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Howard College Board Meeting Monday 12:30 p.m. Fireplace Room

Toasty Tuesday every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Community invited

Coahoma Lion's Club Trade Day & City Wide Garage Sale Sept. 26 8 - 5 p.m.

Howard County Fair CANCELLED

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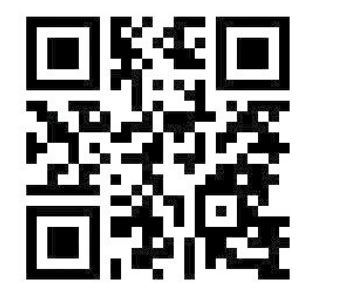
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Howard College Trustees to vote on increased tax rate Monday

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

The Howard College Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Monday for the 2020-2021 Howard College and SWCD Budgets. The public hearing will take place at 12:30 p.m. in the Fireplace Room inside the Student Union Building. Following the public hearing, the Board of Trustees will move into a regular meeting for the month of August.

During the public hearing, community members wishing to address the board will have an opportunity to do so. The public hearing for the budget is following the recently held tax hearing for the proposed tax increase, which will impact the budget. Community members turned out to voice their opposition for a 3% tax increase heading

into the upcoming fiscal year, during the Thursday evening public hearing.

The proposed 3% increase on the M&O tax rate will generate an increase

approved it will generate \$608,256 with a little over \$290,778 going to pay for the bond. Last year's total tax rate was \$0.210637 and the total tax rate proposed is \$0.218525, an increase of 3.74%.

As part of new business, the Board will be looking to adopt the Annual Budgets for Howard College and SWCD (South West College for the Deaf) 2020-2021 along with the tax rate.

The Board will also hear the Legislative Appropriation Request update followed by the fifth Covid-19 Response Status from Dr. Sparks. As part of the presentation, an overview of the Open Howard College update will be provided along with any measures or occurrences that have taken place since the last meeting a few weeks

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Public Hearing on proposed budgets for Howard College and SWCD
Monday, Aug. 31 12:30 p.m.
Fireplace Room on the Howard College Campus
The community is invited to attend and have voices heard.

of an additional \$5.01 tax for the year on the average homestead/total \$26 and \$5.55/total \$7.89 on the \$100,000 static property. If the 3% increase on M&O is

Howard County Covid-19 update for the week

Special to the Herald

The City of Big Spring and Howard County issued the weekly update of Covid-19 information. Information is now received on Thursday evenings at the local level from the Texas Department of Health Services. Local authorities provided a report on Friday afternoons to cover the amount of positives, active cases and deaths attributed to the pandemic. In addition to the general information that has been provided, DSHS has added new information into the weekly report. The following is the report that was issued on Friday, Aug. 28:

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) has notified City of Big Spring and Howard County offi-

cial that, effective immediately, the weekly update will include new information.

Patients who test positive for COVID-19 complete a mandatory (recommended) fourteen-day quarantine. DSHS has procedures in place to contact individuals at the end of their fourteen-day quarantine period. DSHS attempts a follow-up phone call with each person who has tested positive; in some cases, they are unable to reach the patient. These patients are placed into a category, "loss to follow up

City of Big Spring

COVID-19 Update

Week of August 24, 2020

ACTIVE COVID-19 CASES: 62

Tests Performed	4481	Confirmed Positive	267
Results Pending	15	Patients Recovered	185
Negative Tests	4199	Patient Follow Up Pending	12
		Fatalities	8

Courtesy image/City of Big Spring Emergency Mgmt.

Howard County and the City of Big Spring are now issuing updates on the Covid-19 pandemic once a week, with new information being released on Fridays.

by DSHS." Patients in this category are presumed to be recovered from COVID-19; however, DSHS cannot confirm that until a representative from DSHS has success-

fully contacted the patient. To continue to accurately report COVID-19 numbers to the citizens of Howard

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Wright's Amusement arrives in Big Spring bringing Carnival fun at Roy Anderson Sports Complex

By **IRIS RANGEL**
 Herald Staff Writer

The carnival is coming to town! Wright's Amusements, North America's longest running carnival, is hosting a Back to School Carnival here in Howard County. The Back to School Carnival will take place at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex located at 1700 I-20 and will be held from Aug. 28 to Aug. 30 and Sept. 3 to Sept. 6. The Carnival is open to the public Thursday from 5 p.m. - 11 p.m., Fridays 5 p.m. - 12 a.m., Saturdays from 3 p.m. - 12 a.m., and Sundays 3 p.m. - 11 p.m.

To ensure the carnival is following local and state safety guidelines, hand sanitizing stations will be located throughout the grounds along with regular sanitation of carnival rides throughout the day. Attendees are strongly encouraged to wear masks or face coverings.

The Back to School Carnival will feature three different



HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat

Wright's Amusement is hosting a Back to School Carnival at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex. The Carnival will run through Sept. 6.

types of rides including the Avalanche, the Cliff Hanger, and a Giant Ferris Wheel for teens and adults. For little ones, rides such as a Carousel, Mini Monster Truck, and Charlie Chopper are available. Event-goers can also experience a wide variety of games with a chance to win prizes at the carnival. Ride-All-Day wristbands are available at the door.

At the carnival, guests can also find food trailers that will be providing traditional carnival food including funnel cakes, cotton candy, hot dogs, corn dogs, roasted corn, and turkey legs.

"The Back to School Carnival offers some much needed safe, end of the summer fun at a time when it is a little more difficult to find," John Ring, owner of Wright's Amusements said.

Iris Rangel is a Staff Writer at The Big Spring Herald. To contact her, please email reporter@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

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Take Note

• 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.

• City of Big Spring announces water office number change. Effective immediately, the temporary phone numbers used to contact the Big Spring Water Office are no longer in effect. Customers can contact the water office at the following phone numbers:

1. Pay online at www.mybigspring.com. Click ONLINE BILL PAY. Pay via the automated phone system by calling 833-227-1752. Payment can be placed in the Drop Box at 305 South Johnson. Staff checks the box daily. Pay over the phone by calling the Water Office directly at the phone numbers listed above. Water Office staff are available to assist customers Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5:00 PM, by phone or in the office located at 305 South Johnson Street.

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

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

• VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible?

There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 86 inmates at the time of this report.

- **HEATHER LEEANN JAMES**, 41, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **DONALD GENE KOERBER III**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on charges of failure to appear/burglary of habitation-assault, criminal trespass habitation/shelter/superfund/infrastructure, criminal

mischievous (\$100 to \$750) (x2), and bailman on bond/burglary of habitation-assault.

- **ERIK QUALLS**, 54, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **RAYNA MARLENE RODRIGUEZ**, 22, was arrested by BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance penalty group one (greater than one gram less than four grams) and possession of marijuana (less than two ounces.)

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Virginia. No transport was required.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of Highway 350 and N. Service Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was

reported in the 300 block of S. Nolan. No transport was required.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3500 block of Gail Highway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of MM 186 I-20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the area of MM 192 I-20. No transport was required.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of E. I-20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **RAYNA MARLENE RODRIGUEZ**, 22, of 1413 Wood Street, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana (less than or equal to two ounces) and possession of a controlled substance penalty group one (greater than or equal to one gram less than four grams.)
- **DONALD GENE KOERBER III**, 32, of 2901 Clanton Street, was arrested on charges of criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750) (x2), warrant – other agency (x2), and criminal trespass – habitation/shelter.
- **ERIK PAULWAYNE QUALLS**, 54, of 4201 W.

Highway 80, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 800 block of N. Gregg Street.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 800 block of E. 4th Street.

- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 1100 block of E. 14th Street.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 700 block of E. 1-20.

- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 2600 block of Wasson Road.

- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 2000 block of N. Monticello Street.

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.

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.

- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

- Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

- Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

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WEDNESDAY

- Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-860

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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Laura victims may go weeks without power; deaths climb to 11

LAKE CHARLES, La. (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of people across Louisiana were still without power or water Friday, a day after Laura sawed a devastating path through the state, killing at least 11 people, and officials warned that basic services could be knocked out for weeks or longer along parts of the Gulf Coast.

The death toll rose after authorities reported that a Texas man was killed when the Category 4 hurricane sent a tree crashing into his home near the Louisiana border.

Four other people, all in the same residence, died from carbon monoxide poisoning from a generator. Six deaths were reported Thursday in Louisiana, where the outlook was grim for thousands of evacuated residents eager to return.

"We need help," said Lawrence "Lee" Faulk, 57, who returned to a home with no roof in hard-hit Cameron Parish, which was littered with downed power lines. "We need ice, water, blue tarps — everything that you would associate with the storm, we need it. Like two hours ago."

In Lake Charles, Mayor Nic Hunter cautioned that there was no timetable for restoring electricity and that water-treatment plants "took a beating," resulting in barely a trickle of water coming out of most faucets in the city of 80,000 people.

"If you come back to Lake Charles to stay, make sure you understand the

above reality and are prepared to live in it for many days, probably weeks," Hunter wrote on Facebook.

"'Look and Leave' truly is the best option for many," he added.

Several hospitals were evacuating critical patients to other facilities because of water and power issues, the state health department said. Other hospitals were operating on intermittent generator power.

Forty nursing homes also relied on generators, and assessments were underway to determine if more than 860 residents in 11 facilities that had been evacuated could return.

Water outages remained a major problem in evacuated facilities, the Louisiana Department of Health said.

President Donald Trump planned to visit the Gulf Coast this weekend to tour the damage.

Meanwhile, the hurricane's remnants threatened to bring flooding and tornadoes to Tennessee as the storm, now a tropical depression, drifted north. Forecasters warned that the system could strengthen into a tropical storm again upon returning to the Atlantic Ocean this weekend.

As the grueling recovery came into focus, short bursts of rain heaped new misery onto homes missing windows and roofs.

The prevailing sense of relief that Laura, one of the most powerful hurricanes to strike the U.S., was not as brutal as originally feared offered lit-

tle comfort to people cleaning up the mess.

In the storm's wake, more than 600,000 homes and businesses were without power in Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas, according to power-outage.us, which tracks utility reports.

The Louisiana Department of Health estimated that more than 220,000 people were without water.

"We think there are going to be people who realize relatively quickly that either they can't stay in their homes or can't go back to their homes," said Christina Stephens, a spokeswoman for Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards.

Restoration of those services could take weeks or months, and full rebuilding could take years.

In Lake Charles, Ira Lyles returned to find that his downtown salon called The Parlor House survived with little damage, but his home was destroyed.

"It tore the front off, tore the front of the roof off, picked up my camper trailer and hit the side wall, and the side wall buckled and cracked inside," he said. "I think it's going to be a wash."

As Louisiana began cleaning up, Laura's remnants delivered heavy rain and strong winds to Memphis, Tennessee, and knocked out electricity. Flash flood watches were in effect throughout western Tennessee.

Laura's arrival on Thursday inundated entire neighborhoods on or and

near the Gulf Coast. In the aftermath, twisted sheets of metal and downed trees and power lines cluttered nearly every street. Caravans of utility trucks were met Friday by thunderstorms in the sizzling heat, complicating recovery efforts.

Edwards called Laura, which packed a top wind speed of 150 mph (241 kph), the most powerful hurricane to strike Louisiana, meaning it surpassed even Katrina, which was a Category 3 storm when it hit in 2005.

Four people were killed by falling trees in Louisiana. A man died of carbon monoxide poisoning from a generator inside his residence, another man drowned in a boat that sank during the storm, authorities said.

More than 580,000 coastal residents were put under evacuation as the hurricane gained strength in the Gulf of Mexico. Laura was the seventh named storm to strike the U.S. this year, setting a new record for U.S. landfalls by the end of August. Laura hit the U.S. after killing nearly two dozen people in Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

"There's people without homes," said Stanley Hazelton, who rode out the storm on the bathroom floor of his Lake Charles home, where a tree punctured his roof.

"So it was dumb. We'll never do it again. We'll never stay through another hurricane again."

UPDATE

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County/Big Spring, we will add this information to account for these patients.

Starting today you will see the new information and new numbers listed as "Patient Follow Up Pending."

City of Big Spring and Howard County officials

were notified of forty-one (41) new positive COVID-19 test results for the week of Aug. 24, 2020. To date, Howard County and Big Spring have had a total of 267 confirmed positive COVID-19 cases. The number of active cases went from 61 to 62; an increase of one (1) case from last week. The total number of people recovered from COVID-19 also increased from 157 to 185 an increase of 28.

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.

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ago.

As part of the monitoring report, the Trustees will discuss bids, handbook and catalog changes, look at auditor services, and annual review of investment policy/changes to public funds investment act. The agreement for assessment and collection of taxes will also be reviewed by the Board before hearing the President's Report. Dr. Sparks will include a schedule of upcoming activities and recognitions during her report.

After hearing from Dr. Sparks, discussion will be held surrounding board education and development.

Other routine agenda items will include:

- Approval of minutes of regular meeting Aug. 3, 2020, Budget Workshop/Special Meeting Aug. 20, 2020, and Tax Hearing held on Aug. 27, 2020; financials for July 2020; monthly reports of auxiliary services, personnel matters and Internal Audit Report.
- No unfinished business is listed on the agenda for Monday's meeting
- Performance measures/outcomes to include Accountability Measures, operational, financial, and student success indicators, including official summer and preliminary fall enrollment numbers.

- Updates/progress of Big Spring Area, Lamesa, San Angelo, and SWCD
- Chair report

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John Randal Lewis, 61, of Big Spring died Wednesday August 19, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Valerie Hernandez, 47, of Big Spring died Tuesday, August 25, 2020. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Saturday at Family Faith Center.



Saturday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 105. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 77. South wind around 10 mph.

Sunday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 104. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 78.

Monday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 101.

Monday Night: Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 74.

Tuesday: Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 97.

Tuesday Night: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 69.

Wednesday: Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Sunny, with a high near 95.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 69.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 99.

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

Expedition Royalty Co. is excited to expand our presence in Howard County by opening an office in Big Spring this Fall!

Expedition will continue to invest in the community and to deliver big benefits to our clients by acquiring oil and gas minerals and leases in the area.

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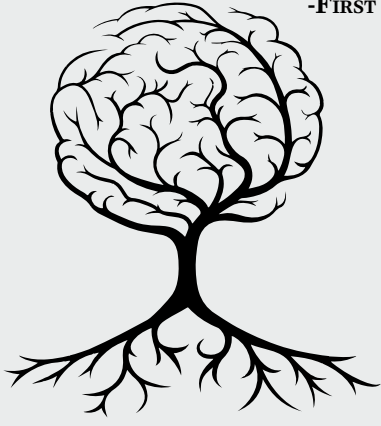
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Opinion

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

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Traveling the country

I love travel and all that goes with it: the planning, the frustration, the airport waits, the crowds getting on cruise ships, the anticipation, the thrill of reaching the destination and seeing the wonders of the world. I have always loved to drive and have taken some wonderful trips by motor home and car.

It's fun to see how far you can go in one day.

Once when I was a soldier in Europe we went from Kassel, Germany to Venice, Italy over an 18-hour period of time. We left one Saturday morning at 6 AM and got to the Venice area at midnight.

We spent the rest of that night in Mestre, a Venice suburb.

We were up at 8 AM Sunday and after breakfast we rode gondolas, took some pictures at St. Mark's Plaza saw some fancy pieces of glass and got back in the VW Beetle at noon Sunday. In another 18 hours we were back on post by 8 a.m. Monday ready to report for

duty.

It wasn't a leisurely trip by any means, but while we were in Venice we were relaxed and felt like we were lucky to be in such a special place. Shakespeare said "I could be bounded in a nutshell and consider myself the king of infinite space." We felt the same about time. We had a short time to visit, but we felt like we had all the time in the world to spend in Venice.

I have traveled from Memphis to Big Spring in one stretch, did the same thing from Big Spring to Tucson. Easy trips, both of them. We aren't doing much travel these days. No airports, No cruise ships. No long car trips. Every once in a while we need to get out of the house and drive somewhere. One afternoon we drove out to Moss Creek Lake and Signal Peak. That gave us the idea to explore Howard County.

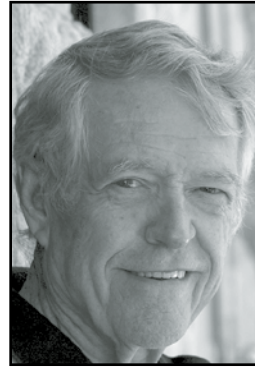
Our first trip was to Forsan, 15 miles south. Then we went to Coahoma, 8 miles east. We went north to Knott (which has an East Knott, Middle Knott and West Knott). Then we went southwest to Elbow and Lomax. We're look-

ing forward to going to Ross City and Otis Chalk, Vincent and Luther. One of the secrets of having a happy life is always having something to look forward to.

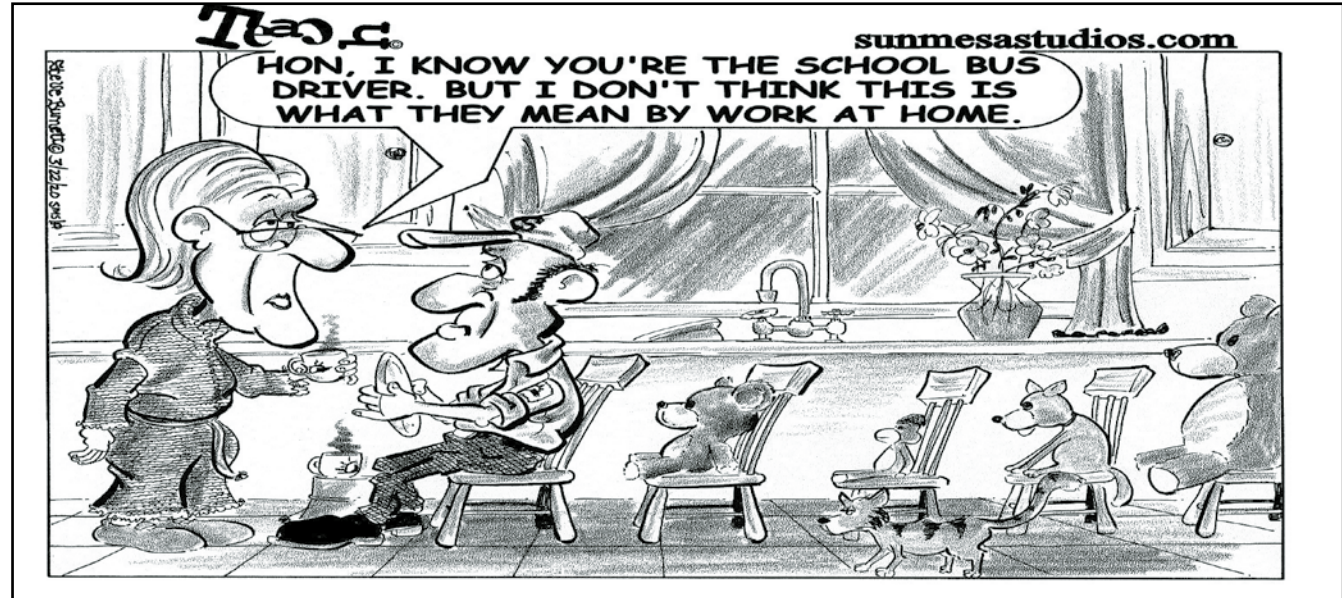
We have a new city by-pass called a reliever route, intended to take big truck traffic off our major north-south street. We explored the new highway the other day and discovered that the reliever route adds a couple of miles, but is faster. If you're going from Lubbock to San Angelo on Highway 87 and take the Big Spring exit and go through town, you'll go 10 miles in 18 minutes. If you stay on 87 you'll go 15 miles in 14 minutes. If you take it, you'll see some virgin prairie and some small canyons. It is undeveloped country, no service stations or stores. Yet.

I have no idea when we'll take another cruise or travel across an ocean in an airplane. We do know that our first trips out of town will be to see our kids and grandkids.

Our older son lives in Dallas and our younger son lives in Oakland, California. Son number one came out with his family one time this summer but we haven't been with our California bunch in 8 months, the longest we've been apart.



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Walk out of the gate and into freedom

How often do we live in a false sense of freedom?

Yes, we are going and doing as we please and nothing out of our day seems to hinder us, but if we stopped and looked what would we say we accomplished. What positive impact did we make and did we change the world for the better; are we happy?

There's a question - are you happy?

Does what my day contains make me happy? Are we truly free or are we living in a confined world that has been built to make us think we have obtained freedom when really the constraints and shackles are holding us back more than we realize.

Yes, when it comes down to it.

I could say my life was free because I don't have an addiction; I'm not dealing with issues that the majority of society frowns upon or so you see, but then again the word I'm residing in has been constructed of walls that I can't see, barriers that have been placed just far enough they appear to offer a wide expanse for me to move in and honestly seem to be serving as protection and keeping out what shouldn't come in. However, there's that sense of curiosity, that wonder, that trigger that appears, for just a moment, you get just a glimpse of that wall.

You step back just far enough to realize that a wall exists around that window you've been sitting at. That leads me to wonder just how much space do I really have to operate in and realize there is so much more beyond that fence.

Oh, that fence I thought was protecting me isn't keeping bad things out, but instead providing a false sense of security which in the process has kept out blessing from being delivered.

Manipulation - the enemy is good at that. He doesn't tell us that beyond the barbed wire

fence is freedom to a world that will allow blessings. That wide area is empty and only beautiful because you alone are working non-stop to keep it picture perfect.

All these years I was convinced I was free.

Now, don't get me wrong, I don't have a lot to complain about, but what I did have to enjoy was only what I had. I had taken what the enemy had told me at face value and accepted it without question.

For example, for more than eight years I believed that beautiful lie that I should just be thankful I wasn't single even if he left for days on end, was mean and wasn't satisfied with just me at least someone was there because not just anyone would want me.

Then ... truth came in ...

But God did - God designed a love that says I am worthy, I'm more than enough. I'm beautiful. Im destined for greatness.

The enemy convinces us we should be content because we are 'lucky' to have what we have.

But God wants us to strive for more - He has abounding blessing for us.

I thought I was walking in freedom and that's the lie the enemy banked on me never questioning; But God!

God put the sun to shine just at the right moment and revealed what was waiting for me, and He walked with me. He broke down the wall, pulled down the fence and whispered this is only a portion of what I have for you.

God told me to step out and be blessed and once I'm blessed keep walking, keep talking, invite others in and share what He has given because then He could expand the territory He will have me walk in.

The enemy had taken that wide open space and convinced me that it was wonderful because I had it and it was mine. But, he

didn't let me know that really it was only appeared to be wide open because it was empty.

God showed me the expanse, the fullness that existed with Him, with His people that He was surrounding me with and with the ones He would and will take me to.

One thing I've learned is sometimes you are meant to take a journey on your own - God will walk with you in the spiritual - but in the earthly realm there are parts of our journey that we will only be able to move forward in when we are brave enough to step out on our own. God doesn't intend for us to be lonely, but every now and again He wants us to walk only with Him.

I've also learned that when God is silent - He really isn't silent. Maybe He is speaking to us in a whisper and we are too focused on the fact that we don't hear him that we miss Him?

Maybe in that silence He is giving us time to be still, to prepare to recharge to be equipped for what He is about to pour into us.

God knows life can get overwhelming and He knows that He may ask us to take a big leap of faith; He is joyous when we take that leap, because He knows what that leap took. He knows the energy we put into following His command and sometimes that silence is His opportunity, His blessing to us to just breathe for a moment. He knows that we are human and if He were to continually pour we wouldn't be able to enjoy, to take it all in or walk out the blessing fully.

I thought God's silence was punishment; I let the enemy tell me that maybe God really didn't say that when in reality God was saying 'Rest my child - Good job!'

Once God knew I was ready He poured out once again. He is faithful.

We each reach that moment where we choose to no longer accept the lie at face value, we push for more and for those who have reached that point - keep pushing.

Don't settle and fully embrace there is more!

DAILY PRAYER

May we team up with You, Lord, to be successful in life.

Amen

Steers win first season opener since 2014, blank Vernon in second half for 36-14 win

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

On Aug. 30, 2014, the Big Spring Steers opened their season with a high-scoring 58-56 victory over the Tivy Antlers. Since that game, the Steers had trouble starting their season's off strong and consistently found themselves winless following the first game of the year.

That all changed Friday night.

It had been just under six years since the last time Big Spring had won a season opener before they were able to handle the Vernon Lions 36-14 on Friday to start the 2020 season off with a win. Junior quarterback Gabriel Baeza accounted for six touchdowns, the Steer defense held the Lions scoreless in the second half, and the fans were excited about the potential that their team showed.

"It's something to build off of and I'm excited for our kids and for our community," Big Spring Head Coach Cannon McWilliams said. "It's been a rough three or four years but I think things are turning around."

Big Spring fired right out of the gate looking like a team on a mission. After receiving the opening kickoff to the 36-yard line, junior quarterback Gabriel Baeza found wide receiver Pablito Dehoyos for a gain of 16 yards into Vernon territory. After receiving the incompletion, senior running back Orlando Sanchez gained 10 yards on the ground and picked up the second first down of the drive. A couple plays later the drives stalled out when a screen pass to receiver Kaegan Mitchell was fumbled near the right sideline and recovered by Vernon.

The Lions were unable to do anything with the ball on their first drive and the highlight was a third down tackle for loss by Isaiha Holloway on an attempted screen pass.

Later in the first quarter in a still scoreless game, Vernon had the ball and looked to be gaining some momentum. Then, linebacker Braxton Pearson forced a fumble that was recovered by Adonis Lopez and the Steers' offense was heading back out onto the field after their second forced turnover of the night.

"Coach (Brad) Harman and his defensive staff made great adjustments during the game and our players also made great adjustments," McWilliams said.

The Steers began that next drive on the Vernon 29-yard line and looked to capitalize on that great field position. A Sanchez sweep off right tackle for 15 yards started the drive off strong but was quickly followed by three straight incompletions. On 4th & 10 from the Vernon 14-yard line, Baeza took one step in his drop-back before sailing a beautiful, high-arcing pass to the right corner of the end zone where Mitchell was able to make the play.

The extra point was no good and the Steers lead 6-0 with a little over one minute remaining in the first quarter.

Vernon was able to answer back on the very next drive when senior quarterback BT White took over with his legs. He found the end zone on a fourth down and goal by taking the ball four yards into the end zone on a designed run off left tackle.

The first half scoring spree had officially begun.

The next drive was capped by another 52-yard long bomb that went for a touchdown up the right seam on a post pattern by Mitchell. After fumbling on Big Spring's opening drive, Mitchell scored his second touchdown of the first half on what seemed like a perfectly timed play call by McWilliams and his coaching staff.

"We were finding holes but we just weren't connecting early," McWilliams



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Big Spring senior defensive end's Johnathan Miller (17) and Caydon Rash (44) make their way to the field. Both players were in the opponents' backfield all game.

said. "We would move the ball and then we would shoot ourselves in the foot. When we get in stride and we get the chains moving and we're snapping it before the chains are set, that's when we've got them."

The Lions were able to score on the ensuing drive and, after two failed extra point attempts by the Steers, found themselves ahead 14-12 with a little under five minutes remaining in the first half.

However, Big Spring was not ready to stop scoring yet. After a long drive that included three completions from Baeza and a long 3rd-and-18 conversion, the second year starting quarterback powered his way into the end zone for a three-yard touchdown run to put the Steers ahead 18-14.

Vernon's White was able to lead his team right back down the field in a minute before a nice pass breakup by sophomore linebacker Ricky Escovedo at the goal line and a great tackle by junior safety Devin Manning ended the first half. It was Escove-

do's second pass breakup of the game and the young player seemed to be making plays all over the field alongside fellow linebackers' Pearson and Lopez.

"He played great," McWilliams said. "This all started for Ricky in the summer. I don't think he missed a day of summer strength and conditioning. The sky is the limit for him."

The second half was completely owned by the Steers as both the defense and offense kept up their consistent and impressive play. A quarterback change by Vernon (unknown reasons) in the second half seemed to have a serious impact on the Lions' offense and the Steers took advantage.

After forcing a Vernon punt on the first drive of the third quarter, Big Spring put together three big plays and found themselves celebrating in the end zone. First, Big Spring took a page of Vernon's playbook and Baeza gashed the defense for a 19-yard gain off left tackle. Next, Baeza once again connected with Mitchell for a 37-yard gain up the right sideline. Finally, Baeza found Jose Cantu on the outside and he took it 33 yards to the house by bobbing and weaving his way through the Vernon defenders.

Following a recovered fumble by senior defensive tackle Elijah Darrow, the Steers once again charged down the field and into the end zone. Baeza got some great blocks on a designed run up the left sideline and scored from 15 yards out.

Big Spring's defense continued to dominate the second half and the Steers finished their scoring on the night with a 2-yard swing pass to Sanchez out of the backfield. It was Baeza's fourth touchdown pass of the day and the sixth one he had accounted for on the night.

"He's going to be special," McWilliams said.

The Steers not only won their first season opener in six years, but they did so in dominating fashion. It was an impressive team performance to start the season and there was great potential shown at multiple positions.

After years of mediocrity and underwhelming final records, McWilliams believes that his program is turning the corner. And like any great football coach, he also knows that there is always room for improvement.

UP NEXT: Big Spring (1-0) will now head into an early bye week before hosting Monahans on Sept. 11.

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Changes Proposed to Texas Exotic Aquatic Species Regulations

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN – The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is proposing changes to regulations regarding harmful or potentially harmful fish, shellfish and aquatic plants. The proposed changes significantly reorganize the existing rules to enhance accessibility, meet the changing needs of the regulated community, and address current and potential future threats posed by these exotic species.

The proposed rules will be published in the Texas Register no later than Friday, Oct. 2. At that time, comments on the changes can be provided on the TPWD public comment page until Monday, Nov. 9. The TPW Commission will take public comment on the proposed changes at their meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 10 in Austin. Comments on the proposed changes also can be submitted to Ken Kurzawski at (512) 389-4591, email: ken.kurzawski@tpwd.texas.gov.

Exotic species can become invasive, meaning they are causing or have potential to cause harm to the ecosystem, economy, or human health and quality of life. If exotic species are not detected until after introduction, the infestation can progress past the point when eradication is possible for some species. After that point, the infestation can quickly progress into costly, long-term treatment and control.

Regulations are an essential form of prevention against impacts from these species. TPWD regulations specify a prohibited species list, with the primary focus being prevention, and only a few species are allowed for use.

TPWD is proposing to add seven species to the controlled exotic species list, including four fish

(stone moroko, European perch, Amur sleeper, Wels catfish) which are federally listed as injurious. These species are not currently present in the United States, but there is a high risk that they could be introduced and become established in Texas, resulting in harmful impacts. The addition of these species to the list would restore federal protections against their transport to Texas in the event they are introduced in the U.S.

The golden mussel, which is not presently in the U.S., are proposed for addition to the list due to a high risk of introduction, establishment, and impacts similar to those of zebra mussels. In addition, two aquatic plants, yellow and crested floating hearts, are proposed for addition to prevent their spread. These species were recently introduced to Texas and have become established, requiring management.

TPWD is also proposing some changes to rules governing possession of exotic species. Under these proposed changes, exotic fish and shellfish other than oysters, which must currently be headed or gutted, could also be possessed if gill-cut, killed using another means, frozen or packaged on ice. The requirement for oysters to be shucked or otherwise removed from their shells would remain in place. Possession and transport of zebra mussels attached to boats, alive or dead, remain prohibited to prevent their spread.

Additionally, proposed changes address the needs of pond and landowners. These new rules would allow the possession and transport of exotic plants, zebra mussels, and applesnails by pond and lakefront landowners for the purposes of disposal without a permit if securely contained.

This proposal also creates a permit for sellers of tilapia and triploid grass carp for pond stocking that eliminates the requirement to have an aquaculture facility, provided that the fish are not cultured and are held at a physical location only for a short time. These sellers buy the fish from an aquaculturist before delivering them directly to ponds or temporary addressing and distribution locations.

TPWD is addressing the interests of aquaculturists by providing new multi-year renewal options for aquaculture permits for three or five years in addition to the current annual renewal option. Additionally, reporting for tilapia aquaculture would no longer be required. In response to aquaculturist requests in recent years, the department is proposing to allow the aquaculture of the Wami tilapia, a species that does not pose a greater ecological risk than species currently in aquaculture.

Given the rise in hobbyist aquaponics—where fish are raised to provide nutrients for cultured plants and are not sold—the department is proposing an allowance for possession of four species of tilapia in these escape-proof systems without a permit provided the fish are not sold and are killed prior to transfer to another person.

Currently only Mozambique tilapia can be possessed without a permit for stocking in private ponds, but under the rules proposed by TPWD, blue, Nile, and Wami tilapia would be allowed for possession to stock in private ponds. Hybridization among species in aquaculture is rampant, thus making it impossible to confidently confirm the identity of these species. The issue of identification and enforcement would be eliminated with this new regulation.

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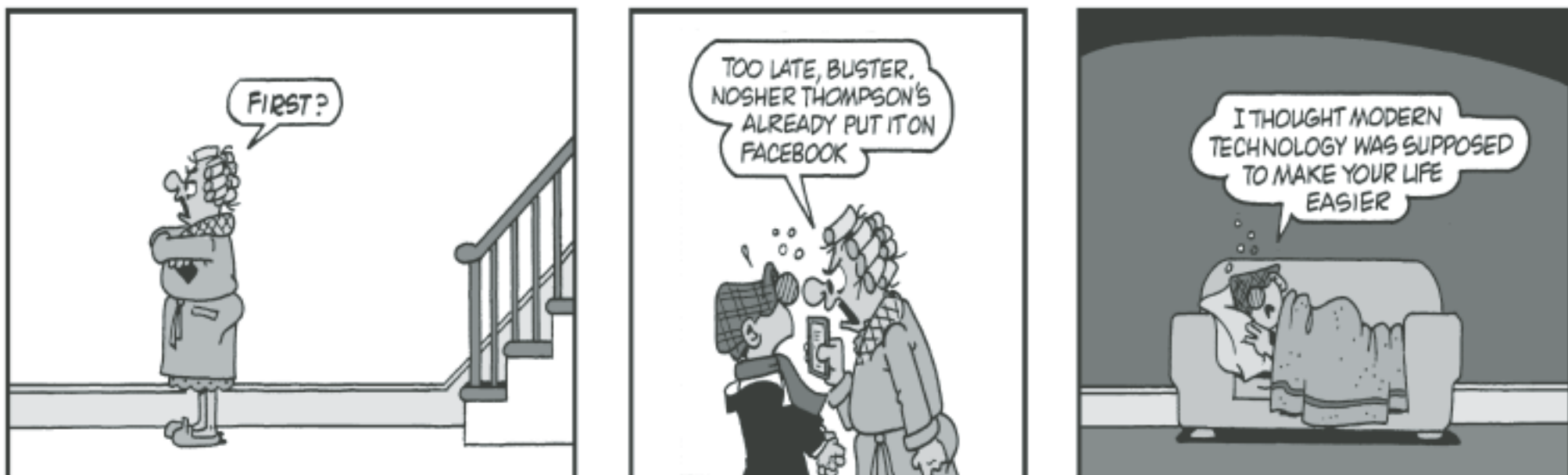
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Sandra Verdin

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This week's reviews include large print biography, large print non-fiction and large-print fiction. Stan Lee was the most famous American comic book creator who ever lived get to know him in "A Marvelous Life the Amazing Story of Stan Lee" (LP B LEE S) By Danny Fingeroth. Lee was, and even after his 2018 death, still is the voice and face of comics and Marvel Comics in particular. How he got to that place is a story that has never been fully told, until now. With creative partners including Jack Kirby and Steve Ditko, with whom he

had tempestuous relationships, Lee created world-famous characters but Lee's career was haunted by conflict and controversy. Was he the most innovative creator to ever do comics? Was he a lucky no-talent whose only skill was taking credit for others' work? Or was he something else altogether?

The story of humans and dogs is thousands of years old but far from understood. Alexandra Horowitz explores this unique and complex interspecies pairing in "Our Dogs, Ourselves the Story of a Singular Bond" (LP 636.7 HOR A) By Alexandra Horowitz. Horowitz considers the current culture of dogdom and the ways we live with dogs. We celebrate dogs' individuality but breed them for sameness. Despite our emotional relationships with dogs legally they are property to be bought, sold, abandoned, or euthanized as we wish. Even the way we speak to our dogs is both perplexing and delightful. "Our Dogs, Ourselves" affirms our profound affection for this most charismatic of animals and opens our eyes to the companions at our sides.

It's been three months since Countess Annie de Silva slipped away from her home before dawn in "Cut and Run" (LP F MIC F) By Fern Michaels. Annie left behind a cryptic note and no clue as to her destination. That's an eternity for friends as devoted as the Sisterhood. Myra Rutledge, Annie's closest confidante, knows the secrets of Annie's past, including the remote mountain in Spain where Annie spent some of the best and worst days of her life. Annie vowed that she'd never return to the mountain but the memories have called her back.

Now she needs allies who are fearless and loyal. And with the safety of one of their own on the line, the Sisterhood won't let her down.

Hillary Rodham Clinton and her daughter, Chelsea, share the stories of the gutsy women who have inspired them in "The Book of Gutsy Women" (LP 920.72 CLI H) By Hillary Rodham Clinton and Chelsea Clinton. These are women with the courage to stand up to the status quo, ask hard questions, and get the job done. Throughout history and around the globe, women have overcome resistance to win victories that have made progress possible for all of us. That is the achievement of each of the women in this book. So how did they do it? The answers are as unique as the women themselves. Nearly every single one of these women was fiercely optimistic and had faith that their actions could make a difference, and they were right.

"The great thing about literature is that it's subjective. No two readers read the same book, because we all see the words through different eyes, filter the story through different life experiences." Lisa Wingate, The Book of Lost Friends

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Preparation And Adjustments Carry Schlapper To B.A.S.S. Nation Win At Lake Vermilion in Minnesota

Special to the Herald

An intense effort to learn a lake he'd never fished gave Pat Schlapper of El-Eva, Wis., the insight to claim a wire-to-wire victory at the TNT Fireworks B.A.S.S. Nation Northern Regional on Minnesota's Lake Vermilion with a three-day total weight of 52 pounds, 8 ounces.

Day 1 saw Schlapper turn in his best performance, a limit of 19-4. He followed with 16-5 on Thursday and sealed the deal with Friday's catch of 16-15.

Notably, after leading the Day 1 field by 7 ounces, Schlapper increased his margin to 1-2 on Day 2. Friday, his winning margin of 2-13 earned him a first-place prize of \$5,000 and a spot in the TNT Fireworks B.A.S.S. Nation Championship, Nov. 11-13 on Pickwick Lake.

"This week was awesome, I'm very thankful," Schlapper said. "I had a nine-day stretch where (Wisconsin B.A.S.S. Nation teammate) Lonnie (Peterson) and I were practicing and we basically split the lake in half.

"I knew that docks were going to be a big factor, but I also knew that the majority of people would be fishing that. So, Lonnie and I both committed to fishing offshore, and we graphed every day all day."

Schlapper said he identified a large number of promising spots but found the fish favored different habitat as the tournament progressed. Sunlight had a lot to do with this, as Day 1 brought a mix of sun and clouds, followed by a mostly sunny Day 2 and mostly cloudy skies in the final round.

"By today, I had it narrowed down to just a handful of spots," Schlapper

said. "A lot of the places I thought I was going to get them, I didn't get them.

"I initially thought I was going to get them in 18 to 20 feet of water — and I did get a few out there. But as the tournament went on, I started to get them shallower, more in that 14-foot range."

Schlapper caught most of his fish on a green pumpkin Big Bite Baits tube Texas-rigged on a 1/4-ounce head. He also caught fish on a drop shot with a Big Bite Baits Smallie Smasher and a Berkley PowerBait MaxScent Flat Worm — both in green pumpkin — and a 5/16-ounce shaky head with a craw bait.

Ultimately, Schlapper attributes his success to extensive pre-event preparation and the discipline to know when he needed to relocate.

"Moving around the lake and not

sitting on spots was a big factor," he said. "I'd pull up and if I didn't catch one in the first five minutes, I left.

"It took me a lot of time to figure it out, but it saved me a lot of time during the tournament. I could pull and go right to the spot where I felt like, if there was a fish that was ready to eat, I knew where it was going to be."

Eric Storms of Winner, S.D., placed second with 49-11. Starting strong with a second-place catch of 18-13 on Day 1, he added 14-6 on Day 2 and slipped to fourth. Today, Storms weighed 16-8.

For three days, Storms followed the same game plan: Secure a solid limit of smallmouth over a hump in the back of Daisy Bay and then hunt kicker largemouth by flipping Texas-rigged tubes around shallow pencil reeds in Greenwood Bay.

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Courtesy photos
Runnels Academy students headed back to the classroom this past week. As they approached the school, students were greeted with a Welcome Back Royals sign, as a way to start off the long awaited time back in the classroom, on a positive note.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL RUNNELS ACADEMY 2020



Courtesy photo
Pictured above: Runnels Academy welcomed in new students to the Jr-K and First Grade class, as the new 2020-2021 school year kicks off. The little minds were ready to learn as they were all smiles on the first day.

Pictured at right: Royals return for a new school year, in their school uniforms, ready to learn after a long extended break.



Courtesy photo
Parents of Royals walked them in on the first day of school for the 2020-2021 year. Families have been waiting to return back to the classroom, after the pandemic created an extended Spring Break that led into summer break. Over the past couple of weeks, Howard County students have been heading back into the classroom through different modalities of learning - face to face instruction, online teaching, and even the complete transition to homeschooling from public or private school. Regardless, students, teachers and families are ready to get back to learning and now Royals students are back!



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School Lunch Menus

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Egg, cheese and potato taco or cereal/strawberry cup, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch: Main line options: Buffalo sub sandwich or garlic french bread pizza or PB&J sandwich, steamed broccoli, Bush's baked beans, strawberries, fresh fruit and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: French toast sticks, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk. Lunch: Main line options: Steak fingers or steak and cheese tornados or turkey and cheese sub, mashed potatoes, savory green beans and snowball salad, fresh fruit and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Honey buns, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk; JH/HS: sausage, egg and cheese tornado or cereal, mandarin oranges, fruit juice and milk. Lunch: Main line options: Pizza or turkey chef salad or PB&J sandwich, fresh veggie

cup, garden salad, applesauce cup, fresh fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk. Lunch: Main line options: Chicken sandwich or mandarin chicken asian bowl, or turkey and cheese sub, baby carrots, corn, grapes, fresh fruit and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Maple mini pancakes, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk; (JH/HS) Dutch waffle with bacon or cereal, applesauce cup, fruit juice and milk. Lunch: Main line options: Pizza or popcorn chicken with roll (elementary) Crispy chicken bacon ranch jalapeno wrap (JH/HS) or PB&J sandwich, fries, baby carrots, strawberry cup, fresh fruit and milk.

Senior Center

Monday: Patty Melt, peas and carrots, diced po-

tatoes with onions, cookies, milk.

Tuesday: Meatball sub sandwich, fried okra, lettuce and tomatoes, peaches and cream, milk.

Wednesday: Green beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, salad, chips and salsa, jell-o cup, milk.

Thursday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, black eyed peas, fruit cup, rolls, milk.

Friday: Fish sandwich, tarter sauce, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, mixed berries, milk.

Editor's Note: Not all school districts had lunch menus available at press time.

Lift up your head! Your redemption draweth nigh!

"Most men," said Thomas of Liniathen, "are so possessed by themselves that they have no vacuum into which God's deep water may rise." The whole of life is evidence of that. Men intellectual, and trusts his science to redeem the world and build the New Jerusalem. He is philanthropic, and trusts his humanistic ideals to permeate the lump of social life till the whole is leavened. He is religious, and trusts his righteousness to organize a new kingdom into existence. He is moral, and trusts his personal virtues to justify him in the sight of God.

"Have I not been a man of your word? Have I not lived a disciplined life, and loved the brotherhood, and obeyed the King?" These are the things we carry in our hands right to the throne of grace, as if they gave us a claim upon God, and earned us His favorable consideration, and merited salvation, "See, Lord," we exclaim, "all this in my hands I bring! I would not dream of coming empty-handed. All this can go to the credit side of my account.

What we so tragically fail to realize is that by that instinctive attitude, that native trust in our own virtues and achievements, we are automatically excluding ourselves from the very blessings which we hoped to reach. Our very spirituality, if you will understand me, is robbing us of God's Spirit. It is not in this way that redemption draws nigh! The sacrifices of God are not an imposing array of creditable achievements. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit and a contrite heart. If something really

breaks you down, so that virtues and good works count no longer, and you cry with Job "I abhor myself, repent in dust and ashes"; if some day of storm and darkness leaves you stripped of every shred of satisfied self-trust, and every vestige of conscious claim upon God - then look up, for your redemption will be coming over the horizon. But not before!

You have to experience the darkness that descends when all the flickering candles for personal merit have gone out, before you can discern, rising out of the gloom to meet you, the light that never was on sea or land. You have to feel the foundations shake beneath your feet, before you can sing "Rock of Ages" as it should be sung. You have to "faint for the flaming of Christ's feet," and , cry "Watchman, what of the night?" before you can know the thrill of the birth of Christ and glory of the Word made flesh, and the sheer irrepressible excitement of that ringing, tumultuous shout - "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord!" You have to have looked into the horrible abyss of doubt and despair before you can really believe. You have to see everything falling from your grasp, and cry "Nothing in my hands I bring," before Christ's strong pierced hands can grip and hold you. You have to suffer crucifixion in the region of self, before you can rise from the dead with the new life of God throbbing in your heart.

So when these things come to pass, these desolating things that leave all self-trust shattered and in ruins, look up my brethren, and lift up your head, knowing that your light is come, that the glory of the Lord is risen upon you, and your redemption draweth nigh!

EVEN SO, COME LORD JESUS.



RALPH ANDERSON

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:

- Volunteers who have been joining with Keep Big Spring Beautiful to clean up different areas of Big Spring. There have been on average 8-10 volunteers showing up each week for Toasty Tuesday helping to

clean up trash.

- City staff who is working to ensure the Large Item Pick up program is running smoothly and serving as a benefit to the community of Big Spring.

- Coahoma Bulldogs and Forsan Buffaloes for a hard fought Howard County Bowl, kicking off the 2020 Football season which has been long awaited for. Congratulations to the Bulldogs for taking home the win and starting their season off strong.

- All teachers, staff, and administration at area school districts for taking extra efforts to keep students safe as they head back into the classroom after a long extended break.

- Local Fire/EMS for their diligent, hard work in keeping the community safe on a daily basis.

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

Superglue

When my dad worked on the railroad in Northern Nevada, he fixed an engine out in the middle of nowhere. He was commended by the president of the railroad for his ingenuity. He used baling wire from a farmer's fence. I wonder what he would have done with duct tape. He was an amazing man.

In our day and time we use superglue, gorilla glue, and a variety of things to hold broken things together

until they can be properly repaired.

We are in a pandemic that is costing lots of time in quarantine. I'm not sure what other people do with their time. But there seems to be no super fix to this one.

So what do we do? Pray a lot. Put puzzles together, work in the yard. Go on vacation and quarantine in a motel for two weeks. Go camping. Go fishing. Go anywhere you won't be exposed to this virus.

Our church has gone virtual again and seems as healthy as can be, given the circumstances.

The main thing to remember is not to let your love for your neighbors

and friends to wax cold. That's when your heart is involved and turns to stone and lacks compassion for those affected by this mess.

People still need people to show they care. We all need a special touch from the Great Physician if we catch this mess.

A little Superspiritual glue will hold us strong as witnesses for Jesus who died that we might have eternal life. He's the only one who will help with no questions asked. So ask!



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Poetry Corner

Korean War Veteran for Trump

By BO BOKELMAN

I'm gonna be content when I get old to just be able to keep on walkin' and kick' a can on down the road

Well I was born in 1929 been through a lot of wars but I'm still doing fine I mind my own business and try not to get too bold and I keep on a walkin' kickin' a can on down the road

The democrats gone crazy got Joe Biden in a cave they let him out once in awhile so, he can rant and rave I watch all this from the sidelines and be careful I don't fold and keep on a-walkin' kickin' a can on down the road.

Now China turned a virus loose about a year ago that's killed a million people and it's still on a roll

I'm walkin' with a mask on don't hug people anymore banged lotsa' elbows and my arms are getting' sore.

My legs and feet are still a-movin' they get hot and they get cold as I keep on a-walkin' kickin' a can on down the road.

Now when I get to the pearly gates and stand there with my can in hand and Saint Peter says you can't take that with you into this holy land

I'm gonna say on earth I kicked this can down lotsa dusty roads

I's just wonderin' what I'd be like to kick it on down the road of gold.

Now I'm gonna vote for Donald Trump cause I think he's smart and pretty bold and I'm gonna ask that God be with him as he kicks his campaign on down the road.

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Chamber of Commerce happenings



Courtesy photo/Bruce Schooler

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce recognized The Crowned Bird, owned and operated by Erica Rios, this week with a Thank You Presentation, as a way of saying thank you for investing back into the community. Owner of The Crowned Bird met with Chamber Ambassadors and posed for a photo in recognition of the community partnership.

Highlighting Howard Co. Business Carver Drug opens its doors in the Big Spring Community this past week



HERALD photo/Carrie Harvell

The Carver Drug store is officially open. After months of setback due to the pandemic, renovations of the building have concluded and the store is now open for business. Pictured above is business owner Colton Kidd outside the building located on 11th Place.

By CARRIE HARVELL

Herald Contributing Writer

A new pharmacy is in town ... Carver Drug.

For several months work has been taking place on the building located at 1110 E. 11th Place. As a pandemic swept across the nation, work on the building seemed to taper off and the community began to wonder what is the building going to be. As of this past week, the answer has been revealed. Carver Drug has officially opened. With the opening of Carver Drug, Colton Kidd adds a second pharmacy to his business, with the first being lo-

cated in Stanton - Carver Drug Store and Grill, which was purchased in 2015.

Kidd, born in Lubbock, moved to Stanton while still very young. His grandparents and mother are long time residents of Big Spring which means routine visits to Big Spring were a normal part of Kidd's childhood.

"Having grown up here I spent time in the drug store, and was very excited to be able to purchase it and keep its history alive," Kidd said. "I spent many days here visiting with my Grandparents. They lived on the same street as this building, it is interesting being back in Big

Spring. We have always come over to Big Spring on Sundays to eat. Midland has some very nice restaurants and places to eat, however, I prefer the small-town atmosphere."

Kidd said when he heard that the independent pharmacies in Big Spring had sold to a chain pharmacy, he decided he would open an independent pharmacy right down the road from his already successful business.

"Every town should have at least one independent pharmacy. The bigger pharmacies are nice and can offer services and a

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Gas Buddy reports pricing this week

GasBuddy Report

Texas gas prices have risen 1.5 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$1.87/g today, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 1.3 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 45.6 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$1.49/g today while the most expensive is \$2.69/g, a difference of \$1.20/g. The lowest price in the state today is \$1.49/g while the highest is \$2.69/g, a difference of \$1.20/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 0.8 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.18/g today. The national average is down 0.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 41.1 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

Historical gasoline prices in Texas and the national average going back 10 years:

August 24, 2019: \$2.33/g (U.S. Average: \$2.59/g)
August 24, 2018: \$2.61/g (U.S. Average: \$2.84/g)
August 24, 2017: \$2.14/g (U.S. Average: \$2.35/g)
August 24, 2016: \$2.00/g (U.S. Average: \$2.20/g)
August 24, 2015: \$2.31/g (U.S. Average: \$2.60/g)
August 24, 2014: \$3.25/g (U.S. Average: \$3.43/g)
August 24, 2013: \$3.40/g (U.S. Average: \$3.53/g)
August 24, 2012: \$3.55/g (U.S. Average: \$3.73/g)
August 24, 2011: \$3.46/g (U.S. Average: \$3.57/g)
August 24, 2010: \$2.55/g (U.S. Average: \$2.67/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:
Midland Odessa- \$1.92/g, down 2.8 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.95/g.

San Antonio- \$1.78/g, down 2.2 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.80/g.

Austin- \$1.83/g, down 3.3 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.86/g.

"All eyes are on the Gulf of Mexico as two tropical systems head toward a sensitive area for the oil industry, and while these storms bear monitoring, they thankfully are unlikely to have a major impact on gas prices that for the eighth straight week have been mostly quiet," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "While Hurricane Marco and likely-soon-to-be Hurricane Laura churn in the Atlantic, current forecasts show limited ability for them to turn into a major hurricane, which means that motorists need not panic about gasoline supply or price. We should be able to weather both of these storms, barring a major increase in peak intensity. In addition, with gasoline demand still weak due to COVID-19, there's ample capacity for refineries that are not in the path of the storms to raise output should the situation warrant it."

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

Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

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Letitia Baucham, 1202 Stanford, Big Spring
Linda Beck, 1713 Worley Rd., Banner Elk, N.C.
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John Bochnicka, 538 Westover Rd. #260
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Jimmy Dodson, 405 31st St., Snyder
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Angela Doty, 1401 E. Rundberg, Austin
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Sharlamarr Frink, 3723 Monclair, Odessa
Johnnie Fuller, 3801 23rd St., Snyder
Juan E. Garcia, 3355 River Road North Keizer, Ok
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William Gene Garner, 704 Rosemont, Big Spring
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Scott Herrera, 4608 Ash St, Big Spring
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Felicia Ornelas, 538 Westover Rd.
Dana Kay Peach, 1806 N 13th, Lamesa
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larger stock than independent pharmacies. However, independent pharmacies offer a unique added value by building direct relationships with their customers,” he said. “They are able to provide a more personalized, dedicated care to all members of the community. We will take time to talk with our customers so we can learn what they need. Patient care is going to be our number one priority.”

When Kidd purchased the Drug Store in Stanton he walked into an already existing, excellent customer base. Success for the Stanton business merely required he be there to open the doors. However, the Big Spring location is going to take a little more effort.

“The pharmacy here is different because I am starting from scratch. I am very excited about this adventure. There are going to be some growing pains,” he said.

Despite the present growing pains, Kidd already has future plans in mind to keep the business growing and implemented in the community. Coming soon will be the curbside service and delivery option, which is projected to launch in about three months. According to Kidd, the new pharmacy – Carver Drug - will accept manufacturers’ coupons and have specials.

“I delayed the opening because of COVID. I wanted to be 100% ready when we opened. There is a very rigid procedure to setting up a new pharmacy. In order to be able to accept all insurances we have to work in accord with each company and there is a very definite order in which we must apply,” he said.

“In addition to the insurance set up, we also did an extensive remodeling of the building.”

Kidd added, “There is a big difference between a ‘drug store’ and pharmacy. A drug store commonly sells medicines as well as other items, such as candy, cosmetics, office supplies, toys, hair care products and usually offer refreshment, food and some groceries. A pharmacy is the clinical health science that links medical science with chemistry. Its main purpose is to dispense medication and drugs in a safe and effective way.”

Pharmacists provide direct patient care services and assist them the optimum use of their medication and promote health, wellness and disease prevention. Keeping in line with all of those avenues, Carver Drug will be offering the flu shot and vaccinations.

Keeping the community goes beyond physical health for Kidd. As a business owner, he is looking to invest back into the community, get involved and make a positive impact.

“I plan on being a very active member of this community. I am very interested in being involved with the local schools and Booster Club. I will also be contacting the Chamber of Commerce to become a member,” he said.

He added, “I see the future of pharmacies continuing to evolve and become more involved with health care and prevention. Pharmacists have been consistently rated as the most trusted profession.”

Chelsea Roberts is Carver Drug’s Pharmacist and Anna Fressen is the pharmacy technician.

“We invite the community to come by 1110 E. 11 Place to meet us and give us a chance to meet them; call 432-894-2395. A website will be coming soon.”



Courtesy image

Carver Drug is the second location for Kidd. The pharmacy opened earlier this week and is located at 1110 E. 11th Place. No website is available at this time, but is in the plan for the future.

RECORDS

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

District Court Filings

Plaintiff: Jackie Oree
Defendant: Stacy Ochoa
Type of Case: Divorce - Children
Date: August 20, 2020

Plaintiff: Velocity Investments, LLC Assignee of One-main Financial 2015-2
Defendant: Ashley Saiz, Jonath Saiz
Type of Case: Contract – Consumer/Commercial/Debt
Date: August 20, 2020

Plaintiff: Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC
Defendant: Josie Salazar
Type of Case: Contract – Consumer/Commercial/Debt
Date: August 20, 2020

Plaintiff: City of Big Spring, Texas, by and through Texas Municipal League
Defendant: Jack Cathey Construction Company
Type of Case: Injury/Damage – other injury or damage
Date: August 21, 2020

Plaintiff: Wells Fargo Bank, NA
Defendant: Johnny Garcia Jr.
Type of Case: Contract – Consumer/Commercial/Debt
Date: August 21, 2020

Plaintiff: Wells Fargo Bank, NA
Defendant: Adrian R. Ibanez
Type of Case: Contract – Consumer/Commercial/Debt
Date: August 21, 2020

Plaintiff: Schneider National Carriers, Inc
Defendant: Hilda Trucking, Angelina Gonzalez
Type of Case: Injury/Damage – other injury or damage
Date: August 24, 2020

Plaintiff: Kristi Shifflett
Defendant: Darrick Shifflett
Type of Case: Divorce – No children
Date: August 24, 2020

Plaintiff: Michele Simmons
Defendant: Bluford Jones
Type of Case: Divorce – No children
Date: August 24, 2020

Plaintiff: In the interest of Alayna Barnes, children
Type of Case: All other family law matters
Date: August 24, 2020

Plaintiff: Victoria Deubler
Defendant: Jose Garcia
Type of Case: Protective Order – No divorce
Date: August 25, 2020

Plaintiff: Michael Domino
Defendant: Precilla Domino
Type of Case: Divorce – no children
Date: August 26, 2020

Plaintiff: Jefferson Capital Systems LLC
Defendant: Jeremie Ebersole, Harriet Ebersole
Type of Case: Contract – Consumer/Commercial/Debt
Date: August 26, 2020

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Charles Billeck aka Charlie Billick
Grantee: Eddie Earls and Tina Earls

Property: Being all of Lot H, section 2, Village at the Spring
Date: August 17, 2020

Grantor: Clay Harris
Grantee: K. Lemons Investments
Property: Lot 39, block 3, Belvue Addition
Date: August 17, 2020

Grantor: Meagan Islas, not joined by spouse for the reason that the property conveyed herein is sole and separate property and does not constitute any part of any homestead
Grantee: Robert M. Mitchell
Property: Being all of Lot No. 20, in block No. 4, Highland Park Addition
Date: August 19,2020

Grantor: Amy Islas, not joined by spouse for the reason that the property conveyed herein is sole and separate property and does not constitute any part of any homestead
Grantee: Robert M. Mitchell
Property: Being all of Lots Nos. 18-19, block No. 4, Highland Park Addition
Date: August 18,2020

Grantor: William B. Grissom and Maria Grissom
Grantee: Alton Fields and Becky Fields
Property: Being all of Lot No.3, block No.2, University Gardens #2, consisting of Block 1, lots 1-14 and block 2, lots 1-15, an addition to the City of Big Spring
Date: August 18,2020

Grantor: Brandon Ensey and Ashley R. Ensey
Grantee: Minh Quach
Property: Lot 4, block 7, in Suburban Heights Addition
Date: August 19,2020

Grantor: Fuqua Walker Turnkey Properties, LLC, formerly doing business as Turnkey Properties
Grantee: Justin Kaczyk
Property: Lot 1, block 4, Porter Addition to the City of Big Spring
Date: August 20,2020

Grantor: McGee Chapel Church of God in Christ
Grantee: Carl Bureson
Property: Tract 1: Lots Nos 11-12 in block D, Moore Heights Addition; Tract 2: Lot No. 7 in block E, Moore Heights Addition
Date: August 17,2020

Grantor: Cassandra de la Cruz and Michael Lewis as co-administrators of the estate of Dalton Wade Lewis, deceased
Grantee: Rhonda Robertson
Property: Being the N/80’ of tract No. 4, out of replat of Lots A&B of tract No. 8 of Kennebec Heights a subdivision of section No. 12, block No. 33, Township 1-South, T&P Ry Co Surveys

Date: August 17,2020

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Grantor: Robert Jackman and Anthony Martinez
Grantee: Adam Lee Clark
Property: Tract No. 6, of a subdivision of 8.25 acres out of a certain 40 acre tract out of the E-2 of section 44, block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, also known as Paul W. Miller subdivision
Date: August 17,2020

Grantor: Donnie Baker
Grantee: Flora C. Cibrian
Property: Lot No. 5, block A, Monticello Addition
Date: August 14,2020

Grantor: Michael Thomas Bodin, a single man
Grantee: Chavon Harrison
Property: A tract of land containing 0.327 acres, more or less, out of the SE/4 of Section 48, block 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co Survey
Date: August 17,2020

Grantor: Frank Martinez and Rachel Martinez f/k/a Rachel Gutierrez
Grantee: Nickolaus Garcia
Property: Being all of Lot No. 13, block No. 26, Monticello Addition No. 7 according to the Plat of the S/2 of blocks 23 & 26 and the N/2 of block 27 & 28, Monticello Addition No. 7
Date: August 18,2020

Grantor: Charles Stephen Thomas revocable trust under agreement dated July 24, 2017
Grantee: James Blake Thomas
Property: Being all of Lot 2, in block No. 1, Kentwood Addition (Unit No. 1)
Date: August 20,2020

Grantor: Steven W. Henry and Tammie L. Henry
Grantee: Chelsea Nicole Sandridge
Property: Lot 1, block 4, Foster addition to the City of Coahoma, Howard County, Texas, according to the proper map or plat thereof of record in Plat records of Howard County, Texas. Save and except .43 acres of the S/2 of Lot 1; previously conveyed to J. Hopper Homes, Inc. in General Warranty Deed filed in volume 1489, Page 452, official public records, Howard County, Texas
Date: August 21,2020

Grantor: Bryan Harrison and Megan Harrison
Grantee: Lindsay Paige Wilkerson and Heath Lorin Wilkerson
Property: Being all of Lot No 20, in block No.1, Highland South Addition No. 6 an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, according to the proper map or plat of record in Envelope 112/B, plat records of Howard County, Texas
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Public Notice

purchase of the items/services listed below:

Date/Time: Tuesday, September 01, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., for the following:

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7. RFB # 21-008 Fleet Fuel Services
8. RFB # 20-010 Downtown City Offices Janitorial Services
9. RFB # 20-011 DRCC Janitorial Services
10. RFB # 20-012 Airpark Offices Janitorial Services

Sealed bids are to be opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers at 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720 with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, 204 S. Johnson Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or can be downloaded direct from our website. <https://www.mybigspring.com/Bids.aspx>. All sealed bids must be marked with the date of the proposals and a general description of the proposal item(s).

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Dorrace June Smith, Deceased, were issued on August 24, 2020, in Cause No. P15054, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to Rebecca Suzanne Smith and Nancy Dunnum, Independent Co-Executors, c/o Kristi Hyatt Brumfield at Cotton, Bledsoe, Tighe & Dawson, P.C., P.O. Box 2776, Midland, TX 79702.

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of WILLIAM GONZALEZ, DECEASED were issued on August 18, 2020, in Cause No. P-15050 pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to DIANA GONZALEZ.

The address of DIANA GONZALEZ is 4114 Muir Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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DATED the 25th day of August, 2020.

/s/Diana Gonzalez
DIANA GONZALEZ

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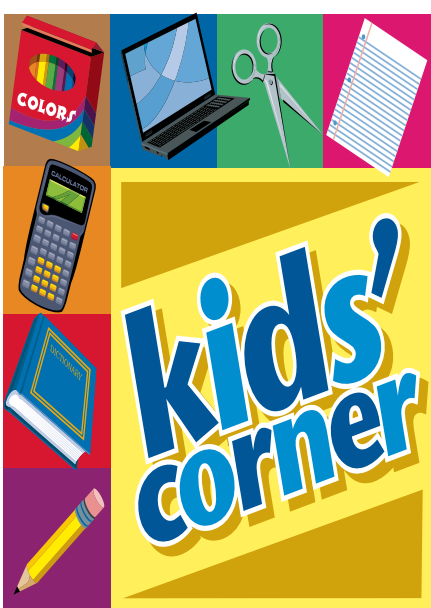


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| COMFORT | LICENSE | TREATS |
| DOG | PUPPY | TRICKS |

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Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

TSI NDA TSYA

ANSWER: Sit and stay

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Distant Husband

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been together almost six years and married for three. He has two kids, a daughter, 15, and a son, 13. I have always had a pretty good relationship with my stepkids. They are the closest to having kids of my own. Anyway, ever since COVID-19 my marriage seems to be going downhill, and I don't know what to do.

her, "Thanks for a great day." They are like two peas in a pod now, and I'm starting to feel jealous. I think it's great they are stronger than ever, but he doesn't thank me for anything anymore; he barely wants to spend any time with me, and he seems to get annoyed by everything that I do. I'm at a loss right now because I don't know how to bring my relationship back to the way it was, and he is NOT the easiest person to talk to.

He sleeps on the couch now because he says he can't get a good night's sleep in our bed anymore. I absolutely hate him sleeping there, but he won't budge, even though I said I would buy a new mattress. He says they are too expensive and doesn't see what the problem with sleeping on the couch. His mood has changed. He pushes me away; we hardly ever snuggle; and when he kisses me, it is not the same. He doesn't tell me he loves me as much as he used to. It almost feels like we are roommates who sleep together occasionally.

Everything I say or do seems to set him off, so I mostly just keep to myself. Am I wrong for feeling jealous toward my stepdaughter even though I am happy for them? Is there anything I can do to help my husband realize I miss the way we used to be? -- Missing My Husband

Dear Missing My Husband: You are not wrong to feel jealous of your stepdaughter. And you are right to feel happy for them. It is lovely that their relationship was able to grow after some good therapy.

Before the virus, my husband and his daughter were having some minor issues with each other, and they weren't as close. She would hide stuff from him, and he would find out and get really upset with her. She sees a counselor to help her cope with situations in her life. My husband has gone to a session with her, and he told the counselor that he wants to have a good relationship with his daughter again. Since the virus, their relationship has actually gotten much better, and they are closer than ever. I think it is wonderful that they have bonded again, but now he is all about her, and he pushes me away.

Their relationship is actually not the issue at all. The real issue is the way he is treating you by insisting on sleeping on the couch, snapping at you and always being in a bad mood toward you. That's no way to live. He has it in him to have a lovely relationship with his daughter as well as an intimate and kind relationship with you. Although he is not the easiest person to talk to, that is the only way you are going to resolve this. Suggest that you go see a marriage counselor together. If he wants to make the marriage work, he will. If not, then go see a counselor yourself and figure out your next steps. Regardless of the outcome, communication is key in any marriage. Best of luck to you.

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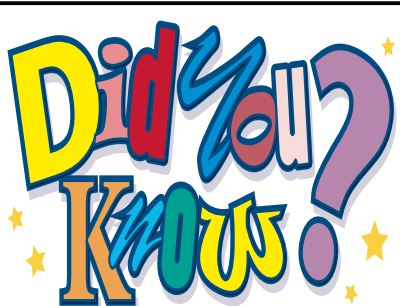
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ANSWER: BLACK

How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Train (an animal)
- SPANISH:** Adiestrar
- ITALIAN:** Addestrare
- FRENCH:** Dresser
- GERMAN:** Trainieren



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

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

ANSWER:

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Variety, the spice of life

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ A K Q J 3
♥ Q 9 5 3 2
♦ A
♣ Q 9

WEST **EAST**
♦ 7 4 2 ♠ 8 6
♥ K J 10 8 7 6 4 ♥ —
♦ Q 2 ♦ 8 6 3
♣ 4 ♣ A J 10 8 7 6 5 2

SOUTH
♠ 10 9 5
♥ A
♦ K J 10 9 7 5 4
♣ K 3

The bidding:
North **East** **South** **West**
1 ♣ 4 ♣ Pass Pass
Dble Pass 5 ♦

Opening lead — jack of hearts. Today's deal occurred in the World Top Invitational Pairs, held in 1988 in the Netherlands. Following North's opening bid, every East preempted with four clubs, after which the various paths diverged.

Most Souths found the winning response of four spades, which ended the auction. East led the club ace and continued with the jack at trick two, requesting the return of the higher-ranking side suit, hearts. West ruffed and obliged by returning a heart. but

East's ruff proved to be the last trick for the defense.

One North-South pair wound up in five spades, and the defenders took the same three tricks to produce a one-trick set.

Certainly the most unusual result occurred at the table where the bidding went as shown and North-South wound up in five diamonds, missing their spade fit altogether. Unfortunately, poor defense then snatched defeat from the jaws of victory.

If West leads his singleton club, the defenders should score the same three tricks — the club ace, a club ruff and a heart ruff. (Even if South falsecards by dropping the club king under the ace, a club return is East's only reasonable play.) But West chose to lead a heart, ruffed by East.

All East had to do now was to play the ace and another club. But for reasons best known to himself, East elected to underlead the ace of clubs! A surprised declarer won with the king, led a diamond to the ace, ruffed a heart and laid down the diamond king. When the queen came tumbling down, South ended up with an over-trick!

Considering the bidding and play at this table, the tournament might have been more aptly named the World Bottom Invitational Pairs!

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Goldilocks
Opposition

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Avoid getting defensive with your teammates. You cannot be in a defensive position and on the same side all once. What triggers the defense? Assess the validity of that threat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Everyone has emotional kryptonite. It's easier to avoid yours if you know what it is. When you feel weakened by a situation, this is a gift. Identify the contributing factors.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When change is in the air, you sense it before anyone else. You notice that something feels different before you know exactly what it is. On high alert, you'll figure it out soon enough.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There is a beautiful new influence coming into your world, one that seems like it

would need to be organized for and around, but that is not the case. It doesn't need to be arranged, only allowed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Learning takes place in several modalities. You move your body to learn. You talk your subject out, listen on it, write about it. Trying to learn using only one modality is like trying to walk on only one leg.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). What were the underlying issues that started your journey to change? It may be hard to remember this, but try because it's worth noting the differences and similarities between then and now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you feel loved at the deepest levels and for something beyond your identity, your superficial successes or your usefulness to others, ego fades. You don't need it so much.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

Even though you are not, strictly speaking, a newcomer to a situation, going in with a beginner's mind will increase your luck exponentially. Innocent and unbiased reception allows you to see and absorb more.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Rituals are, essentially, habits with a heightened sense of meaning. You have a fantasy about incorporating certain rituals into your life. Start small, by attaching a small action to an already established habit.

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).



You feel pulled toward one activity or person more than the others. Is it a calling or just a curiosity? These distinctions don't matter as you flow your attention to what does.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're looking out for others. You'll focus on risk. You'll dig with excellent questions. What are the unknown unknowns? Which solutions fare better than the alternatives?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You know your values, and you think often about what you really

want. But these things change. The shifts are palpable today. Reassess. You will surprise yourself.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 30). You'll communicate your heart beautifully, and others will reciprocate often throughout the year. You'll speak words that become your future. Others witness you doing this and want you to do the same for them. New friends are featured, as well as a fun and unexpected escape. You'll return with big ideas and motivation. Gemini and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 40, 22, 1 and 18.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The Venus-Pluto opposition recalls how every move you make involves the calculation of risk. Most of the calculations were made ages ago. For instance, when you were a baby learning to walk, your brain took on an entire set of calculations.

Those that have long been settled upon since were added to your unconscious and automatic knowledge, and they have served you from that office in your mind ever since. The new moves you make, endeavors you take on, people you decide to get to know will require new risk assessment. What could go wrong? How could you get hurt? Your mind is constantly working it out, an effort that takes plenty of energy. This week, you may get physically tired from the mental exertion of these calculations, a sign that you are indeed doing what it takes to move forward into a future that you sense is going to be, in many ways, very different from anything we've known. The full Pisces moon will fill emotions to the brim. It could be catharsis or joy effervescent, and it will spill or bubble over, whichever way it goes.

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Dish up dessert to complete summer meals

A summer barbecue or picnic just wouldn't be the same without the perfect dessert. While a slice of pie with ice cream on top is a fan favorite, a fruit tart can be a welcome change, especially when it's bursting with juicy, delicious berries. This recipe for "Blackberry Streusel Tart" from "Classic Stars Desserts" (Chronicle Books) by Emily Luchetti is full of blackberries that are soft and juicy. Select varieties of blackberries, such as olallieberries and marionberries, which are not too tart nor seedy. This treat can be served with a big dollop of whipped cream or a black raspberry ice cream for even more berry taste.

Blackberry Streusel Tart Serves 6 to 8

1 1/2 pints blackberries (about 3 cups)

1/2 cup granulated sugar

1 tablespoon cornstarch or tapioca flour

1/2 teaspoon freshly squeezed lemon juice

1 prebaked 9 1/2 tart crust (see below)

Streusel

3/4 cup all-purpose flour

1/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar
Pinch of kosher salt

3 ounces (6 tablespoons) cold unsalted butter, cut into 1/2-inch pieces

Tart crust

1 large egg

2 to 3 tablespoons heavy whipping cream

2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

2 tablespoons granulated sugar

1/4 teaspoon kosher salt

7 ounces (14 tablespoons) cold unsalted butter, cut into 1/2-inch pieces

Flour for dusting

Make the crust: In a small bowl, whisk together the egg and 2 tablespoons of the cream.

Combine the flour, sugar and salt in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment and mix on low

speed until combined. Scatter the butter pieces over the top and mix on low speed until the butter is the size of small peas.

Add the egg-and-cream mixture and mix on low speed for about 10 seconds. Stop the mixer and gently squeeze a small amount of the dough in your hand. If the dough comes together and does not have any dry pieces it has enough moisture. If the dough is dry, add another tablespoon of cream. Mix and test again until the dough almost comes together in a ball.

Line the tart pan with parchment paper and then place the dough on top. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Bake until the edges of the crust are golden brown, about 35 minutes. Remove and cool.

In a bowl, gently combine the blackberries, sugar, cornstarch, and lemon juice. Spread the blackberry mixture evenly in the tart crust. To make the streusel: In a food processor, combine the flour, brown sugar, salt, and butter and pulse until the butter is the size of large peas. Sprinkle over the blackberry filling.

Bake at 350 F until the streusel is browned and the fruit is bubbling, about 25 minutes. Let the tart cool until it can be handled, then remove the tart and place on a platter. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Newsday Crossword SATURDAY STUMPER by Matthew Sewell Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS
 - 1 Creators of story lines
 - 11 Part of maple and sycamore leaves
 - 15 Approaches a runway too fast
 - 16 Close observation stations
 - 17 Inopportunist
 - 18 Reshaped, in a way
 - 19 Winter cover crop for gardens
 - 20 Juice (up)
 - 21 Hot stuff
 - 22 Rough figure
 - 25 The high-flying Global Hawk
 - 27 Something often penciled in
 - 28 Noncompete cause
 - 29 Parliamentary divides
 - 31 Sometime-seating for Scouts
 - 32 Rent-free
 - 34 What Thoreau saw harvested from Walden Pond
 - 35 Transit terminal
 - 36 Photo archive element
 - 37 Qualify
 - 38 In style
 - 39 Common etymology abbr.
 - 40 Pushkin's dueling hero
 - 42 Pliny's "enemy of mankind"
 - 43 Copy righting
 - 45 US invasion destination of 1812
 - 46 Queen Victoria learned it from an Indian Muslim
 - 47 Evince excitement
 - 49 ___ mgr.
 - 50 It can mean "around"
- DOWN
 - 1 Measure
 - 2 AARP has long supported
 - 3 Horsefeathers
 - 4 Willie Nelson Lifetime Achievement Award presenter
 - 5 Old Testament epistle citing Abraham and Moses
 - 5 Opinion introducer
 - 6 Daily riser
 - 7 Pipes specialist
 - 8 Green-haired Lincoln or Washington
 - 9 What some Brits called Paine
 - 10 Villain in numerous fairy tales
 - 11 Many Oktoberfest deliveries
 - 12 Jet Age victims
 - 13 Cargo net attachments, often
 - 14 Al ___ del Edén (novela de 1952)
 - 22 Constrain
 - 23 Welles' War of the Worlds landing site
 - 24 Disney's Toontown patsy
 - 25 Melodic-sounding dramatist
 - 26 Bits seen on screens
 - 28 Zachary Taylor/Santa Anna battle
 - 30 Embroidery sample
 - 33 Grazer descriptor
 - 36 Denial in Hamlet
 - 41 "I'm movin' on"
 - 42 Complex and subtle
 - 44 Star clusters
 - 48 Took the loss
 - 50 Ralph Nader, ethnically
 - 52 Live ___
 - 53 Acolytes, ultimately
 - 56 Name on Netflix & Chill'd pints
 - 57 OPEC member since 1967
 - 58 ezTalks communications
 - 59 Vowelless Scrabble play

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Texas Crop Report this week: Retail beef price drop reflects lower wholesale prices

Texas AgriLife

Special to the Herald

Beef consumers should be seeing lower prices on beef, whether steaks or ground chuck, at grocery stores as production increased and wholesale prices continue to decline, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

David Anderson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension economist, College Station, said the U.S. Department of Agriculture retail market report showed prices on beef and other meats are moving downward.

Retail choice beef of all cuts – steaks to ground chuck – averaged \$6.84 per pound in July compared to \$7.56 per pound in June, he said. However, prices are still higher than this time last year when choice beef averaged \$6.07 per pound.

“Even though they’re coming down, we’re way above prices at this time a year ago,” he said.

Anderson said the price decline for beef at grocers reflects a lower wholesale price trend. Retail prices for pork and chicken also slipped since June.

Wholesale choice beef cutout value was \$2.05 per pound last week, basically where it was before COVID-19, he said. Wholesale prices were falling, and retail prices are just now catching up.

Despite wholesale prices dipping, COVID-19 restrictions continue to contribute to retail prices being higher than a year ago, Anderson said.

“Restaurants are still not open or open at full capacity, so there is stronger demand at the grocery store for beef,” he said. “There is more costs to put products on shelves, packaging and demand for different cuts compared to restaurants, adjustments to how the stores operate, and stores don’t have an incentive to lower prices if the product is in high demand.”

Anderson said research shows lower prices can be delayed between wholesalers and the consumers. Retail prices go up quicker than they come down.

“There’s research on what’s called asymmetric prices – they don’t go up and down at the same pace,” he said. “There’s a term ‘sticky prices,’ regarding grocery store prices that may be higher than expected considering wholesale prices, but that are nevertheless going down as data suggests. As buyer we’d like to see them come down quicker.”

Calf prices improving

Calf prices are trending higher for 500-600-pound steers yet still a little lower than pre-COVID-19 prices, but Anderson said that could be seasonal. March prices are typically higher compared to mid-summer. And calf prices have been steadily climbing since before the pandemic.

Anderson said there is a demand for cattle, and lower corn and feed prices than a year ago adds more value to maintaining herds.

“Calf prices are better, and we aren’t seeing emerging drought in parts of the state leading to large runs of cattle that might affect prices negatively,” he said. “That could change in the coming weeks without rain.”

Drought monitors show extreme drought continues in parts of West Texas and the southern Panhandle, but much of North and Central Texas has been trending toward drought conditions due to lack of rain and triple-digit temperatures.

If that trend continues, Anderson said culling could flood local markets and lead to price declines for producers.

If calf and cattle prices continue their steady climb or begin dropping due to cattle sell-offs in drought-stricken parts of the state, the ripple effect likely won’t reach consumers anytime soon.

“We shouldn’t see any sharp price adjustments,” he said. “Prices are moving the direction they should for consumers and producers, but with restaurants dealing with the pandemic, a large number of unemployed Americans, a huge reduction in GDP, those recessionary impacts plus increasing meat supplies should reflect lower prices at the register.”

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

CENTRAL: Intense heat and dry conditions persisted. Daytime temperature highs were 100-107 over the last 10 days. All dryland meadows and pastures looked burned up. Most cattle producers started supplementing with cubes or hay with little to no grazing left. Calf weaning started early in an attempt to reduce feeding requirements. Irrigated crops still looked good. Corn and sorghum harvests were rolling along.

SOUTH PLAINS: Subsoil and topsoil moisture levels increased due to the recent rainfall received in some counties, but more rain was needed. Peanuts continued to progress and were generally disease free. About two-thirds of cotton fields had less than 2.5 nodes above white flower. Producers continued to scout fields for pests. Cattle were in good condition.

FAR WEST: Temperatures averaged above 100-degrees by midday with lows in the high 70s and low 80s at night. Scattered thunderstorms delivered only trace amounts of recorded rainfall. Soil moisture levels were very low, making the ground very hard. Crop conditions were worsening. Cotton crops were maturing under irrigation. Dryland producers planted some hay grazer in places that received rain. Pecan orchards were starting to mature and will be preparing for harvest soon. Producers continued to feed livestock and wildlife. Producers shipped some late lambs and goats. A few wildfires were reported.

WEST CENTRAL: Dry and hot conditions continued, with some rain reported in parts of the district. However, most areas remained in drought conditions. Sorghum and corn harvests were in full swing. Dryland cotton harvest was all but done. Irrigation was not keeping up with crop water demand. Pastures were dry, and wildfire dangers

were a concern throughout the district. The local goat market was down some, but prices were still very high overall. Other livestock markets were steady.

SOUTHWEST: Hot, dry conditions continued with only trace amounts of precipitation reported. Triple-digit temperatures were stressing crops, pastures and rangeland. Kendall County reported that trees were going dormant early. Caldwell County reported all corn and sorghum were harvested. Livestock were in fair to good condition. Cattle and sheep prices looked decent. Fall shearing of Angora goats began. Supplemental feeding continued for livestock and wildlife.

SOUTH: Northern, eastern and western parts of the district reported hot weather conditions with very short to adequate soil moisture levels. Soil moisture levels in southern parts of the district were adequate to surplus. Corn and grain sorghum harvests were complete. Yield reports were erratic with some exceptionally good yields in the mix. Cotton bolls were opening, and the crop was nearing harvest. Peanuts were progressing. Both crops were under irrigation. Pasture and rangeland conditions continued to decline in drier areas due to excessive heat and lack of moisture. Pasture and rangeland conditions remained fair in areas that received recent rains. Zapata County reported grasses were green and growing. Grazing increased for ranchers who were able to reduce supplemental feeding. Duval County reported cattle prices dropped. Some producers sold some livestock to reduce grazing pressure on native rangelands and pastures. La Salle County reported a daytime high temperature of 105 degrees. Ponds were starting to dry up, and livestock were spending more time in the shade. Wildlife were starting to suffer and were moving to find water. There were more quail coveys, and deer were in better condition. Irrigated crops like watermelons and cantaloupes were producing normally, and the Coastal Bermuda grass pastures were producing good bales. Seed bed preparation for spinach, cabbage and mixed greens continued. Hay producers were cutting and baling their second cutting as hay prices reached \$65 per round bale on average. Cameron County reported the majority of cotton acres had been destroyed by Hurricane Hanna. Many cotton fields in Hidalgo County will not be harvested because of the deteriorating quality following the hurricane. Even some late-planted cotton fields that farmers thought might be salvaged were now being reported as total losses. Many sesame fields will not be harvested as well. Citrus growers were reporting significant damage to their grapefruit crop. Orange producers reported less damage to trees and fruit. Pastures with good drainage were in good condition following the heavy rains, but pasture with poor drainage still had standing water and were not fairing so well. There were minimal reports of livestock losses due to the hurricane.

What to do if you have bugs in your pantry; Inspection, cleaning, exclusion all part of pantry pest protection

By PAUL SCHATTEBERG

Texas AgriLife Extension

While almost no one has bats in their belfry anymore, bugs in the pantry are still a fairly common sight.

However, having insect pests in your pantry doesn’t automatically mean you’ve been negligent about keeping your pantry in order. Sometimes the sneaky little creatures find their way in by infiltrating the foods you buy at the store and stowing away before they’re put into your pantry.

“Pantry pests are just insects that feed on stored food items or products,” said Molly Keck, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service entomologist, Bexar County. “Some of the most common pantry pests include ants, weevils, Indian meal moths, sawtooth grain beetles and flour beetles.”

The insects themselves are harmless to humans, and there is little to no likelihood of anyone becoming ill if one of these insect interlopers is accidentally consumed.

“The worst thing about them is the ‘gross factor’ of having them in your food and the fact you have to throw the infested food out and replace it, which adds to your grocery bill,” she said. “And, of course, there’s the time and trouble it takes to get rid of them.”

Keck said the pantry items most usually infested are the oldest, most difficult-to-reach foods in the pantry, but even new dry foods and unopened containers may be infested. Some pantry pests can penetrate plastic, waxed paper and even cardboard.

Keck said before buying a pantry item in the store, check to be certain the bag or container is well sealed and undamaged.

“This way, you don’t inadvertently invite any of these pests into your home,” she said.

Keck said most pantry pest problems can be prevented by using all dried food within two to four months of purchase. Spices and other products that likely will be kept for longer periods should be sealed in airtight containers.

Getting ants out of your pantry

Probably the most encountered pantry pest is the ant, Keck said, but not all ants should be ‘treated’ the same.

“There are lots of different species of ants, and you really should know the species you’re dealing with in order to properly treat for it,” she said. “For example, sugar or pharaoh ants, which are a few of the more common pantry pests, should never be sprayed or they will disburse and bud into multiple colonies.”

Keck said the most effective way to treat for sugar and pharaoh ants is to use an ant bait.

“When you leave out a bait, the ants think it’s food and take the toxin back to their hiding place to share with the other ants. In that way, they do most of the work of killing the colony.”

She also noted the use of a bait removes the worry of ant dispersal and where the insecticide spray might drift.

Keck said while spray insecticides can be effective against other types of ants, ant baits or gels are the preferred method of treatment if being applied near food.

“If you’re using a spray, be sure to remove food products, utensils and containers from the treatment area,” she said. “Read and follow all label instructions. And allow the spray to dry completely before placing clean shelf paper on the shelves and returning items to the pantry.”

Freezing out the weevils

Another well-known pantry pest, the weevil, only feeds on whole grains.

“Once these pests have reproduced, it’s usually easy to notice their presence in your pantry because they appear as small, brown specks in foods that are usually light-colored,” Keck said. “You usually find weevils in rice or corn products, flour, rice, cereals and pasta, but you can also find them in chocolate, spices and other grain-based products.”

She noted many people mistakenly call any small beetle in their pantry a weevil, but unlike other pantry pests that just eat food, weevils also lay eggs inside the food. Once the eggs hatch, the larvae continue to eat that food until they are fully grown.

“There are some steps you can take to try to remove weevils from the

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Runnels Academy welcomes new teaching staff members



Courtesy photos

Runnels Academy returned to class this week. New teachers were welcomed to the staff: far left: Bryce Samel and left: Alyssa Garcia. Pictured above are Runnels Academy Logic students taking part in their math class on the first day of school for 2020-2021 year.

TSTC Computer Networking students to use virtual software program

Special to the Herald

ABILENE - A new program will allow Computer Networking and Systems Administration students at Texas State Technical College to work on equipment virtually.

TSTC will use the NetLab program for virtual lab sessions, instructor Adrian Medrano said.

"NetLab is very popular for remote training," Medrano said. "The benefits are amazing."

Students will use the program to work on a computer system online just like the real instruments. Medrano said students will operate instruments with knobs and buttons the same way they would an actual computer. Measurements will be displayed on the computer screen to help students during the lab session, he added.

"Having NetLab is huge. Companies like Cisco and Microsoft use this for training their employees," Medrano said. "With the push to move everything online, we are looking forward to getting this content to our students."

Medrano is no stranger to the program. He said TSTC instructors have used it for their own training sessions held throughout the state.

"I enjoy working with this program. It is easy to navigate," he said. "I see nothing but smooth sailing for our students when they use NetLab."

The program will allow Medrano and other instructors to achieve their goal of providing companies with a "well-rounded individual for an IT (information technology) department."

"We are not going to focus on one certain area. By the time a student graduates, they will learn how to take apart and put back together a computer system," Medrano said. "They will know how to put a computer on a company network, share files, and other aspects of computer networking."

That knowledge is important in today's business world, according to Medrano.

"Sharing information between computers in a business is the main aspect of the network," he said.

Another area in which students will gain knowledge is security settings.

"We are going to teach students how to make a computer virus-free and to make sure no one hacks into the system," Medrano said. "We are going to teach all of the security tactics they will need, as well as the difference between a virus, worm and

Trojan software."

Medrano said students will become knowledgeable about routers and switches.

"They will know the difference between a home router and routers used at small businesses," he said. "Students are going to know exactly how the internet happens when they complete the program. They are going to know how they can send something from their home to around the world with just one click."

Medrano said the online classes will benefit students.

"This will give students a lot of flexibility, and they can remain safe," he said. "We are going to deliver our content via video, but it will still have a classroom feel."

Medrano said instructors were recorded during classes last spring, and those videos will be used for classroom lessons during the upcoming school year.

"Students will be able to watch the video at their convenience and then practice what they learned with NetLab," he said.

Registration for the fall semester is underway. For more information, go to tstc.edu.

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pantry before calling in an exterminator," Keck said. "Remove any unsealed dry foods from pantry shelves, including containers of flour, rice pasta and cereal. Toss out any infested products as well as any unopened boxes of food containing whole grains, as weevils can live inside cardboard boxes."

She said any dried foods not infested with full-grown weevils can be placed in the freezer for four or more days to kill any larvae that may be present. Also, freezing dry foods soon after buying them is always a good preventive measure to ensure there are no live weevils inside.

"Once you have removed all infested products, clear the pantry shelves completely and vacuum every shelf and crevice," Keck said. "Then wipe down the shelves with hot soapy water and leave the shelves to fully dry before restocking with pantry items."

Exclude beetles by disposing and cleaning

Flour beetles and confused beetles are also among the more common pantry pests. The two species are almost identical at about 3/16 inch in length and both have flattened bodies ideal for crawling into cracks and crevices.

The flour beetle can get into the tiny cracks and crevices of your pantry. (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service photo)

"For practical purposes of treatment and control, it doesn't matter which species it is because the practices are the same," Keck said. "Adults and larvae of these species feed on stored food, primarily in milled or prepared products, and are perhaps the most common pest of processed flour. In addition to flour, they are found in cereals and other dried foods such as beans, peas, peppers and nuts."

Keck said removing and disposing of any infested product and cleaning pantry shelves thoroughly with soap and water is again the best

initial approach for managing these pests.

"Again, remove all food and containers before cleaning with soap and water and let the shelves dry before reapplying shelf paper and/or putting the items back," she said.

"In most cases for keeping pantry pests at bay, exclusion is your best approach," Keck said. "If you do a pantry 'spring cleaning' from time to time in order to remove older items and check to be sure new food items are undamaged and properly sealed, you're already well on your way to controlling any unwelcome pantry pests."

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