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Burn Ban, November election topping Commissioners agenda

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

Howard County Commissioners Court will be hearing a presentation from Jodi Duck regarding the upcoming November General Election during the regular Monday meeting set for 3:30 p.m. at the Howard County Courthouse.

Duck will be discussing with the Commissioners the ordering of the November election and signing notice of Election, during the meeting. She will also bring to the table, assigning judges/alt judges and polling locations for the election, as well as bringing discussion surrounding Early Voting plan for in person and curbside issues.

Commissioner Craig Bailey, Pct. 2, will be bringing discussion surrounding the lifting of the current Burn Ban. The Commissioners recently approved the extension of the burn ban, but with the recent rainfall the possibility of lifting is on the table.

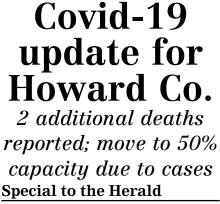
The County Commissioners will also be discussing once again the Electronic Storage requested by Tiffany Sayles in the Tax Office. A scanner request will also be made.

Dispatch Supervisor Cherrie Burcham will also be addressing the Commission-

ers Court and providing the yearly budget for Howard County 911 Communications District. Roadway Maintenance Updates will also be provided to the court by Road Engineer Brian Klinksiek.

Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman will be leading discussion on the Commissioners Court holiday schedule for FY 2021 and presenting a correction to the tax deed-Auction property. The Commissioners will also be looking at re-enrolling for free TAC Cyber Security Training Program- Odis Franklin and

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City of Big Spring and Howard County officials were notified of 119 new positive COVID-19 test results for the week of Sept. 7, 2020. To date, Howard County and Big Spring have had a total of 403 confirmed positive COVID-19 cases. The number of active cases increased from 53 to 128, an increase of 75 cases from last week. The total number of people recovered from COVID-19 also increased; we have 249 patients recovered, an increase of 41.

The dramatic increase in positive cases is attributed to an outbreak at the Federal Correctional Institution. Of the 119 new confirmed positive cases this week in Howard County, 105 are inmates at FCI Big Spring. Of the 128 active cases, 23 are Howard County residents; 105 are inmates at the FCI prison. Emergency Management expects additional positive cases from FCI to be reported in the coming days. Unfortunately, the increase in the number of active cases has affected Howard County's attestation of not having more than three

By Iris Rangel Herald Staff Writer

Last Friday, Prayer at the Pole was held at Scenic Mountain Medical Center to commemorate Sept. 11 and honor first responders and military heroes. The event began with County Judge Kathryn Wiseman urging community members to continue to remember what happened that day. "We have to remember that those kids that are now 19 and 20 years and above - they don't remember this. So, it's our duty and our charge to tell them about what happened on 9/11 and to press upon them the need to love their country, to be watchful, to be careful, to think about and pray for their country," Wiseman said. Wiseman also spoke on her personal experiences own

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when the catastrophe happened.

"Something I remember after the devastation, I called my oldest son and said, 'I want to give blood. Do you think that that's a good thing

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HERALD photos/Amanda Duforat & Iris Rangel The 14th annual 9/11 Memorial Ceremony was held at Spring Creek after the morning began with the 9/11 SMMC Prayer at the Pole. for me to do? To go stand in line and give blood?' and he said, 'Mother, there's no one left to give blood to.' That struck me and I still remember the devastation I felt," Wiseman said.

After Wiseman spoke, Mayor Shannon Thomason provided many thanks to all of Big Spring's first responders and military personnel.

He also made a note on how the tragedy, after the devastation, brought Americans

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Howard County still in moderate drought conditions despite recent rainfall amounts

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

Howard County has experienced a few days of moisture, with most areas of the community seeing around 2.5 inches of rain and others as much as 4 inches of rain. The south end of the county received quite a bit of rain during the recent rainfall, but the north and west ends of the county are still rather dry. While the rainfall and cooler temperatures were a welcome site for many, Howard County Volunteer Fire Department wants to warn that the drought conditions have not been resolved just yet.

"We are monitoring the drought levels on a daily basis," Howard County VFD Fire Chief Mitchell Hooper said. "We are watching closely and considering a temporary lift of the burn ban, in order to allow residents to get some brush piles cleared out, but we want to make sure it is safe to do so." Howard County has been under a burn ban since around May of this year. While this is one of the longer burn bans that has been in place for Howard County, the longest one recently was in 2011 when the burn ban was in place for almost a year and a half due to the drought. Recent rainfalls have brought much needed moisture to the area, but according to the Texas Forest Service reports drought conditions across the state are expected to get worse. The prediction is that the Fall and Winter seasons approaching will be warm and dry.

"We have been a lot busier this year than we were last year," Hooper said. "Last year we had a good two or three months that we were busy, but this year we have been consistent in having fires throughout the county. Last year we had 59 grassfires for the year and we are already sitting at 154 for

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Take Note

• A new group has started in Howard County. It is made up of people of all ages and genders who want to be better than they are. The focus of the fledgling organization is to engage in meaningful discussions that promote personal growth. Additionally, the yet to be named organization will plan and execute worthwhile activities within the community. There is no membership fee and attendance is not taken. The only requirements are that you be positive or want to be more positive than you are, consider yourself to be a good person but want to be better than you are, and that you have a desire to help others be better too. Childcare is available during the discussion time if you let us know. Topics to be avoided include Religion and Politics, though we can dance around them.

The unnamed group is being sponsored by the local Masons and it meets in the Masonic Lodge on the court square. It is not necessary that you have any masonic affiliation to participate in this Growth Group. All Covid-19 safety protocols will be followed as defined by local, state, and federal authorities. At this time refreshments will not be served but you are welcome to bring your own and not share. The next meeting is Sept. 17, 2020, at 7 p.m. at 219 South Main Big Spring, Texas. For more information write to Colonel.Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com or just come to the meeting.

• West Region Cotton Marketing Update: U.S. Market Outlook is set for Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 7 a.m. To find out more information or to register, contact the Howard County Extension Office for more details or for assistance with these meetings.

• 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

urday of each month from 10 AM to 12 PM at the Holiday Inn Express at 5321 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa. If you or someone you know has been touched by MS, or if you are just interested in more information please feel to contact Gary Tidwell at garylteagle1987@gmail.com.

• 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.

• Food2Kids will again be providing sack lunches to children in the Big Spring area who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It takes just a couple of hours of your time, and the work is very rewarding. Sacking takes place throughout the year on the first Monday and Tuesday of the month. To volunteer, just show up at Lakeview High School located at 1107 N.W. 7th St., at 5:30 p.m. You can follow their Facebook page for additional information https://www. facebook.com/food2kids/.

• O'Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Norman Witcher at 432-413-6663.

• Senior and/or mature adults are invited to come to a dance every first and third Friday each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center, located at 100 Whipkey Drive. Come two-step the evening away, or just mingle with old friends and make new friends. Dances are from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live entertainment. No alcohol or smoking permitted. Cost is \$5 per person.

• Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 89 inmates at the time of this report.

• ALEXIS JADE BLAND, 23, was arrested by HCSO on charges of evading arrest detention, failing to identify giving false/fictitious information, and engaging in organized criminal activity.

• **BRANDEE LEANN CASTILLO**, 23, was arrested by HCSO on charges of theft property (\$100 to \$750), evading arrest detention, and failing to identify giving false fictitious information.

• **MIGUEL ENRIQUE JUAREZ**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on charges of failure to appear/evading arrest detention with a vehicle, failure to appear/unauthorized use of vehicle, bondsman off bail/evading arrest detention with a vehicle, and bondsman off bail/unauthorized use of vehicle.

• JONATHAN EMANUEL TINDOL, 29, was arrested by HCSO on charges of failure to appear/possession of a controlled substance penalty group one (less than one gram) (x2).

• ALEXANDER URIAS, 32, was arrested by BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated 2nd, resist arrest search or transport, and possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).

• QUINCY LAMAR HENRY, 31, was arrested by BSPD on charges of bond revocation/aggravated assault with deadly weapon and assault causes bodily injury.

• **RODNEY MARTINEZ JR.**, 25, was arrested by BSPD on charges of theft (less than \$100), public intoxication, and possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).

• **FRANK TREVINO**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated (blood alcohol content greater than or equal to 0.1).

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 2600 block of Wasson Road. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Wood Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of E. 13th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of S. Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

• 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.

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

• Permian Basin Multiple Sclerosis Support Group for information, encouragement and support. The group meets monthly on the Second Sat• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month. We meet at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies, as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **QUINCY LAMAR HENRY**, 31, of 3906 Connally Street, was arrested on charges of assault causes bodily injury and warrant – agency.

• FRANK ALEXANDER TRE-VINO, 32, of 538 Westover Road, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated (blood alcohol content greater than or equal to 0.15).

• **RODNEY MARTINEZ JR.**, 25, of 504 Abrams Street, was arrested on a charges of theft property (less than \$100 shoplifting), public intoxication, and possession of marijuana (less than or equal to two ounces.)

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1200 block of Hilltop Road.

• FORGERY was reported in the 1100 block of S. Benton Street.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

was reported in the area of 1600 Centerpoint.

• **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported at in the 500 block of Westover Road.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 4800 block of W. Highway 80.

• FOUND PROPERTY was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1200 block of E. 11th Place.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of CR 44 and FM 846. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 8400 block of N. Service Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of State Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 500 block of Westover. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of Washington Boulevard. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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the Absolute Fire Protection – subscriber monitoring agreement terms and conditions.

Other items on the agenda include: Executive Session as part of Country Trea-

surer report

Treasurer's Monthly Report

 Purchase requests, invoices, budget amendments, monthly report from County Auditor

 Property and Casualty Insurance Proposal presentation

•Fuel bids

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County Clerk's monthly report

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this year."

According to Texas A&M AgriLife maps, Howard County as of Friday morning is sitting in moderate drought conditions. According to Hooper, a burn ban is considered and typically put into place when the county is sitting between 400-500 on the KBDI, which is typically reached around summer months.

"We usually try and hold off on a burn ban as long as we can, but when we start having a lot of grassfires we put it in place," he said. "As long as the ground is wet it is safe to burn whether it be brush piles or trash in a barrel, but once the winds kick up and the ground starts to dry out it's when we start to have the increased fire danger."

Hooper is hoping to see more rainfall in the near future in order to allow for more greenery to pop up. However, he does advise that even if the burn ban is lifted in the coming weeks, caution is to be used because there will be a mixture of dead fuel and the green grasses.

"We have been lucky this year in that we have kept the grassfires that have come up small, between 10 to 20 acres. We did have one that got a little bigger than that, but through the support of Road and Bridge we are able to keep these fires pretty well contained," he

As the colder temperatures come upon the horizon, Hooper wants to remind homeowners, as heaters start to get turned on be prepared to have the burning smell come up. However, this is a normal occurrence that comes as heaters that have been sitting for the summer begin to burn off the dust that collected.

"We typically have a lot of calls when people turn on their heater for the first time, but it's normally just the dust burning off and will dissipate as the dust burns off," he said.

More information regarding burn ban and fire danger can be found by following the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Facebook page.

Stanton Council to hold public hearing regarding condemning structures

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

The City of Stanton will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

The meeting will begin with a public hearing focused on Planning and Zoning Commision and condemning structures. The following properties are set to be part of the public hearing: Darold Malik, 700 S. Roden, Sec 36-1-S, 23 TR2 (P&Z); Delbert and Norman Donelson, Donelson ADD, block 36 Township South, Lots 7-9 and east 1-2 of Lot 10 (P&Z); William T Crow, 500 E. St. Anna, block 1, first ADD, 1-2 UND INT, 160x120 (condemn).

Those wishing to speak during the public hearing may do so. Comments are asked to remain in the five minutes time allotment. Once the public hearing has concluded, Council will move into the regular agenda and open with public comment.

The council will be considering and possibly ac-

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confirmed positive active cases per 1000 residents. At this time restaurants, retail stores, movie theaters, museums and libraries must limit their capacity to 50%.

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

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together.

"As Judge Wiseman said, 19 years ago this morning we were all transfixed by the devastation going on in New York City and at The Pentagon and in a field in Pennsylvania. What happened is terrible, but the ultimate effect...the drawing together of country...the one single minded purpose that we are all Americans, we all stand together, and vigilance is the ultimate price for freedom," Thompson said.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Chief Financial Officer Diane Moore spoke after Mayor Thompson, through her tears, about the importance of Sept. 11.

"I still remember that day. It's hard. Almost 3,000 people were killed during those attacks which triggered major U.S. initiatives to combat terrorism. On Sept. 18, 2001, Congress approved naming Sept. 11 Patriot's Day. Then, to commemorate the combat attacks in 2009, Sept. 11 is now a national day of service and remembrance. This morning we stand together, united, in remembrance to those who lost their lives," Moore said.

To begin the prayer portion of the event, Pastor Sam Segundo of the Family Faith Center in Big

cepting a resolution from Atmos, in addition to planning and zoning requests.

Action could possibly be taken regarding condemning structures that were discussed in the public hearing mentioned above. The routine reports from the City Administrator and Chief of Police will also be delivered to the council.

The council will also look at taking action on Trade Days request of \$28,000 for advertisement to promote tourism and Hotel/Motels.

- Other items on the agenda include:
- August bills
- Economic Development Reports and Projects
- August 10 & 12, 2020 minutes
- Rectifying investment policy
- Public comment

The meeting takes place in the council chambers located at 102 W. School Street. Those wishing to attend can do so.

prevent yourself and your loved ones from becoming ill from any respiratory illness including CO-VID-19.

On Sept. 10, 2020, Howard County officials were notified that two residents have succumbed to CO-VID-19 and passed away. The first patient was a 66-year-old male who was being treated outside of our jurisdiction; the second patient was a 59-year-old male that was also being treated by a doctor at an outside facility. These patients are the eleventh and twelfth COVID-19 related deaths in Howard County.

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

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

people of this great city. This is the second time this year we've come out here to join together our faith and unity and pray. What an honor it is to be in the United States of America as we celebrate and honor and remember what happened on that day. Certainly, we will never forget those back then and even today those that here right now. The Bible says in Psalms 33 verse 12, 'Blessed is the nation who's God is the Lord, Pastor Segundo said.

Prayer was then commenced by Segundo. After

prayer, the song "Amazing Grace" was heard playing via bagpipes by Albert Cavazos while the Big Spring Fire Department Color Guard raised the flag to half staff followed by a moment of silence.

Refreshments and a grab and go breakfast was made available for those attending. The breakfast was prepared by the Yellow Rose Cafe staff.

Iris Rangel is a Staff



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Spring offered his thoughts on the day.

"My wife, Christina, and I have the honor of pasturing Family Faith Center. We're the longest active pastors in the community and its been such an honor for 20 years to serve the citizens and the

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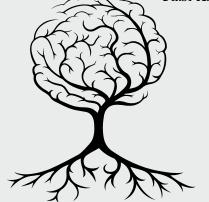
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OPINION



"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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A visit with Mrs. Noah

she said was, "Hi, Mr. Tumbleweed. I'm Mrs. Noah." She was busy taking food to her goats, pigs, chickens and a miniature pony.

Her place is Curly Q called Ranch Refuge. A sign near her place advertises it as a zoo. It's rightly named. Visitors get to help feed the ani-Some 50 mals. are on the property including 15 cats, 15 exotic chickens, 2 dogs, a few deer, some ducks, a parrot, 2 longhorns and 2 mini ponies.

During our conversation she was holding a baby raccoon, which made whimpering sounds while sucking on Linda's finger. "She fell out of a tree and was nearly snatched up by a dog. Fortunately a woman saw it and rescued it. This little critter is a lucky little girl." She has some picky goats. "If I slice something for them with a knife that I used to slice



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

something else they won't touch it. They are particular what they choose to eat."

Although Linda didn't grow up with a desire to save critters, a little fawn showed up on her property and she was hooked. "It looked so helpless," says Linda.

> "Its little foot was no bigger than the nail on my little finger." She took the fawn to a wildlife rescue operation and ended up working with the organization. When a 59-acre piece of property went on the market, she and her husband grabbed it. Her husband said he wanted a pig, so that's when things got serious. People bring animals to live the rest of their lives at their place. Most are rescue plus they buy some.

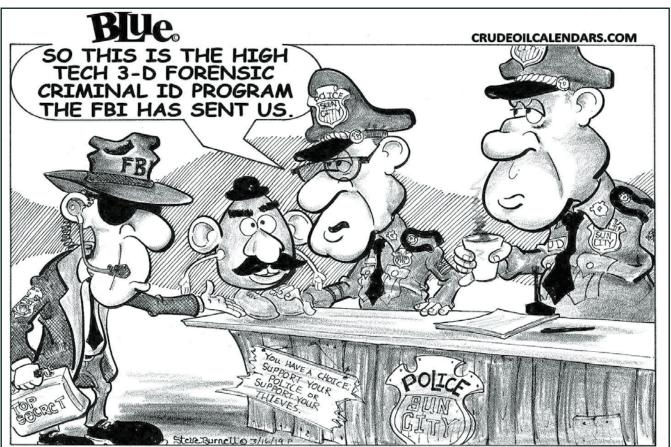
They're full right now. She names all the animals.

A pig is called Petunia and visitors seem to love it. Linda had 3 pet raccoons named Ricardo, Juan and Pedro. "They wild up and I set them free. Once, after I let them go, I saw them on a light pole and called our their names. They came down and crawled on my shoulders for a short time, then scooted off. I never saw them again."

Curly Q Ranch has 3 ponds that have goldfish and turtles in them. Guests can overnight in some cabins (bluebonnetcabins. com). "They love to just be in the woods and relax, feed the fish, talk to the animals and enjoy nature. So many of our guests come from major metropolitan areas and find a whole different world out here."

Linda has the amazing ability to communicate with the wildlife that surrounds her. "They're therapy for me. I completely lose all thoughts of problems when I'm with the animals. And they're so funny. We have a duck we call Airplane. When it was small it had too much protein and its wings stick out. Looks like a plane. And our chickens have feathers on top of their heads that look like majorettes' hats. Our parrot likes to mimic all the sounds it hears. We feed our raccoons in a 5-inch bowl and they crowd around it. It's one adventure after another around here. I didn't know what was required legally to take care of all these animals, so I studied and got licensed as a rescue operation."

When Linda and her husband aren't taking care of animals they have a company that makes custom mattresses.



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DAILY PRAYER

Dear Lord, may we always begin and end each of our days in prayer with You. Amen

and light up NUT GIUT aneaa

t quickly became the perfect storm, powerful enough to make strong men cry. The same goes for strong women, too, but Kim Peacock, president of GNS Foods in Arlington, is doing her best to keep her family-owned specialty premium nut company afloat despite "blows to the bow" that might cause others to jump ship.

Consider this: She started her company with hopes, dreams

and plans in 1990. Until recently, things were going well. They were roasting top-quality nuts, then packaging them for sale to other companies, mostly airlines that pampered their first-class passengers with first-class nut treats.

The year 2020 has been a nightmare for companies such as hers, what with bumper nut crops that caused tree limbs to break, a sharp increase in nut allergy

diagnoses, and the biggest "bugaboo" of all-COVID 19--crippling business. With greatly reduced flights, airlines have scrubbed nuts from all flights. She and her husband Don are doggedly determined to make things work again, remaining optimistic when pessimists contend there's a tunnel at the end of the light.

With a slowdown of orders and some deliveries refused, the company's storage space bulges with 87,000 pounds of packaged premium nuts, plus addition of raw ingredients accounting for another 87,000 pounds. The nuts were originally expected to be delightfully ingested on planes. Now, the inventory of cashewpecan-pistachio-almond blends must somehow be sold. It's critical to do so soon.

How critical? They've expanded their retail factory store at 2109 East Division in Arlington, offering 1.25# bags for \$5.95 each. This is well under the previous wholesale price. Patrons may buy one bag, a thousand bags or even more. (Shipping, of course, must be added.)

Kim, Don and 11 employees--including four relatives-don't

> want to be left holding the BAGS.

I had never previously heard of GNS, probably because I've never flown first class. However, I felt compelled to know more, despite having "zero connection" with anyone there. A visit was arranged.

I was blown Don away. It was "spicaway. ... and-span" by any and. Employ-outing **NEWBURY** standard. ees were busy filling various kinds of or-

ders from throughout the U.S., including fudge and divinity. Christmas items were being prepared, topped with festive handtied bows.

"Thankfully, we've developed a growing number of repeat customers for Christmas and other special events," Kim said

I asked about a "whatzis" on the nut-packaging conveyor. It's a metal detector. Huh? "Occasionally, raisins have buckshot in them," Don explained.

Huh again! He said that raisins come from California vineyards, beginning there as grapes. Hunters looking for dove see them disappear into the vineyards, and they "fire away," often hitting grapes instead of birds.

Well, alrighty then.

Next, I thought of fellow se nior adults--PrimeTimers we cal them--folks with whom I work a Burleson First Baptist Church. figured that many of them would love to create unique wrapping the nuts as Christmas gifts.

My wife's eyes rolled as eigh cases were loaded into our car (Sometimes, she doesn't share my incurable optimism.)

The nuts were taken to the church office. Within72 hours all 200 packages were gone, so we fetched 16 more cases. A drean would be to make others awar both of this bargain basemen price, as well as stir creative use by groups needing a fund-raiser.

Some of our seniors are work ing on clever nut-packaging, and one purchased 75 packages for her granddaughter's wedding re ception next spring. Others are simply "scarfing them down," holiday or not.

The phone just rang. Calling was a Howard Payne University graduate, Col./Dr. Murray, as sistant scoutmaster for sons Kai and Ian's California scout troop He thinks the nuts might be a great fund-raiser for his scouts (Murray, by the way, rode a bi cycle from Toronto to Texas, via Vancouver. He's now a USA Flight Surgeon credentialed for aerospace medicine. We don' have a better friend, or any alum nus we admire more.)

Allotted space is gone! For more "nut" information, see website greatnuts.com.

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Strong defense, Baeza lead Steers over Monahans 28-6 Friday night

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

The Big Spring Steers followed up their Week One victory, where they were able to pick up their first season-opening win since 2014, with another great team performance in Friday night's 28-6 win over Monahans.

"We want to play fast, we want to go play physical, and we want to force turnovers,' Steers defensive coordinator Brad Harman said

"We did all of those things tonight."

Another streak was broken with the win and the Steers are now 2-0 for the first time since that 2014 season. The Big Spring defense had a lights-out performance by forcing a heap of turnovers and the offense was able to score on their first three drives of

lead that they would never relinquish. Following a fumble on the opening kickoff by the Steers, the defense stood strong and forced a turnover on downs after four plays by the Loboes.

Big Spring then ran a balanced offensive attack down the field that included two Orlando Sanchez runs, two catches by Maverick Yanez, another completion to Pablito Dehoyos and a pair of runs by quarterback Gabriel Baeza. On the very next play following the 14-yard completion to Dehoyos, Baeza ran off left tackle 13 yards and into the end zone for the first Big Spring score of the night.

It would be the first of three rushing touchdowns that Baeza would score on Friday night. Despite over 200 passing yards and another score through the air, the junior gunslinger was most satisfied with his work on the ground Friday.

"I was proud of my run game today," Baeza said. "I'm just going to keep preparing and hopefully I can show off my arm some more next week."

The next defensive drive for the Steers was stronger than the first. On back-to-back plays, linebacker's Braxton Pearson and Ricky Escovedo made stops behind the line of scrimmage and the Loboes were forced to punt after another three-and-out.

That brought Baeza and the rest of the Big Spring offense back onto the field. On the first play of the drive, Baeza looked left as if he was going to throw a screen, pump-faked hard enough to where the whole defense bit, and then launched a deep pass down the left sideline to a wide open Jose Cantu who went into the end zone untouched for a 41-yard score.



HERALD Photo/Shawn Moran the game to give themselves a comfortable Big Spring players reflect during a moment of silence.

> Monahans was able to move the ball on their next offensive possession and made it all the way into the red zone. Facing a second down from the Steers' 13-yard line, Monahans running back Bryson Jaquez took a carry where he was met behind the line of scrimmage by the pair of Isaiah Holloway and Elijah Darrow for a loss of four yards. On the very next play, Jaquez tried to take a pitch outside the numbers but was met by the strong tackling of Big Spring cornerback Java Ford for a loss of four more yards. Facing a 4th-and-11 deep inside Steer territory, Monahans guarterback Bond Heflin dropped back to pass. Heflin was met quickly in the backfield by Steer pass rusher Caydon Rash who was then joined by safety Eli Cobos and Pearson to bring him down for a loss of 12 yards.

> "Our defense was hungry and the players out there were uber-physical. I just told them that if they continue to play like this, there's going to be a lot of games like this this year," Harman said.

> Big Spring's next drive was highlighted by a 57yard connection from Baeza downfield to receiver Kaegen Mitchell that set the Steers up at the Monahans 22-yard line. Baeza then connected with Dehoyos for 12 yards to convert on a third down and the Steers has the ball at the 10-yard line. On a designed run off left tackle, Baeza took the ball and was able to slip into the end zone for another rushing touchdown and his third total touchdown of the first half.

> The Steers next two drives did not go as well. Baeza was looking for an open receiver downfield

and decided to throw a jump-ball to Mitchell. The ball was instead intercepted by Monahans cornerback Leonard Davis and the

Steers streak of three consecutive scoring drives was ended. On the first play of the Steers next offensive possession, Baeza fumbled the ball and Monahans took over already in the red zone.

"The two turnovers in a row really put our defense in a bind," McWilliams said. "They shouldn't have been back out on the field. But credit to Coach Harman and his defensive staff because on that side of the ball we were able to stuff them twice."

Following a nice pass breakup on the first play of the drive, Big Spring's Ford was able to intercept a pass in the back corner of the end zone on a trick play that he read the entire way.

Big Spring went into halftime holding a 21-0 lead and even with the late first-half turnovers seemed to be in complete control of the game.

The defense kept up their hot start into the second half and were doing a tremendous job at keeping the Loboes out of the end zone. On one Monahans pass in the third quarter, Mitchell used his tall frame to grab an interception on a pass deep down the right sideline.

A few plays into the fourth quarter, Baeza followed his strong offensive line into the end zone for a 1-yard touchdown run. It was Baeza's fourth total touchdown of the game and he now has 10 through the first two contests of the season.

Monahans was finally able to get some points on the board with just over three minutes remaining in the game. On a drive where a Pearson pick-six was called back because of a defensive holding call, the Loboes were able to bounce back and move down the field on a drive that was capped off with a 13-yard touchdown run by sophomore running back Adan Saucedo.

The Loboes had one last chance on offense in the game. On a pass towards the back right corner of the end zone, Mitchell once again went up and grabbed it for his second interception of the night. The Steers then kneeled and ran out the final seconds of the clock of their 28-6 win.

Big Spring will now head out on the road for their first away game this year to take on Brownfield next Friday night. McWilliams believes his team will build off of this win and the Steers will be trying to move their record to 3-0.

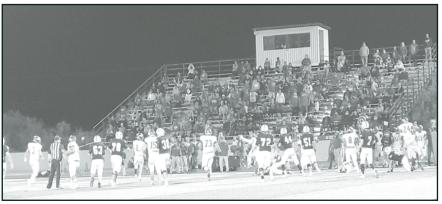
"Our confidence should be growing," McWilliams said. "This will be our first road trip and we'll finally be able to get into a regular routine."

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Forsan takes a 27-6 win over Stanton Buffaloes

MLB Standings (Through 9/4/20)

for Homecoming 2020



HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat

The Forsan Buffaloes claimed the first win of the season as they celebrated Homecoming 2020. The final score was 27-6 against Stanton.

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

Determination and hard work served the Forsan Buffaloes well for their Homecoming Game this past Friday. In a battle of the Buffaloes, Forsan took the win with a final score of 27-6.

Forsan came out with Buffalo Pride high from the moment they ran onto the field. As Forsan wrapped up the first half of the Homecoming Game, they had the lead at 7-0.

The Forsan Buffaloes played a strong defensive game Friday night causing four turnovers for Stanton which helped claim the victory. In addition to the multiple turnovers, Forsan held Stanton only a couple of drives and made it a point to hold each play ran by Stanton to stay under 20 yards, except for two.

After the Homecoming festivities concluded, the Buffaloes continued the momentum from the first quarter as they headed back onto the Rodger Hudgins Field. The second half of the game brought back to back scores for Forsan pushing them to a strong hold on the game. Coach Hogan's Stanton Buffaloes continued to battle for another touchdown, but just could not complete the transaction.

As Forsan claimed the win Friday night, they claimed the first win of the season bringing them to sit at 1-2 for the season.

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Toronto Blue Jays	24	20	.545	4.5	10-7	14-13	213	210
New York Yankees	24	21	.533	5	16-7	8-14	218	195
Baltimore Orioles	20	24	.455	8.5	10-15	10-9	210	225
Boston Red Sox	16	30	.348	13.5	8-17	8-13	214	288
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Chicago White Sox	28	16	.636	-	12-9	16-7	234	174
Minnesota Twins	28	18	.609	1	19-5	9-13	207	165
Cleveland Indians	26	19	.578	2.5	12-11	14-8	180	143
Detroit Tigers	20	24	.455	8	10-11	10-13	205	246
Kansas City Royals	18	28	.391	11	8-13	10-15	185	220
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Oakland Athletics	28	15	.651		18-7	10-8	205	160
Houston Astros	22	23	.489	7	16-6	6-17	226	216
Seattle Mariners	19	24	.432	9.5	11-8	8-17	188	232
Los Angeles Angels	18	28	.391	11.5	12-12	6-16	223	253
Texas Rangers	15	29	.341	13.5	11-12	4-17	166	236
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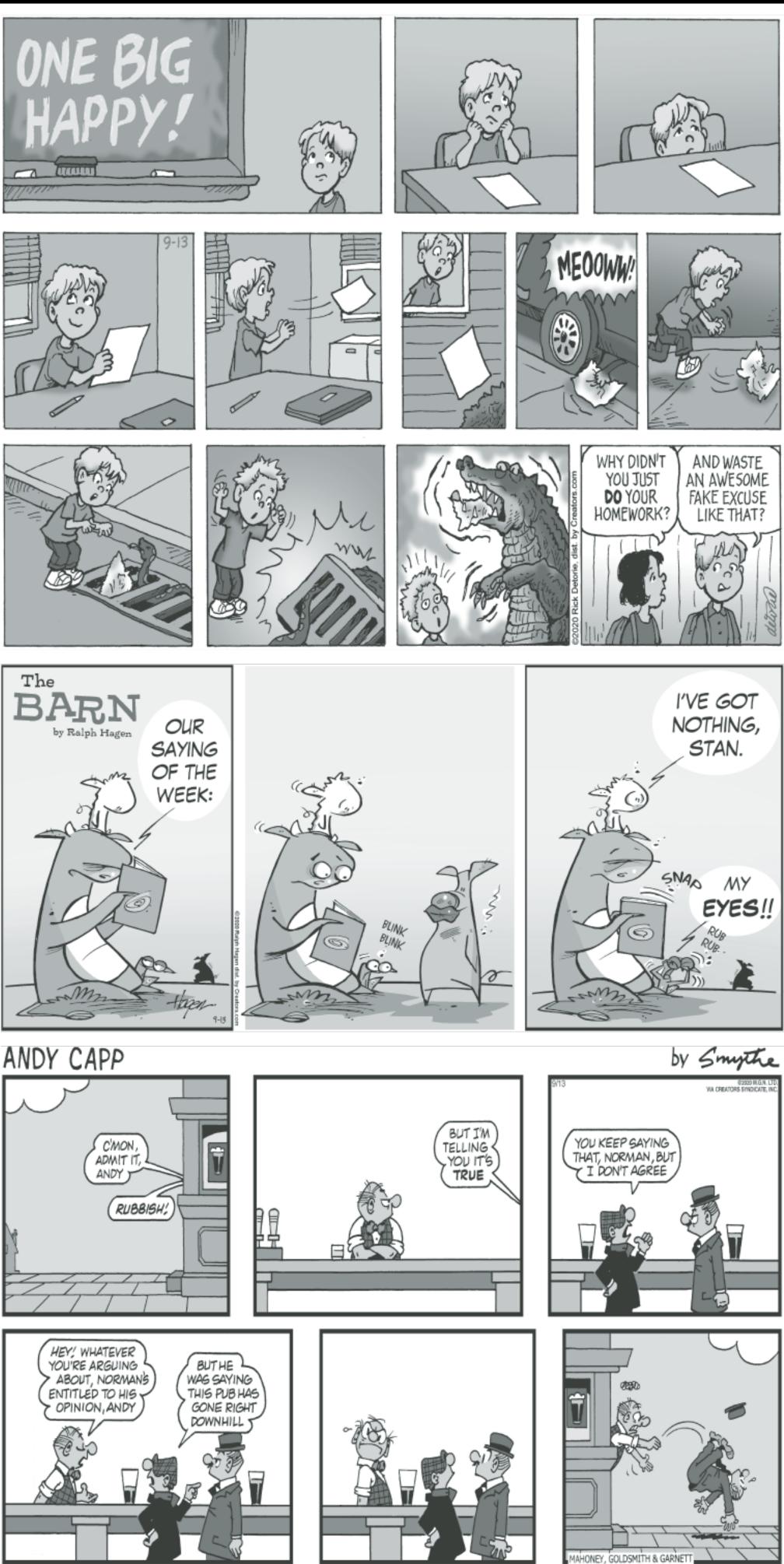
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This week's reviews include fiction novels.

In 1803 Spanish California, Aurora Rivera risks her simple life as a mission teacher to accept a governess position in "Dawn's Light in Monterey" (F REA M) by Marilyn Read and Cheryl Spears Waugh. She arrives at the fabled Rancho de Montaraz, not suspecting the true motive behind her requested employment. The aristocratic Iván de Montaraz, his head-strong daughter, and his younger brothers prove more than Aurora bargained for. Iván, a man accustomed to unquestioning obedience, sometimes seems displeased with her presence. Still, Aurora finds herself attracted to the rancher, unaware that he is hiding truths about her heritage powerful enough to alter her beliefs, and a tragedy from his past that controls his future. When a raging wildfire results in injuries, Aurora calls on her adopted sister. Pia, a nurse trained in native remedies, and she discovers there is more to one de Montaraz brother than meets the eye. Longburied secrets surface from the brothers who hold their hearts. How will Aurora and Pia recover from the betrayals and cling to the Godly principles they hold dear?

For Madison Grayson, life is good in "On a Coastal Breeze": Three Sisters Island #2 (F FIS S) by Suzanne Woods Fisher. Newly licensed as a marriage and family therapist, Maddie can't wait to start her practice. Despite the unfortunate shortage of eligible bachelors on the island, they're all too young, too old, or too weird, Maddie feels like she's finally found her sweet spot. Not even one panic attack in the last year. Not one. And then Ricky O'Shea drops in, literally. Floating down from the pure blue sky, the one man in the world she hoped never to see again, the one who'd been her archnemesis from kindergarten through her senior dance, parachutes into town, landing on Boon Dock, canopy draping behind him like a superhero. Ricky O'Shea. Now Pastor Rick, the new minister on Three Sisters Island. For Maddie it is time to panic.

In Gabino Iglesias' second novel, "Coyote Songs" (F IGL G), ghosts and old gods guide the hands of those caught up in a violent struggle to save the soul of the American southwest. A man tasked with shuttling children over the border believes the Virgin Mary is guiding him towards final justice. A woman offers colonizer blood to the Mother of Chaos. A boy joins corpse-destroyers to seek vengeance for the death of his father. These stories intertwine with those of a vengeful spirit and a hungry creature to paint a timely, compelling, pulpy portrait of revenge, family, and hope.

Print English is a Texas cattleman bent on build ing a longhorn empire in "Beneath the Texas Sky The Cattlemen, Book 1 (F REA M) by Marilyn Read and Chervl Spears Waugh. First the Civil War interrupts his dream, then feisty, auburn-haired Julie Denton decides that God intends her to be the woman who shares Print's life. Julie convinces Print to marry her but his headstrong ambitions precipitate a crisis with organized cattle rustlers. Then a crazed thief who has murdered one girl sets his sights on Julie. In a time of lawlessness, how will Print and Julie find justice?

"The magic of a story is when the characters come to life, and defy our expectation.'

H.S. Crow

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Forsan Board of Trustees to hold meeting Monday evening

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

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Monday evening meeting, the Board of Trustees will be	New York Jets	@	Buffalo Bills	12:00 p.m. (CBS)
d consider changing regular board meeting start times.	Chicago Bears	@	Detroit Lions	12:00 p.m. (FOX)
vill also hear from the JH/HS Principal. During the re-	Green Bay Packers	@	Minnesota Vikings	12:00 p.m. (FOX)
e will be provided on English as a Second Language. Fol-	Philadelphia Eagles	@	Washington Football Team	12:00 p.m. (FOX)
//HS Principal will be the Elementary Principal report,	Las Vegas Raiders	@	Carolina Panthers	12:00 p.m. (CBS)
o be addressing the ESL report.	Indianapolis Colts	@	Jacksonville Jaguars	12:00 p.m. (CBS)
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ment	Arizona Cardinals	@	San Francisco 49ers	3:25 p.m. (FOX)
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Community outreach - working together -Supporting Howard County





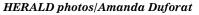
Community support is made possible through partnerships within the community and throughout the state of Texas. Through grant monies and local volunteers, two distributions took place over the past week in order to meet a few needs that existed in the community.

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Courtesy photos/KBYG United Way board members and NuStar volunteers joined with Sarah Farms representatives were on hand Wednesday at Memorial Stadium to hand out milk to Howard County residents for a couple hours at lunch time. Through a recently received grant, the donations were able to take place. Another round of milk distribution could possibly take place later this month. More information will be released once a date is confirmed.







Last weekend members of the Howard Country Resource Board along with other volunteers joined forces to distribute 100 box fans, which were provided through a donation from TXU. With no questions asked, community members were able to drive up and have a box fan loaded up into their vehicle. The Resource Center also has school supplies and backpacks available for those students in need. The Howard County Resource offers an array of support services for comunity members, as well as outreach programs.

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Lunch menus

Big Spring ISD

Anderson Accelerated

Monday: Breakfast: Cherry Frudel, cereal with string, cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Cheeseburger, egg chef salad with flatbread, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Coco puff pastry, vogurt with string, cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Corn dog, popcorn chicken salad with flatbread, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon sugar, donut, cereal with string, cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets with roll, taco salad with flatbread, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast Crunch pastry, yogurt with string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Chicken fried steak with roll, chef salad with flatbread, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal with string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Walking taco, yogurt, cheese and fruit salad, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Elementary

Monday: Breakfast: Cherry frudel, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, sunbuter and jelly sandwich, assorted fruits and vegetables, 100% juice box, assorted milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Coco puff pastry, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk. Lunch: Pizza bagel, lunchables, popcorn chicken salad, assorted fruits and vegetables, 100% juice box, assorted milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon sugar donut, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk. Lunch: Corn dog on a stick, turkey sandwich, assorted fruits and vegetables, 100% juice box, assorted milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Yogurt with crackers, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, ham and cheese sandwich, assorted fruits and vegetables, 100% juice box, assorted milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cereal bar with bug bites, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk. Lunch: Tony's cheese pizza wedge, sunbutter and jelly sandwich, assorted fruits and vegetables, 100%juice box, assorted milk.

High School

Monday: Breakfast: Waffle bites with fruit, egg/ sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, cinnamon toast crunch cereal, assorted fruits and juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk. Tuesday: Breakfast: Grape uncrustable, waffle bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, cinnamon toast crunch cereal, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk. Lunch: Hamburger/ cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk. Wednesday: Breakfast: Grape uncrustable, waffle bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, cinnamon toast crunch cereal, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk. Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, pancake bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, cinnamon toast crunch cereal, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk. Friday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, waffle bites with fruit, egg/sausage/ cheese burrito, refried beans, cinnamon toast crunch cereal, assorted fruit and juice, assort-MANE ed milk. Lunch: Hamwhere everyday is burger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

with elf grahams, yogurt and elf grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza, assorted juice and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cinnamon sugar, donut, yogurt and elf grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza, assorted juice and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Chocolate filled crescent, yogurt and elf grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza, assorted juice and milk.

Junior High

Monday: Breakfast: Cherry frudel, yogurt and elf grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza, assorted juice and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Coco puff pastry, yogurt and elf grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza, assorted juice and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Strawberry nutrigrain with elf grahams, yogurt and elf grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza, assorted juice and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cinnamon sugar donut, yogurt and elf grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza, assorted juice and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Chocolate filled crescent, yogurt and elf grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza, assorted juice and milk.

Kentwood

Monday: Breakfast: Chocolate chip, muffin, fruit, 1% milk. Lunch: Pizza sticks with sauce, fruit and vegetable, 1% milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon sugar donut, fruit, 1% milk. Lunch: Waffle bites with smile fries, fruit and vegetable, 1% milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Strawberry poptart, fruit, 1% white milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, fruit and vegetable, 1% milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Yogurt and string cheese, fruit, 1% milk. Lunch: Corn dog, fruit and vegetable, 1% milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, 1% milk. Lunch: Tony's cheese pizza wedge, fruit and vegetable, 1% milk.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Cereal bars, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk (elementary); egg, cheese and potato taco or cereal, strawberry cup, fruit juice and milk (JH/HS). Lunch: Wild Mike's cheese bites or chick-

en nuggets with mac and cheese (elementary); boneless chicken wings with mac and cheese (JH/HS) or PB&J sandwich, steamed broccoli with cheese sauce, baby carrots. applesauce cups. fresh fruit and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: French toast sticks, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk (elementary); French toast sticks with sausage or cereal, apple slices, fruit juice and milk (JH/HS). Lunch: Chicken sandwich or popcorn chicken with roll (elementary) buffalo popcorn chicken bowl with roll or turkey and cheese sub, fries. savorv green beans, strawberries and bananas, fresh fruit and milk. Wednesday: Breakfast: Honey buns, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk (elementary); Sausage, egg and cheese tornado or cereal, mandarin oranges, fruit juice and milk (JH/HS). Lunch: Pizza or crispy chicken salad or PB&J sandwich, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, strawberry cup, fresh fruit and milk. Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk (elementary); Breakfast pizza or cereal, strawberry cup, fruit juice and milk (JH/ HS). Lunch: Steak fingers or mini corn dogs (elementary); General Tso's Asian bowl (JH/HS) or turkey and cheese sub, mashed potatoes, baby carrots, fruity gelatin, fresh fruit and milk.

fle with bacon or cereal, applesauce cup, fruit juice and milk (JH/HS). Lunch: Garlic french bread pizza or nachos with ground beef or PB&J sandwich, corn, rach sytle beans, applesauce cup, fresh fruit and milk.

Coahoma

Breakfast: Elementary, Junior High and High School

Monday: Sausage biscuit, 100% fruit juice. fruit milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast combo, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Chicken n waffles, 100%, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Stuffed bagel with sausage

or pancakes with sausage, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Friday: Dutch waffle with bacon or french toast with bacon, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch: (K-8)

Monday: Steak fingers with gravy, roll or philly cheesesteak sandwich, potatoes, tomato cup, strawberries and banana, milk.

Tuesday: Spaghetti bowl with breadstick or french bread pizza with marinara sauce or chef salad, garden salad, California blend veggies, fruit cup, milk.

Wednesday: Boneless chicken wings or Texas chili with corn bread or popcorn chicken salad, celerv sticks, carrots, peaches, pudding, milk.

Thursday: Mexican combo plate or quesadilla or taco salad, corn, beans, salsa, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday: Popcorn chicken with roll or sloppy joe sandwich, vegetable medley, potatoes, pears, cookie, milk.

(9-12/High School)

Monday: Steak fingers with gravy, roll or Philly cheesesteak sandwich, potatoes, tomato cup, strawberries and bananas, milk.

Tuesday: Spaghetti bowl with breadstick or french bread pizza with marinara sauce or chef salad, garden salad, California blend veggies, fruit cup, milk.

Wednesday: Boneless chicken wings or Texas chili with corn bread or popcorn chicken salad, cleerv sticks, carrots, peaches, pudding, milk.

Thursday: Mexican combo plate or quesadilla or taco salad, corn, beans, salsa, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday: Popcorn chicken with roll or sloppy joe sandwich, vegetable medley, potatoes, pears, cookie, milk.

Senior Center

Monday: Grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, banana pudding, crackers, milk.

Tuesday: Pork stir-fry, oriental vegetables, brown rice, cookies, egg roll, milk. Wednesday: Stuffed peppers, black eyed peas,

oven okra, diced pears, cornbread, milk.





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Intermediate

Monday: Breakfast: Cherry frudel, yogurt and elf grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza, assorted juice and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Coco puff pastry, yogurt and elf grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza, assorted juice and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Strawberry nutrigrain

BULLDOG STEEL

Friday: Breakfast: Maple mini pancakes, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk (elementary); Dutch waf-

Chloe is a 1-year-old Golden Retriever/German Shepherd mix. She is playful 5710 W. I-20 and loves children and adults. Chloe walks well on a leash. **Big Spring, TX** 432-267-7832 who says a soulmate has to be human? Exit 174 Off I-20 hcths.org Your West Texas Metal Source...A BUILDERS Best Friend! BEAMS REBAR PURLIN INSULATION FLATS SHEET METAL ROUNDS **CUSTOM TRIM**

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Thursday: Soft chicken tacos with cheese, fiesta corn, lettuce and tomatoes, banana, milk.

Friday: Ham and cheese sandwich, carrot raisin salad, cottage cheese, mixed fruit, baked chips, milk.



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BIG HERALD

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Highlighting Howard Co. Business Same name, new business venture Medrano's House of Tees

By IRIS RANGEL

Herald Staff Writer Mario Dehoyos and his family are taking over ownership of the custom tee shirt shop located across the movie theater inside the Spring Creek Mall. Medrano's House of Tees, formally House of Tees, are looking to make a new business venture into tee shirt, cap, mask, and apparel screen printing. Beginning the first of June, the Medrano family took over the local tee shirt shop and is looking to expand their family-oriented business style into the tee shirt business. Although their family origins are not from Big Spring, Change.

us in the mall - it was they stand together. called Bella's Bou-

tique and then she had Danger Zone which was a little food spot in the mall. We've always done a little bit of everything on our own. My dad too, he's also business savvy and makes the right moves at the right time. It's just, you know, following in the footsteps of your parents, like most people do. Following the trade of their father, which we all did," Mario Dehoyos, Medrano's House of Tees Manager said.

Although the Medrano family is known for their oil change business here in Big Spring, this new business venture is viewed by them as a new and exciting opportunity.

"My dad is the business savvy one, he's the one who sees what could be. With the oil change place, we turned that around 360 degrees and that's what we're trying to do here," he said. "We don't stop there at that little shop. He saw an opportunity and



HERALD file photo

you may find their Medrano's House of Tees is the newest business in the name to be a familiar Spring Creek Mall. While the name may be the same and one here in Howard familiar faces are serving the community, the Medrano County as they also family is venturing out into a new business jounrey. Reown Medrano's Oil cently, in recognition of their new business, House of Tees

did a t-shirt handout representing Howard County Strong. "My mother has al- The t-shirt giveaway was a way to bring focus back to the ways had that entre- businesses located inside the mall and show the commupreneurial mindset. nity they are still open for business and together the com-She even had - before munity and small business can get through this as long as

> We're more family oriented. We're not trying to get a thousand hats out to the oil field, we'd rather do one or two for the guy that's going to go watch the Steers play Saturday," Dehoyos said.

> Even with the closure of multiple businesses within the mall over the years due to the impact of Covid or otherwise, the Medrano family is still hopeful the situation will turn around. Over the past few weeks, businesses all over Howard County have began to reopen and attempt to get back to normal. Since the reopening, the Medrano family is looking forward to seeing more and more customers come through the mall and visit all of the local shops inside.

> "Normally, not a whole lot of people come through the mall, but now that we're getting a little more

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Chamber of Commerce happenings

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce took this week off from the routine Thank You Presentations, due to the Labor Day holiday this past week. Last week, the Chamber welcomed a new member Mekason Pharmacy to the community with a ribbon cutting. This coming week, the Chamber will pick up the Thank You presentations and ribbon

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Area Chamber of Commerce

GasBuddy weekly gas prices for Texas

Special to the Herald

Texas gas prices have fallen 1.2 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$1.91/g today, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 7.4 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 36.4 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 fallen 2.8 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.21/g today. The national average is up 3.7 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 34.2 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

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

September 8, 2019: \$2.27/g (U.S. Average: \$2.55/g)

Average: \$2.85/g)

- September 8, 2017: \$2.50/g (U.S. Average: \$2.67/g)
- September 8, 2016: \$1.98/g (U.S. Average: \$2.18/g)
- September 8, 2015: \$2.15/g (U.S. Average: \$2.39/g)
- September 8, 2014: \$3.23/g (U.S. Average: \$3.43/g)
- September 8, 2013: \$3.37/g (U.S. Average: \$3.56/g)
- September 8, 2012: \$3.65/g (U.S. Average: \$3.82/g)
- September 8, 2011: \$3.48/g (U.S. Average: \$3.65/g)

September 8, 2010: \$2.50/g (U.S. Average: \$2.66/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

Midland Odessa- \$2.03/g, down 5.5 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.08/g.

San Antonio- \$1.77/g, down 1.4 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.79/g.

Austin- \$1.84/g, down 2.1 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.86/g.

"Gas prices have started to fall as expected as oil prices have fallen slightly since Hurricane

September 8, 2018: \$2.61/g (U.S. Laura moved on and as seasonal challenges come to into view," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "We'll likely see additional downward movement in the weeks ahead with gasoline demand set to decline as we move into the fall months and as COVID-19 restrictions keep demand from rallying. It's entirely possible we could see the national average fall under \$2 per gallon by the end of the year without a major improvement in the situation."

> 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, Gas-Buddy'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-todate in the country. GasBuddy data is accessible at http://FuelInsights.GasBuddy.com.

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BUSINESS

Better Business Bureau offers tips for National Preparedness Month

Special to the Herald

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Ready is a public service campaign from the Department of Homeland Security dedicated to educating Americans on how to prepare for and respond to emergencies. The Ready campaign recognizes September as National Preparedness Month, which promotes family and community disaster planning.

Texas ranks consistently among the states experiencing the most natural disasters, both in frequency and variety. According to a 2019 FEMA report, Texas has had 255 federally declared disasters since 1953. The most common of these were fires, floods and hurricanes. Hurricane Laura caused an estimated \$12 billion plus in damage, serving as a reminder of the importance of preparedness.

If you want to improve your family's level of preparedness, use these tips from Ready.gov and your Better Business Bureau:

Make a plan.

First, assess which type of disaster or severe weather could affect your area. Remember, as temperatures cool down in Texas, thunderstorms may bring hail and flash flooding.

Establish evacuation and communication plans with your family and take time to practice the plan before disasters occur.

Build a kit.

An emergency kit can help you and your family



survive if roads are closed or electricity is lost after a disaster. Your kit should include basic supplies like non-perishable food, drinking water, battery operated radios, flashlights and a first aid kit.

You should also take specific needs into consideration. This could include items like prescription medications, personal hygiene products, diapers, baby formula and pet food. Be sure to update your

kit as needed.

Watch for price gouging, as some sellers may take advantage of disasters and mark up prices on necessities.

Be cautious if you choose to purchase a pre-made disaster kit. These kits may include low quality items for high prices.

Adapt to the pandemic.

Take COVID-19 into consideration when preparing for a disaster by including face masks for each member of your family in your disaster kit. If possible, include a backup mask for each family member.

Update your evacuation and shelter plans accordingly. Be sure your designated shelter has plenty of room for social distancing.

Prepare for disasters.

Anticipate ways to decrease potential damage during natural disasters. Removing damaged tree branches and securing loose gutters are small

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cuttings. On Tuesday, Chamber Ambassadors will host a Thank You Presentation at Expedition Royalty and on Wednesday, a ribbon cutting will take place for Encompass Home Health.

The Big Spring Chamber also recently hosted a Business Development meeting that was aimed at the upcoming holiday season. Discussion took place regarding holiday events and more information will be coming out soon regarding Halloween activities, holiday shopping opportunities, and other festive events that will be taking place this year amidst the pandemic.

For those wanting to find out how to become a member of the local Chamber, call Debbye ValVerde at 432-263-7641 for more information.

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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 Date: August 27, 2020

Grantor: Vicki Elaine Scott, as independent executor of the estate of Glen a Scott, deceased

Grantee: Jonathan Kirk Scott, as independent executor of the Estate of Gary Lee Scott, deceased Property: Any and all interest I may have in the following: Lot No. 3, block No. 1, in Jearld Smith Addition Date: August 28, 2020

Grantor: Jonathan Kirk Scott as independent executor of the estate of Gary L. Scott, deceased Grantee: Ulises Toledo Ramirez and Rocio Tovar Property: Lot No. 3, block 1 in Jearld Smith Addition Date: August 31, 2020

Grantor: June Young, individually and as heir of Howard Lyndon Young aka Lyndon Young, deceased

NEW Continued from Page 3B

retail-esque and see people come through on a daily basis instead of a ghost town. Since everything is reopening, we're getting a little more foot traffic, so that's nice to see too," he said.

Even though House of Tees has undergone a slight name change and new ownership, Dehoyos still would like to emphasize that the quality of their products, has not gone anywhere.

"We want to let people know that we're into something new and just because it's new doesn't mean the quality is poor. The quality is definitely still here," Dehoyos said.

Getting involved in the Big Spring community is a must with local businesses to be able to reach everyone within them. For Medrano's House of Tees, they have already began to provide business to local youth group organizations across Howard County. According to Dehoyos, a parent provided scrimmage jerseys for Big Spring ISD's football team, and Medrano's House of Tees printed Steer logos and numbers on them to all be donated to the team. They have also provided work for another non-profit, Joe Bright Basketball Training. In their most recent push to support local businesses, they also held a tee shirt handout to promote Howard County Strong. Looking to help others within the Howard County community, Medrano's House of Tees is willing and ready to aide in the betterment of the community and its businesses.

"As far as Chamber of Commerce and stuff like that, we'd like to get involved, definitely. We've been doing things for the community with a lot of non-profit organizations - for the youth. And that's another thing we're really looking forward to is helping other small businesses grow with ours, that way we help each other out," he said. "We want to just give a thank you to the community for being loyal to our family and if there's anything we can do to help we're just one call away or one stop away, because we're willing to help anyone and everyone in the community."

Medrano's House of Tees is located in the Spring Creek Mall across from the movie theater and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Dehoyos encourages the community to stop by for all of your custom apparel and design needs.

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

Property: Being all of lot No. 10, block 29, College Park Estates No. 5 Date: August 31,2020

Grantor: Austin Boyer

Grantee: John Marquez and Kristian Danielle Hallford Property: Being the south 57' of lot 8, block 2, amended plat of Muir Heights Addition Date: August 31,2020

Grantor: Sammy Aguilar, Jr. Grantee: Brooke S. Atkins Property: A 1.0 acre tract of land out of and part of the SE/4 of Section No. 48, block No. 32, Township I-North T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas; said 1.0 acre tract of land Date: September 1,2020

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

Marriage Licenses:

Gilberto Saldana, 43, and Angela Burciaga Hidalgo, 38, both of Big Spring.

John Robert Numbers, 45, and Krysha Lee Bearden, 38, both of Stanton.

Alfred Israel Garcia, 25, Anissa Renee Hernandez, 26, both of Big Spring.

District Court Filings

Plaintiff: Jesseca Garcia, individually and next friend of K.A.G. And K.N.G. Minor children Defendant: Damien Martel and Select Energy Services LLC Type of Case: Injury/Damage – Motor vehicles Date: September 3, 2020

Plaintiff: Chanel Torres Defendant: Blas Torres Jr Type of Case: Divorce – no children Date: September 8, 2020

Plaintiff: Ashley Shugart Defendant: Paul Shugart Sr. Type of Case: Protective order – no divorce Date: September 8, 2020

Plaintiff: Perla Rodriguez Torres Defendant: Julio Montoya Type of Case: Divorce - Children Date: September 8, 2020

Plaintiff: Steve Henry Defendant: John Mulkey d/b/a J.M. Construction Type of Case: Date: September 8, 2020

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Loten LLC, a Texas limited liability company Grantee: Tristin Riddle Property: Lot 18, block A, Merrick Green Addition Date: August 31, 2020

Grantor: Josh Wooten and Leanne Wooten Grantee: Adolph Granato Property: Being a 0.972 acre tract of land out of the SW/4 of Sec. 16, block 32, T&P, RR Co. Survey Grantee: Donnie Edmondson Property: Surface estate only: Surface estate only covering a tract of land out of and part of the SE quarter

of Section No. 43, block 31, Township 1-North, T&P Ry. Co. Surveys Cert No. 2/31, Howard County Texas Date: September 1, 2020

Grantor: Luis Eduardo Vasquez Grantee: Juan Anthony Gonzales Jr. Property: E. 50' of W. 100' of N. 150' of E/2 of Tract 24, William B. Currie subdivision of the SE/4 section 42, block 32, T&P Ry. Co. Survey Date: September 2, 2020

Grantor: Brian Pritchard and Kortney Pritchard, a married couple Grantee: Kyhooya Partnership, LLC Property: Being all of Lot No. 5 and 6, in block No. 4 Date: September 3, 2020

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lein

Grantor: April Gutierrez fka April Terry Grantee: John Hughes

(Between Gregg & Goliad)

Grantee: Michael Anthony Hilario Property: Being all of lot No. 3, block No. 4, West Cliff Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the map or plat of record in envelope 105/A, plat records Date: September 2, 2020

Grantor: Jeromy Lee Gomez and Sara Crowley Grantee: April Gutierrez and Seth Sterling Property: Lot 9, block 1, Belvue Addition Date: September 4, 2020

Grantor: Bobby Doe and wife, Ronda Doe Grantee: Shane Mayhall

Property: Lot 12, block 34, Cole and Strayhorn Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to proper map or plat on file in the office of the County Clerk of Howard County, Texas, commonly known as 1101 E. 15th Street. Date: August 18, 2020

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Announcements

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Garage Sales

3 Family MOVING SALE! 500 N. 1st St. in Coahoma. Fri. & Sat. 7:30am -?? Too Much to List Everything Must Go!

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Contact Amanda Duforat 432-263-7331 Ext. 230 for questions or to submit your resume at editor@bigspringherald.com.

Public Notice

Coahoma Independent School District will receive proposals until 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 25, 2020, for the purchase of two new suburbans or the equivalent. Information may be obtained by contacting the Business Office at 600 N. Main St, Coahoma, Texas 79511, or by telephone at (432)394-5000 Ext. 4. Proposals will be presented to the Board of Trustees for consideration at the regularly scheduled meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2020. Coahoma ISD reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

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C/O Reneee Thompson

Carlsbad, California 92010

DATED September 9, 2020

/s/ C.E. Mike Thomas III

C.E. MIKE THOMAS III

State Bar No.: 19845200

BIG SPRING, TX 79721

Telephone: (432)263-4142

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Howard County, Texas, to:

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Cause No. P-15051, pending

sued on July 29, 2020 in

in the County Court of

Chelsea Fryar.

scribed by law.

2105 Runnels

C/O Chelsea Fryar

Facsimile: (432)267-2763

Attorney for Renee

P.O. BOX 2117

Thompson

#10646

scribed by law.

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Notice to Creditors

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Dalton Lewis, deceased were issued on July 29, 2020 in Cause No. P-15036, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Casandra De La Cruz and Michael Lewis.

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

Casandra De La Cruz and Michael Lewis C/O C.E. (Mike) Thomas III P.O. Box 2117 Big Spring, Tx 79720

DATED September 9, 2020

<u>/s/ C.E. Mike Thomas III</u> C.E. MIKE THOMAS III Attorney for Cassandra De La Cruz & Michael Lewis State Bar No.: 19845200 P.O. BOX 2117 BIG SPRING, TX 79721 Telephone: (432)263-4142 Facsimile: (432)267-2763

#10645

Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Frances A Ferguson, deceased were issued on July 8, 2020 in Cause No. P-15039, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Donna Rigdon.

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

C/O Donna Rigdon

Big Spring, TX 79720 **DATED** September 9, 2020 <u>/s/ C.E. Mike Thomas III</u> C.E. MIKE THOMAS III

C.E. MIKE THOMAS III Attorney for Chelsea Fryar State Bar No.: 19845200 P.O. BOX 2117 BIG SPRING, TX 79721 Telephone: (432)263-4142 Facsimile: (432)267-2763

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The Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District will hold a meeting at 9:00 a.m. on September 15th, 2020 at 132 N. Main Street, Garden City, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for the 2021 tax year. The proposed tax rate is \$0.006571 per \$100 of value.

#10636

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DATED September 9, 2020

<u>/s/ C.E. Mike Thomas III</u> C.E. MIKE THOMAS III Attorney for Donna Rigdon State Bar No.: 19845200 P.O. BOX 2117 BIG SPRING, TX 79721 Telephone: (432)263-4142 Facsimile: (432)267-2763

#10647

Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Betty Morgan, deceased were issued on July 10, 2020 in Cause No. P-15040, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Renee Thompson. #10648

PUBLIC NOTICE

Advertisement for Request for Proposals

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Documents may be obtained from Steven A. Smith, Chief Business Officer, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720. Responses will be accepted through 2:00 PM CST, Tuesday, September 29, 2020, in Old Main South Annex, Room A2, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, at which time they will be read into record.

All questions should be directed to Steven A. Smith, Chief Business Officer, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432) 264.5019. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all responses.

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Dear Annie: My boyfriend and I have been dating for about a year and a half. While maintaining separate homes, we spend the majority of our days and evenings together. I have three children and get along very well with my ex-husband and his girlfriend. My boyfriend has a son, "Tommy."

The problem is that my boyfriend's ex-wife creates conflict and difficulties for him. She is remarried to the man she left him for, and though my boyfriend accepted him in time, she continues to make things difficult for everyone. In fact, she goes around talking

about both of us, telling people that he is not involved with Tommy and doesn't pay for anything, which is not true. They have 50/50 shared custody, and we do support Tommy.

Recently, my son came to us and said Tommy told him that my boyfriend hates Tommy and lied about several things. I assume this is likely because Tommy constantly hears negative things about his dad and was seeking attention. We often talk with Tommy about the challenges his mom presents. We have put him in counseling to help him cope with the conflict, and we feel we have done everything we can possibly do to help. But, recent-

Annie's Mailbox ® ly, Tommy has been asking to stay with his mom more and more,

and we believe she is

seeking full custody.

My boyfriend is sick over this, as we've tried very hard to provide a different and more positive environment for Tommy. This hasn't been easy with three kids of my own and the challenges that split homes naturally have anyway.

We realize things will never change with my boyfriend's ex, but how do we navigate this? Things with her are always an issue, whether it is clothing Tommy has there versus here, or me helping with homework. More and more, Tommy is pulling

away, and it's not only extremely hurtful to my boyfriend; we worry about the negativity he constantly encounters in his mother's home. What more can we do? Or is it simply time to let go? -- Wanting What's Best for Everyone

Dear Wanting: My heart goes out to Tommy. Divorce is always challenging for children, and the best thing you can do for his sake is continue trying to get along with your boyfriend's ex. It sounds like you do a wonderful job at that. Your boyfriend should have an open and honest conversation with his ex about his concerns. If she is seeking full custody, he might want

to seek legal counsel.

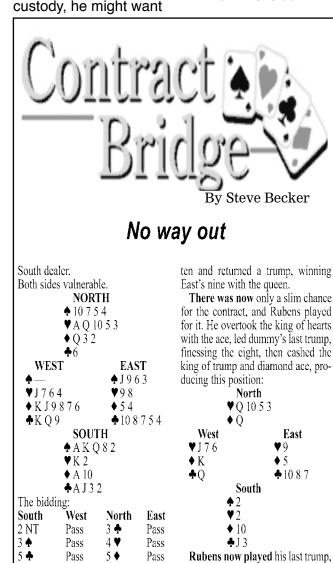
The only thing you can do is be supportive and loving to Tommy. Never bad-mouth his mother, and practice the good old-fashioned rule that if you don't have anything nice to say about someone, don't say anything at all. I wish Tommy's mother would live by that, too.

Tommy might be pulling away for now, but if you and your boyfriend continue to show him unconditional love, patience and support, he will come back to you.

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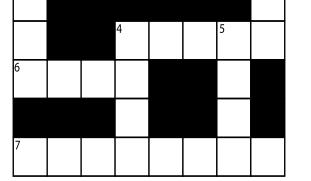
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Rubens now played his last trump, and West was in a pickle. Hoping his partner had the jack of clubs, West discarded the queen of clubs as declarer discarded dummy's diamond. Rubens then cashed the jack of clubs. West this time parting with the king of diamonds, hoping his partner had the ten. But Rubens now played that card, on which West discarded a heart. When declarer next led a heart of trump. After West showed out, and finessed dummy's ten, West's

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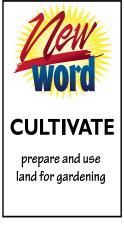
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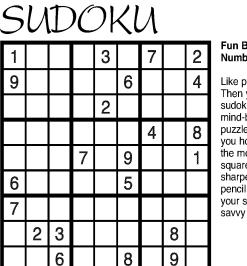
A hand played by Jeff Rubens the year he won the national men's pairs is a marvelous example of how to parlay a high degree of skill with a corresponding amount of good luck

Opening lead - king of clubs.

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to bring in a grand slam. Rubens took West's king-of-clubs lead with the ace and cashed the ace Rubens ruffed a club with dummy's agony was finally over.

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ARIES (March

21-April 19). You will have companionship, and you won't have to worry about choosing the right person either. Just wait for someone to join you. Whoever comes along is the right person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Instead

of making your goal to create the most money or the most success, try this life-changing goal: Have the most fun. A playful spirit will attract everything you need.

GEMINI (May

21-June 21). Can you personally elevate the collective soul of mankind? Yes. How else would it raise? Each "you" picks up a bit of it. If not for the "you's," there would be no one to do it.

CANCER (June

22-July 22). You have healing powers. You know this because you are one tough custom-

er and yet were able to SCORwork magic on yourself. Whatever you did for you, you can do for them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Procrastination is

fear in disguise. Affirm to yourself that whatever you don't know about the situation can be learned along the way. It won't be that bad. You might even like it. Take a little bite.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-

Sept. 22). To co-create will be a thrill whether you think it's going well or not. There will be lessons along the way. Creative collaborations are as particular a partnership as any love match.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-

Oct. 23). Your mind doesn't like an open loop. Something incomplete will haunt you. You'll go back and back to it until you've either discovered the answer or made up a theory to hold you over until you do.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS CAP-CAP-

PIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Destruction.

which is terrible is very different from demolition, which

is necessary. You must tear down the old to make room for the new. You're ready to let go so you can build.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

If you feel you must succeed, it means that, somewhere in the thought stream running through your head, there's some false information. Either stop demanding success or change your definition of it.



favorite beverage is more relaxing than the same will apply else-

AQUARIUS (Jan. times, ideas just come to you, but don't depend on it today. The best projects, solutions, theories, recipes and more will begin with a brainstorm. Don't skip this step.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't know what to do

next, and that means you're in an exciting position, alert with the energy that only fresh trouble can provide. Search for answers in the obvious places.

TODAY'S BIRTH-DAY (Sept. 13). Your competitive streak becomes apparent, and you are willing to fight for your position in a loved one's heart. You'll exchange steamy glances. This could lead somewhere interesting. Gemini and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 44, 1, 13 and 27.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

The difference between connected or relational interactions and transactional interactions will be a good thing to know and stay aware of this week under the ever-appropriate Virgo sun. Venus in Leo keeps urging us to go deeper.

People often ask questions to be polite -- questions they have no interest hearing the answers to. And so, unsurprisingly, they will not track the response too closely or remember them later. To reach out in sincere curiosity is to start a connection whereas reaching out with the expected verbiage smooths the way to a transaction.

Transactional interactions are much easier to measure. They usually involve exchanges such as time or money that can be easily quantified. Relational connections are measured in things difficult to quantify, such as feelings, intuitive responses and overall experiences. The size of connected relationships can be surprising When we experience their particular shape and weight, it is often far greater than the amount of time or effort that went into the relationship. Connection carries within it its own power source.

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5. Mix the olive oil with the remaining 4 tablespoons rub and spoon the mixture over the exposed lobster meat.

6. Brush the grill grate and coat it with oil. Put the lobsters, cut-sides down, on the grill directly over the heat. Cover and grill for about 4 minutes, until the edges start to brown. Turn the lobsters over and move them away from the heat. Cover and grill until an instant-read thermometer inserted into the meat registers about 140 F, about 10 minutes. If your grill has a temperature gauge, it should stay at around 350 F.

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Grilled, fresh lobster is the

ultimate treat

There is no denying that lobsters are an interesting looking species. It's difficult to imagine that someone first had the inclination to catch and cook these well-armored crustaceans. However, as those who have dined on lobster can attest, lobsters' unique look masks a lot of taste. Lobster and shellfish decompose quickly after death, so they have to be cooked within minutes of perishing. Boiling is a common method of cooking lobster. However, by quickly dispatching with the lobster and then cooking it on the grill, the flavor profile of lobster becomes even more pronounced. Follow these guidelines for "Lobster Grilled With Seafood Butter" from "Mastering the Grill" (Chronicle Books)

1. Heat the grill with indirect heat, medium (325 F to 350 F).

2. Put a lobster on its belly on a rimmed sheet pan. Hold a sharp knife with the blade perpendicular to the length of the lobster. Insert the knife into the back of the lobster where the shell of the thorax meets the shell of the head. Remove the knife and turn the blade parallel to the length of the lobster. Starting at the place where you just inserted the knife, cut down the length of the lobster through the center of the thorax and the tail. Turn the lobster onto its back and cut in half lengthwise. Remove the light green tomalley from the body cavity and, if present, the long sac of dark green roe that runs down the back of the lobster, and put them in a small skillet or saucepan. Crack the claws by whacking them across the crest of their bulge with the back of a heavy knife. Put the lobster halves on a plate that will collect their juices. Repeat with the remaining lobsters.

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Lobster Grilled With Seafood Butter Makes 4 servings

by Andrew Schloss and

David Joachim.

4 live lobsters, about 1 pound each

6 tablespoons Green Chimichurri Rub (see below)

2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill

tablespoons unsalted butter

Finely grated zest and

teaspoon green 1 hot pepper sauce

3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

Oil for coating grill grate

3. Drain any liquid that has collected on the lobster plate into the pan holding the tomalley. Cook over medium-low heat just until the lobster drippings turn white and the tomalley brightens, about 1 minute. Cool.

4. In a food processor, purée the tomalley mixture with 2 tablespoons of the rub, the dill, the butter, about one-fourth of the lime zest and juice, and the hot pepper sauce until the mixture is smooth and thick; set aside.

7. Remove the lobsters to a large serving platter. Drizzle the meat with the remaining lime zest and juice, and place a dollop of the seafood butter in the open place of each lobster half so that people can dip the lobster meat into it as they eat.

Green Chimichurri Rub

cup finely 2⁄3 chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

2 cloves garlic, minced

2 tablespoons grated onion

teaspoons kosher salt

2

1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

teaspoon dried 1/2 marjoram

1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes

Combine all chimichurri rub ingredients, and use as directed.

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juice of one lime

Texas Crop and Weather Report

<u>Texas AgriLife</u>

Special to the Herald

The Texas corn crop has reached the midway point, and expectations are for an above-average crop, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Ronnie Schnell, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension agronomist, Bryan-College Station, said 2020 delivered mixed results for Texas producers due to unfavorable weather conditions. Despite challenges, some areas did see better-than-expected yields.

Schnell said weather variabilities, especially rainfall and its timing, were the major contributor to field success or failure around the state. Too much rain delayed or prevented corn planting in some areas while drought created problems for many other regions.

"It's been a challenging year for Texas corn growers," he said. "Corn acres were down, and yields have been mixed so far here at the halfway point. I didn't expect to see above-average yields because of how dry it's been and how spotty the rains were all season."

Corn acres down, yields up

Corn acres were down slightly this season, Schnell said. According to a U.S. Department of Agriculture August report, Texas producers planted 2.5 million acres of corn in 2019 compared to 2.4 million acres in 2020.

About half of Texas' corn acres are harvested, he said, with the state's major corn-producing region – the Panhandle – typically winding down in October. Schnell said he was somewhat surprised to see the USDA's expected corn yields to be up slightly overall this season due to weather conditions.

The USDA reported per-acre yields at 133 bushels last year, and an updated per-acre yield forecast of 138 bushels for 2020 as the growing season continues. "Yields have been mixed around the state so far," he said. "I observed corn barely reaching waste high by tasseling stage along the Coast. You expect bad yields when plants are stunted due to dry weather, but timely rain fell in some areas and made a good crop."

Irrigated and dryland Texas A&M AgriLife Research Corn Performance Trials in Rio Grande Valley, Corpus Christi and along the Upper Coastal region performed well despite challenges in the region. Full reports and multi-year data will be available this fall.

Irrigated fields around Monte Alto and San Patricio produced 176 bushels per acre and 163 bushels per acre, respectively, he said. Two dryland fields further north near Port Lavaca and Wharton produced 153 bushels per acre and 166 bushels per acre, respectively.

"They were basically good yields in our locations, but then fields not too far away were really dealing with some tough conditions," he said.

Too much, too little rain

Producers in north Central Texas received excessive rains in spring that forced producers to plant much later than normal, Schnell said. Some acres were not planted as producers missed the planting window for corn.

"Some producers weren't able to plant until April, and that pushed a lot of those fields into hot, ary weather, which is not a good recipe for corn yields," he said. As a result, charcoal rot, which is typically associated with drought stress, caused some issues, he said. The disease-infested plants were under stress, and producers were seeing premature death by the dent stage.

those fields hit by charcoal rot. But overall, the Texas corn crop appears to have escaped any major pest or disease issues.

There was some concern about an early freeze in the Panhandle and Texas Plains this week, Schnell said. Most plants are not mature yet, and they are susceptible to yield losses, but how low temperatures get and duration at those temperatures will determine the potential for damage. If freezing temperatures are avoided, corn will continue to grow once temperatures warm up.

"We're about halfway through with the state's corn crop, and hopefully there are no major issues in the Panhandle," he said. "It's been a few years since we've been this dry across a large portion of the state, but whether it's wet or dry, we don't like the extremes on either side."

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

CENTRAL

After severe drought conditions, the district received 2-12 inches of rainfall. There was some flooding reported. This rainfall was a game changer for most farmers, but especially for livestock producers. Producers were expecting to make a final cutting of hay, and soil moisture to be good for winter grazing and small grains. Water tanks were replenished. Pastures were in fair condition, and livestock were in good to fair condition. Cotton producers weren't very excited about the rain as harvest approached. Nearly all counties reported adequate soil moisture.

SOUTH PLAINS

Much-needed rains delivered trace amounts up to almost 3 inches across the district. Cotton stopped setting bolls, and early planted cotton bolls were opening. Farmers who planted pumpkins early were busy harvesting, but it will be a couple of weeks before pumpkin harvest ramps up. Hay grazer and corn harvests continued. Cattle were in good condition with supplemental feeding. Some farmers were getting fields ready for wheat planting.

FAR WEST

Temperature highs were beyond 100 degrees with lows in the lower 60s. Only trace amounts of rain were reported. A large pasture fire burned 11,000 acres and took days to control. Dryland cotton was still in poor condition but started to set bolls, and some bolls were starting to open. Irrigated cotton was still growing well and started to set bolls. Rangelands remained in poor condition. Alfalfa farmers continued to cut and bale and reported weedy pastures. Beef cattle were in good overall condition as some producers prepared to calve small groups for fall calving. Pecan producers were still irrigating orchards to fill nuts and were optimistic about the crop.

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SOUTHWEST

Parts of the district reported up to 2 inches of rainfall. Areas that did not receive moisture continued to experience extremely dry conditions. Corn and grain sorghum harvests were complete with reports of average to good yields. Livestock were in fair shape with supplemental feeding. Cattle, sheep and goat prices were steady. Fall shearing continued. Dove season opened with good numbers reported. Home gardeners have started planting fall gardens.



SOUTH

The district reported hot weather conditions with very short to adequate soil moisture levels. Temperatures were 100-plus degrees daily in most areas and the high 90s everywhere else. Live Oak County reported the heat index reaching 120 degrees. Some scattered showers were reported. La Salle County reported 1 inch of rain, and Live Oak County reported trace amounts of rain up to 2.5 inches, while Starr County reported up to 1.5 inches of rain in areas. Rangeland and pasture conditions improved in some areas and continued to decline in drier areas. Some areas reported pastures were moist and greening up. Row crop producers were focused on remaining cotton and most were optimistic harvest should wrap up soon, but rain was in the forecast. Jim Wells County reported aside from a few straggling grain fields, all grain sorghum was harvested. Cotton defoliation and harvest continued. Peanuts were under irrigation and continued to develop. Soil was being prepared for strawberry plantings. Rains were not beneficial for dove hunters. Preparations for fall crops were underway. Irrigated fields of watermelons and cantaloupes were producing good harvests, and Coastal Bermuda grass pastures were producing good hay bales. Beef cattle producers were culling and selling, and a few earlier weaned calves were showing up at local markets. However, hay producers were busy the last few weeks harvesting forages produced after the rains brought by Hurricane Hanna. Supplemental feeding of livestock and wildlife increased in drier areas. Irrigated pecan orchards were in good condition. Zapata County reported stock tanks were full. A few sesame fields were harvested.

Schnell said he estimated up to 30% losses in

Comptroller Glenn Hegar Distributes \$765 Million in Monthly Sales **Tax Revenue to Local** Governments

Specail to the Herald

AUSTIN – Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced today he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$765.3 million in local sales tax allocations for September, 4.5 percent less than in September 2019. These allocations are based on sales made in July by businesses that report tax monthly.

Rising COVID-19 infection rates in July likely suppressed economic activity.

As for the local sales tax allocations for September 2020, they are as follows:

Cities - \$495.2M showing a decrease of 4.8% change from last September and a slight increase of .2% for the year to date change.

Transit Systems - \$163.9M showing a decrease of 3.2% from last year in September and a decline of 1.5% as a year to date change.

Counties - 46.1M showing a decrease of 9.4% since September 2019 and a slight decrease of .9% for the year to date change.

Special purpose taxing distrticts - \$60.1M showing a decrease of 1.8% for the change since September 2019 and an increase of 5.4% for the year to date change from 2019 at the same time.

In total there was \$765.3M allocated which is a decline of 4.5% from September 2019 and a very slight increase of .1% for the year to date change.

The Comprtoller provides updates on a routine basis. For details on September sales tax allocations to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, visit the comprtoller's Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports.

WEST CENTRAL

Much of the district received much-needed rain showers, but northern areas remained dry. Some farmers planted wheat and oats. Cotton conditions were declining slightly. Pastures were in poor condition and supplemental feeding of livestock continued. Ranchers were starting to cull livestock. Stocker and feeder prices were lower across all

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Forsan Elementary shows school spirit



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School is back in session, football season has started which means it's time for pep rallies! Forsan ISD has been hosting a weekly pep rally outside on the football field, in order to allow for social distancing and to give the students an opportunity to show their school spirit and cheer on the Buffalo football team as they head into each week's competition. Last week, elementary students were able to join in the fun and had a blast doing so.

The exotic animals from South America may require some extra attention, but they can be rewarding pets. By Texas A&M University College of Vet-the risk of parasites. If they will be at pasture, she minery Medicine & Riemedical Sciences

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Llamas and alpacas are closely related animals, both hailing from South America. Although they may have an exotic allure, they are commonly kept as companion animals and can make rewarding and unexpected pets for owners with the space and time.

Dr. Evelyn MacKay, a clinical assistant professor of food animal medicine and field service at the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, says that the benefits of owning a pet llama or alpaca include companionship, fiber production, the opportunity to train and show them, and protection as a guard animal.

Potential owners who are considering adopting a llama or alpaca should take into account the care these animals require, including vaccinations and routine dental care, as they are prone to tooth abscesses and require trims for overgrown incisors.

"Llamas and alpacas also need their hooves trimmed, as they have two claws that continue to grow," MacKay said. "In addition, they should have regular fecal exams to check for intestinal parasites. They're very sensitive to intestinal parasites that also affect sheep and goats. I usually recommend that healthy llamas and alpacas get checked every three to six months and more frequently in any animals that have had problems with parasites."

It is also vital that potential owners are able to provide the appropriate environment for their new pet. MacKay says they can happily live in a relatively small dirt pen but that there should not be any grazing area if their enclosure is small to reduce

recommends at least a couple acres — the larger, the better.

Owners should also consider the management of their pet's waste.

"Llamas and alpacas produce little formed pellets; rakes and scoops can be used to clear it from your yard or pasture," she said. "In large pasture situations where they have many, many acres to roam and graze, you usually don't have to maintain the feces that much, as it will decompose as the season goes on, but the feces can be a source of parasites and should be removed in smaller areas to avoid contaminating the environment."

It is also very important that these animals have a supplied water source in their environment that is monitored and changed daily. Adequate water intake can help owners manage the risk of heat stress.

"Heat stress is a really important problem that we see here in Texas with llamas and alpacas," MacKay said. "They grow this beautiful fiber coat, but it needs to be shorn at a minimum of once per year, although I recommend twice per year.

"Heat stress can be life threatening for these animals if not treated quickly," she said. "They should always have shade available, and some enjoy having access to a fan or gently being wetted down with water to stay cool."

The diet of llamas and alpacas is largely hay- or grass-based. Animals requiring extra calories may be fed special food formulated for llamas and alnot on enough pasture."

These animals are also very social and enjoy being kept with other members of their own species.

However, unneutered alpaca males may tend to fight, so owners should be aware of the group dynamic of their herd. MacKay also adds that some llamas may be OK as solitary or guard animals, but most members of this species need social interaction to be happy.

"Llamas and alpacas often can very happily coexist in pastures with goats, sheep, donkeys, horses and other animals — oftentimes, cattle as well," MacKay said. "Owners should be very careful about interactions with dogs. They are susceptible to dog attacks and can be badly injured by them."

As a final note, MacKay adds that a common misconception that paints llamas and alpacas as "spitters" may deter potential owners, but this behavior is often misunderstood and fairly uncommon.

"Llamas and alpacas get a bad rap for spitting. It's not actually their spit that they might throw at you; it's the contents from their first stomach compartment, so it's actually a little bit of thrown up food," she said. "It's not as common as people think. They typically only do it when they feel threatened or upset.

"If you have a good bond with your llama or alpaca and you're giving them enough space and making them feel safe, it's unlikely that they'll spit on you."

pacas.

"It's really important that they always have access to forage," MacKay said. "Forage means either grass they can graze or access to hay. Coastal Bermuda grass hay is a great forage source that many

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Social Security scams hit the Permian Basin

Special to the Herald

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Better Business Bureau serving the Heart of Texas has received an influx of reports regarding Social Security scams in the Permian Basin.

Residents in the Permian Basin received phone calls from a man claiming to be with law enforcement and asking for their full names, addresses and the last four digits of their Social Security number. He provided the consumers with a false badge number.

Social Security scams generally involve consumers receiving a call from a scammer claiming to be from the Social Security Administration (SSA). Victims are told their Social Security number has been used for fraudulent activity, and they need to confirm the number or provide other personal information. The scammers can become aggressive if the consumer declines to share that information. In some cases eventhreatening to

have them arrested.

These reports come after a BBB study on government impostor scams, which was released in July. The study showed that while overall reports of government impostor scams were decreasing, scammers were finding creative new ways to target victims.

The FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) reported \$124.29 million lost to government impostor fraud in 2019. In the first half of 2020, BBB Scam Tracker received 515 reports of SSA impostors, constituting 78% of all government impostor scams to Scam Tracker in that time span.

Use these tips from your Better Business Bureau to avoid Social Security fraud in the Permian Basin:

Never share personal information. Be cautious what information you share, especially when you receive unsolicited calls.

Know SSA procedures. Knowing basic SSA procedures can help you avoid falling victim to a scammer looking to steal your information. The SSA will never call you to demand immediate payment or pay a debt without the ability to appeal the amount owed. They will never require a specific form of payment, such as wire transfer or prepaid debit card, or ask for your personal information over the phone. And an SSA representative will never threaten you with arrest or deportation.

Don't trust caller ID. Caller ID can be spoofed to say a call is from the SSA, so don't make decisions

based on caller ID.

Contact the SSA directly. If you are unsure of a call you receive, hang up and call the SSA at 1-800-772-1213.

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