣ 5

EAST
♠ —
♥ 10 7 5 2
♦ K J 5
♣ Q 10 8 7 4 3

SOUTH
♠ K 8 6 5 2
♥ A 8 4
♦ 9 7
♣ 9 6 2

The bidding:
North 1♦ East Pass South 1♠ West Pass

Opening lead — queen of hearts.

Every declarer occasionally runs into an unlucky distribution which, as the cards lie, appears to make the contract hopeless. But sometimes what seems an impossible task may turn out to be manageable after all.

Take this case where South got to four spades and West led a heart. Declarer won with dummy's king and cashed the trump ace, on which East unexpectedly showed out. Undaunted, and for want of anything better to do, South next led a low diamond to his nine.

West won with the ten and shifted

to his singleton club, taken by dummy's ace. A second diamond lost to East's jack, and a heart was returned. Declarer won with the ace, ruffed a heart and ruffed a diamond. He then cashed the Q-K of trump, producing this position with South on lead needing two more tricks to make the contract:

North
♦ Q
♠ K J

West
♥ J
♠ J
♦ A

East
♥ 10
♣ Q 10

South
♠ 8
♣ 9 6

Superficially, it might seem that declarer must lose a spade and a club, but when South next led a club, the second loser disappeared.

If West ruffed, that would be the last trick his side could score. If West discarded a heart instead, declarer would win the club with the king and ruff a diamond to produce his 10th trick. And if West discarded the ace of diamonds, declarer would take the club king and lead the established queen of diamonds, discarding his remaining club and again finishing with 10 tricks.

Whatever West did, South could not be stopped from scoring two more tricks to make his contract.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand

SUDOKU

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

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!

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



Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



The Right Start to the Virgo Solar Journey

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Routines are like train tracks; once established, you can chug along to your destination without too much drama. Routines will help you do things that would be very hard otherwise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People will communicate via their attendance. Being late says something, and being early says something else. Absence speaks loudly, though nothing says more than showing up prompt and wholly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). "I'll take your silence as a non-good-bye," writes the poet Chelsey Minnis. You are safe to similarly interpret the space between you and another in this way today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). What you once thought of as trivial will get such good usage today that, from here on out, you may change your stance

entirely on the matter of what qualifies as triviality.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you can't say a thing succinctly, that only means you're still trying to work out which part of it is important. The principle holds true in any pursuit. Economy will come with experience.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). "I couldn't say" means something different from "I don't know," or even, "who knows?" and these and other subtle differences of language will, to you, be packed in meaning. Nothing will get by you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are unique. To whatever extent you can, set up your environment to flow in a way that supports your particular needs, preferences and thinking style.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're excellent company! You're fun. You know things that others don't, and you bring a fresh take to experiences. People

want to be around you, and this is why you're in high demand.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Today, you'll be doing the typical you thing but on an atypical scale. Working much bigger or much smaller than usual will highlight your talent in such a way as to teach you where your strengths and weaknesses lie.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Direct others. They are waiting for your guidance. Delegate tasks so you will have the time and resources you need to find fulfillment outside of your usual duties.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Some are too proud to admit they do not understand what's being said and

will hide their confusion while pretending to track with the conversation. Anticipate this. Problems are averted with thorough communication.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll observe drama without taking part in it. You cannot help on this one. People need to sort their own problems. The best you can do is to be appreciative of the sanity and serenity in your world.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 23). Promises abound. People make and keep them to you; you make and keep them to yourself. You don't have to know how you will accomplish goals. You just need to commit and the way will reveal itself as you go. You'll love how seriously you are taken in October, just as much as you'll love making people laugh. Scorpio and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 40, 2 and 22.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: An argument can be made that humans, like ants, bees and termites, are eusocial creatures. It follows that, like ants, bees and termites, most individuals do not do well on their own. They need the support of the swarm in order to thrive. For this reason, most humans have a visceral reaction to things like noninclusion, shunning and other forms of rejection.

While rejection may not be physically harm-

ful, it hits at a primal level. For humans, to be ostracized from the group has historically been a fate akin to death and, indeed, would often lead there. Without the protection of the tribe, one person in the wild is vulnerable and constantly challenged, so it follows that a fear of rejection is a normal and useful part of socialization.

Between the square of Mars and Saturn and the opposition Venus and Jupiter, this week comes with an ample share of rejections to go around. Can you see the opportunity in this? Since most people fear and avoid rejection, those who go the opposite way are regarded with admiration. And those who risk rejection often become somewhat immune to the otherwise crippling effects of rejection-fear. More and greater options are open to those who are unafraid to try for them.

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Annie's Mailbox

Finding Joy in Having a Friend

Dear Annie: I am a 47-year-old married woman with two teenagers. I have a good marriage, although my husband is a difficult person to live with. He has mild OCD, is moody and has a temper. He is driven at work and, though respected in our community, is never romantic or thoughtful. He would never cheat on me, but he takes me for granted.

I have tried to talk to him, but he refuses to see a therapist. So, I have gone myself. This has been helpful, and, to his credit, with prompting from me - as advised by my therapist -- he has made some positive strides, particularly with his temper.

Also, I have found fulfillment in a small business I founded and run, which keeps me busy. Overall, I am reasonably happy today, apart from when he is in a bad mood. I intend to stay in this marriage because we have kids and because I made a vow, and, ultimately, I love him.

The problem is that I have secretly developed a crush on a male friend, who is married with kids as well. He and I have been friends via mainly our church

for many years, though we also chat at community events. Nothing inappropriate has happened between us, but he often texts me during the workday, or at night, cute links or jokes - nothing inappropriate and usually very humorous, about things we have discussed or topics in which he knows I'm interested. I welcome the attention and look forward to his messages. This has been going on for several years. I believe he has a stable marriage, but his wife has mental health issues, such as depression, agoraphobia and mild alcoholism. I know these weigh on him, though he never discusses it with me. I suspect he enjoys my "company" also as an ultimately devoted to his wife. Still, I sometimes find myself daydreaming, "What if?"

My question is whether I should force myself to end the friendship and stop the texting. On the one hand, I feel guilty, enjoying the virtual company of a man who is not my husband, and a married man at that. But on the other, his warmth and friendship are very valuable to me and bring me needed joy, especially on tough days. I would feel great sadness to end things, particularly not being able to explain to him why. -- Torn

in Ontario

Dear Torn in Ontario: It is OK to have a friend of the opposite gender who makes you laugh and brings you joy. You both sound like you are devoted to your spouses, so there is nothing wrong with having friends. However, your recent development of a crush on him likely has more to do with your current marriage than with your friend.

Don't take a dramatic stance and run away from your friend because you have feelings for him, but rather run to a good marriage counselor and try and fall back in love with your husband. Marriage is work, and we get out of it what we put into it. The therapy you underwent gave you the tools to find acceptance and fulfillment, and your husband started to work on his temper. Continuing therapy could offer you more tools to not feel guilty for finding joy in friends. Having a happy wife might let your husband loosen up a little and begin to laugh with you. Finding joy in life is so valuable. Sometimes, you just have to work on finding -- and keeping -- it.

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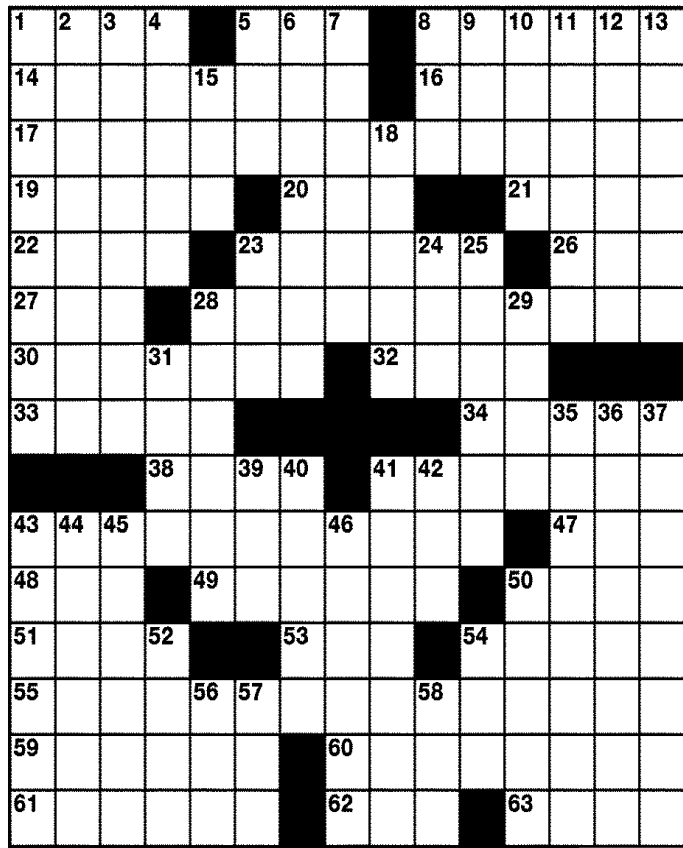
Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
1 Red ___
5 Pointy poker
8 With compliments
14 It has a maharajah mascot
16 Topographical depression
17 Two of Saturn's "solar system" kids
19 Be an agent for
20 Where Dr. Salk studied
21 Word from the Latin for "goddess"
22 Saltless, as pretzels
23 Field EMTs
26 Zest
27 Owner of a huge news photo archive
28 Saturn's growing concern
30 Common campaign promises
32 *Société d'___* (Canadian Crown corporation)
33 First name of *Time's* 2019 Person of the Year
34 Doesn't play very well
38 Daniel Radcliffe, in *Victor Frankenstein*
41 Inapt outdoor sculptures
43 Saturn's decaying concern
47 Metaphorical area of responsibility
48 It's often found near *Forbes*
49 Many a Hubble sighting
50 Pac-Man display
51 Incomplete Wikipedia article
53 Useful acquaintances

- 54 Many a Hubble sighting
55 Two of Saturn's "solar system" kids
59 Open to the public
60 Script doctor's function
61 Prairie, technically
62 Alphabetic homophone
63 Beer barrel pokers of a century ago

- DOWN**
1 Holy Roman Empire house
2 Portrait canvas of a sort
3 Realistic and natural
4 Found a home for
5 *The Chairside Instructor* publisher
6 First of all
7 Portrait on a 1981 25-pence coin
8 Felonious ___ (evil Carell character)
9 Charge on the street
10 Zestful
11 *The Mikado* setting
12 Exclamation of indignation
13 Santa Fe souvenir
15 Show of satisfaction
18 Zestful energy
23 Goldwyn never had a 24 Down of it
24 Share
25 Apply thickly
28 King Ferdinand's domain
29 '68 Corvette innovation
31 Skyscraper supplier
35 Regular Iditarod racer
36 Toughed (out)
37 Pilgrim's destination
39 Good-days interrupter
40 Signature on 1990s Benjamins
41 The first blond lager (1842)
42 Approved mos. away from work
43 Something thrown sidearm
44 Single-minded
45 Graph of diminishing returns
46 61 Across' colder cousin
50 Wallpaper design
52 Oven advisory
54 "What is ___?" (heart.org page)
56 Nurse a grasshopper
57 Heady real estate investment
58 Contributor to some yogurts



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DPS announces three Texas Ranger promotions

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) today announced the promotion of three Texas Rangers to the rank of captain, including the first two female Ranger captains in DPS history and the first-known Ranger in modern history to hold a doctorate degree.

The promotions of James Thomas and Wende Wakeman are effective Sept. 1, and both will be stationed at Austin headquarters. Melba Saenz was promoted May 15; her duty station is Edinburg. All three held the rank of lieutenant prior to their promotions.

“These three talented, dedicated professionals have excelled in positions throughout their DPS careers and have exhibited tremendous commitment to the people of Texas and our law enforcement partners,” said DPS Director Steven McCraw. “I have the utmost confidence they will continue to make the department proud in their new roles within the Rangers.”

The Texas Rangers specialize in investigating major crime incidents (such as murders, sexual assaults and kidnappings), unsolved and serial crimes, public corruption, crimes against children, officer-involved shootings and border security operations. The Rangers also oversee specialized law enforcement teams within DPS, including the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team, Special Response Teams, Ranger Reconnaissance Team, Crisis Negotiations Unit and Explosive Ordinance Disposal Unit.

Ranger Capt. Wende Wakeman



Wakeman first joined DPS 22 years ago in 1998. She was a Texas Highway Patrol Trooper in Sulpher Springs and New Caney before being promoted to narcotics sergeant in 2003. In 2008, Wakeman joined the Texas Rangers in Conroe. In 2014, she was promoted to lieutenant and was stationed in Laredo, marking the first time in agency history that a woman was promoted to the rank of Ranger lieutenant. She transferred to Huntsville in 2015, where she has served until this most recent promotion.

Wakeman is a graduate of the National Forensics Academy, the International Association of Chiefs of Police Women’s Leadership Institute and the DPS Command College. She has also completed the FBI Leadership Trilogy and holds a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from Sam Houston State University.

Wakeman’s duties in Austin will include helping oversee specialized law enforcement teams within the Rangers.

Ranger Capt. James Thomas

Thomas graduated from the DPS Academy in 2002 and worked as a Texas Highway Patrol Trooper in Anahuac, Bryan, Madisonville, Mont Belvieu and Baytown. In 2011, he was promoted to Special Agent within the Criminal Investigations Division in Houston, where he served in the gang unit. In 2013, Thomas was appointed as a Special Deputy U.S. Marshal with the U.S. Marshals Service Gulf Coast Violent Offenders Task Force in Houston. In 2015, he joined the Texas Rangers in El Paso. Three years later, he was promoted to lieutenant and was stationed in Waco.

In addition to his service with DPS, Thomas earned a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from Lamar University, a master’s degree in behavioral science from the University of Houston-Clear Lake and a doctoral



Ranger Capt. Thomas

TSTC Nursing student expresses desire to help

SWEETWATER - Rising Star’s Crystal Funderburk has a passion for helping others.

Funderburk’s passion led her to Texas State Technical College to further her education. She is a candidate to receive an Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing this summer.

“I am a 33-year-old mom of three boys, and I have a passion to help others. Ever since I was a little girl, I wanted to be a nurse,” she said. “I was an LVN and decided to further my education to become an RN.”

She said attending TSTC opened doors for her in the nursing field. During her final semester, Funderburk talked to several clinics in the region and is exploring job options.

“I am keeping all of my doors open, especially in the times we are living in,” she said.

Funderburk commended the Sweetwater faculty for helping her and other students throughout the program.

“They are aware of everything that is going on around the students. They will extend a hand to help you with anything, both in class and away from school,” she said. “That made going to class and attending clinicals easier for me.”

While the program was demanding, Funderburk said the instructors made it “smooth sailing.”

“Academically, you could lean on the instructors for assistance at any time,” she said. “The coursework is laid out where we could understand things. The instructors set it up that way so we could all succeed.”

Funderburk, who grew up in Glen Rose, said her passion for helping others is a way of life for many nurses. She knows the profession is in the spotlight today and hopes more people join her on the front line.

“There is a huge caseload of testing and helping people now. But for nurses, this is a way of life,” she said.

“With all of the testing going on and people being treated, there needs to be more hands on deck to help people. Many hospitals are short-staffed right now.”

Funderburk is ready to be part of the front line.

“Anything I can do to help the workflow easier, I will do it,” she said.

Registration for the fall semester is underway. For more information, go to <https://tstc.edu/admissions>.



Crystal Funderburk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of 0.218525 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Howard County Junior College District.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.218525 per \$100
NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.207979 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.227776 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2020 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Howard County Junior College District from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that Howard County Junior College District may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Howard County Junior College District is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on August 27, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at Howard College Student Union Building/Fireplace Room 1001 Birdwell Lane Big Spring Texas 79720.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Howard County Junior College District is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Board of Trustees of Howard County Junior College District at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

The members of the governing body voted on the proposed tax increase as follows:

- FOR:**
- | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Dr. John Freeman | Mr. Maxwell Barr |
| Mrs. Patricia Bennett | Mr. Mark Morgan |
| Mr. Ben Zeichick | |

AGAINST:

PRESENT and not voting:
Mr. Michael Flores

ABSENT:
Mr. Adrian Calvio

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by Howard County Junior College District last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Howard County Junior College District this year:

	2019	2020	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.210637	\$0.218525	increase of \$0.007888 OR 3.74%
Average homestead taxable value	\$81,284	\$90,252	increase of 11.03%
Tax on average homestead	\$171	\$197	increase of \$26 OR 15.19%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$11,889,813	\$12,498,069	increase of \$608,256 OR 5.12%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Howard County Junior College District at 432-264-2232 or tiffany.sayles@howardcountytx.com, or visit www.co.howard.tx.us for more information.

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Big Spring High School



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Tuesday: Breakfast: Coco puff pastry, pancake bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, cinnamon toast crunch cereal, assorted fruits and juices, assorted milk. Lunch: BBQ pork loaded potato, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, asrtd fruits and juices, assorted milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Apple cinnamon muffin, waffle bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, cinnamon toast crunch cereal, asorted fruit and juice, assorted milk. Lunch: Fish tacos, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, pancake bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, cinnamon toast crunch cereal, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk. Lunch: Chicken fried steak, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Chocolate muffin, waffle bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried

beans, cinnamon toast crunch cereal, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk. Lunch: Walking taco, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast: French toast sticks with sausage or cereal, strawberry cup, fruit juice and milk. Lunch: Main line options: Steak Fingers or Chicken nuggets with mac and cheese (elementary); boneless bites with mac and cheese (JH/HS) or PB&J sandwich, mashed potatoes, savory green beans, applesauce cup, fresh fruit and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Sausage kolache with cheese stick or cereal, apple slices, fruit juice and milk. Lunch: Main line options: Hamburger or spaghetti bowl or turkey and cheese sub, ranch style beans, tots, strawberries and bananas,



fresh fruit and milk. **Wednesday:** Breakfast: Chicken and waffles or cereal, mandarin oranges, fruit juice and milk. Lunch: Main line options: Pizza or crispy chicken salad or PB&J sandwich, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, fresh fruit and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or cereal, strawberry cup, fruit juice and milk. Lunch: Main line options: Grilled cheese sandwich or popcorn chicken with roll (elementary); buffalo popcorn chicken bowl (JH/HS) or PB&J sandwich, carrots, corn, fruity gelatin, fresh fruit and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Mini powdered donuts with bacon or cereal, applesauce cup, fruit juice and milk. Lunch: Main line options: Nachos with

ground beef or Wild Mike's cheese bites or PB&J sandwich, fries, baby carrots, applesauce cup, fresh fruit and milk.

Sands CISD

Monday: Breakfast: Pancakes, bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Taquitos and queso, refried beans, corn, salsa, cookie, mandarin oranges, milk variety.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast sstrudel, cheese stick fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Asian bowl, brown rice, egg roll, garden salad, grapes, milk variety.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chili cheese totchos, fresh veggie cup, strawberries, milk variety.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, hash browns, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburger, steak fries, baby carrots, peaches, milk variety.

Friday: Breakfast: Breakfast bread, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Grilled cheese, chips, tomato cup, corn, whole fruit, milk variety.

Senior Center

Monday: Ham and butter beans, spinach, lime jell-o, cornbread, milk.

Tuesday: BBQ Chicken with onions, zucchini, potato salad, applesauce, bread, milk.

Wednesday: Hamburger steak with gravy, baked potatoes, green beans, fresh orange, bread, milk.

Thursday: Pork roast, roasted potatoes, corn on the cob, chocolate pudding, bread, milk.

Friday: Turkey and cheese sandwich, green pea salad, baked chips, granola bar, milk.

From that time forth ...

The last lesson in this series closed with a reference to Matthew 16:21 with emphasis on the phrase "FROM THAT TIME FORTH" (Apo.o Tote). This phrase is highly significant for this reason: From that time forth Jesus began to entrust the disciples with fuller teaching concerning His death.

He began to reveal certain circumstances of His death. It was to be contributed to by three causes - the Jewish authorities, His own disciples, and Roman power.

A careful study of these passages in light of the previous silence about the death, so far as the Gospel is concerned, clearly shows that in them we have what has rightly been called the culminating idea as to Himself and to HIS function (Matt.16:21; Matt.4:17; Ps. 22:18). Later on the teaching becomes still more definite. The PURPOSE for which He is to die is herein stated. "The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep" (Jn. 10:11).

"The Son of man came...to give His life for a RANSOM for many" (Matt. 20:28). On the eve of the crucifixion, other additions are made to the teaching about the PURPOSE of His death. The corn of wheat must DIE if it is to bear fruit (Jn. 12:24), and the greatest proof of LOVE is the laying down of life (Jn. 15:13). Then at

the institution of the Lord's Supper, Jesus Christ spoke of His blood as that of the New Covenant shed for the remission of sins (Matt. 26:28). I mention here that the phrase "For the remission of sins" in Matt. 26:28 is exactly the same as in Acts 2:38 "For the remission of sins." Same in the Greek and English. As we read of the agony in Gethsemane, we are impressed with the mystery of the suffering of Christ, and as we ponder His cry on the cross, we feel that we are in the presence of something other than ordinary suffering, and that His death was indeed the CULMINATING IDEA" of His earthly ministry.

But there is something much more than this mere record of the Gospels concerning the death of Jesus Christ. When we review the entire situation we observe that two main things stand out very prominently. The first is the utter inability of the disciples to understand this teaching about their Masters' death. From the moment of the first disclosure, when Peter rebuked Jesus and repelled the idea of death with abhorrence (Matt. 16:22), they not only showed themselves unable to grasp its meaning, but for some time they would not even contemplate it as a fact. It was unwelcome and repellent to them, and they evidently did their utmost to shut their eyes to it. The response of James and John to inquiry whether they could be baptized with His baptism and drink His cup, is another illustration of this

inability to enter into that which was already filling His soul. This inability to understand and appreciate their Master's death, and the faithfulness with which this fact is recorded in the Gospels, constitute a very important feature of the problem of death.

The other thing which stands out with equal prominence is the attitude of our Lord to His own death. Jesus Christ was truly man, and it is evident that He was deeply affected by the death which He so often mentioned and anticipated. One of the most remarkable and mysterious passages is found in connection with an announcement of His death to His disciples.

"And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus went before them: and they were amazed; and as they followed they were afraid" (Mark 10:32).

Again, His reference to His "baptism" and His "cup" shows what was then in His mind as its overmastering thought and "PURPOSE" "Now is My soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save Me from this hour: for this cause came I unto this hour" (Jn 12:27).

In a very real sense Calvary began in the Garden of Prayer. And when we come to the last scene of all, the climax of the cross, we are in an atmosphere of something exceeding, indeed quite different from, ordinary suffering and death. Think on these things, He conquered by death by which we are saved.



RALPH ANDERSON



Ranger Capt. Saenz

DPS

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degree in educational leadership from Lamar University.

Thomas' duties in Austin will include supervising the Sexual Assault Kit Initiative and the Forensic Artists program.

Ranger Capt. Melba Saenz

Saenz joined DPS in 2003 after serving as a police officer in Mission and with the McAllen Independent School District. She was stationed as a Texas Highway Patrol Trooper in McAllen for several years before joining the Texas Rangers in 2008 in Laredo. In 2015, Saenz was promoted to lieutenant in Edinburg, where she managed three Joint Operations Intelligence Centers (JOICs) and field operations for the Drawbridge Program in South Texas.

In May 2020, Saenz was promoted to captain and remains stationed in Edinburg, where she is now managing six JOICs from El Paso to the Rio Grande Valley, while continuing to manage the field operations for the Drawbridge Program.

Saenz was recognized by the FBI for a joint aggravated kidnapping investigation and the recovery of a 5-year-old child, and by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security-Immigrations and Customs Enforcement for a high-profile joint corruption investigation in South Texas. She is also a graduate of the DPS Leadership Development School and DPS Leadership College.

Rope It Off

By DR. LILLIAN BOHANNAN

As a young bride we roped off the seats in the church we wanted reserved for the family. Since we had a large family and I was married in my home town lots of people attended the wedding.

When I walked down the aisle, I noticed nothing but my groom. But when all was said and done and the vows were registered I had an opportunity to scan the crowd that had gathered. My closest friends were in the roped off section because they thought they were family. After all growing up, most of them spent a lot of time at my house. We often had six friends at our table to eat. My blessed mother said nothing. I think she was flattered because they called her their second mom.

Home was a place where my friends became family with no questions asked. At one point in time she fostered children on a temporary basis. One boy she took in was 16, and I was 15. He thought I was his own special friend. He came into my bedroom one time, and my protective mother stopped fostering after that. She roped off our home.

In God's Word in Matthew 22, it records a parable Jesus spoke to the religious leaders of His day. The King had a wedding, invited guests, prepared dinner, and expected people to respond to His invitation for His Son. The guests made light of it, even to the point of killing the servants.

So the King sent more servants to invite whosoever would to come to His Son's wedding. When they came, they were all furnished with wedding garments. One refused to comply and was bound hand and foot and cast out into outer darkness. Many were called but few chose to answer that call. God says in His Word that He isn't willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. When

we are called, we are chosen when we accept His invitation to come. If people don't chose Him, He ropes off His Heaven. Choose Him so Heaven can be your eternal Home. Jesus bids us come.

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