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County Commissioners Meeting
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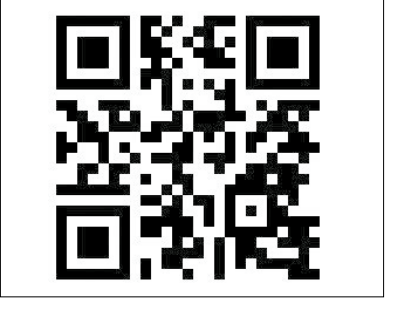
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Burn Ban, November election topping Commissioners agenda

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 discus-

sion 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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Sept. 11 - Never Forget



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.

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 own personal experiences

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 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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Covid-19 update for Howard Co.
 2 additional deaths reported; move to 50% capacity due to cases
Special to the Herald

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

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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 grass-fires for the year and we are already sitting at 154 for

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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 Treasurer report
 - Treasurer's Monthly Report
 - Purchase requests, invoices, budget amendments, monthly report from County Auditor
 - Property and Casualty Insurance Proposal presentation
 - Fuel bids
 - VINE Service Agreement between Howard County and Appriss
 - 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 said.

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.

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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 Commission 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-

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.

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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

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

On Sept. 10, 2020, Howard County officials were notified that two residents have succumbed to COVID-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.

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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 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

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.

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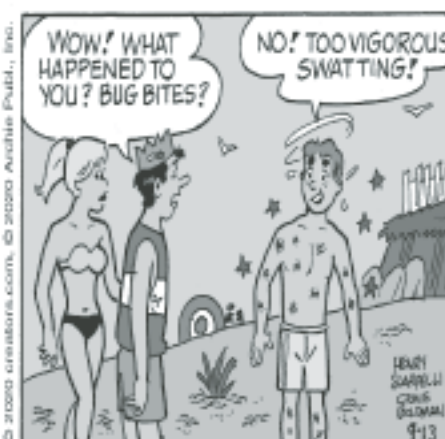
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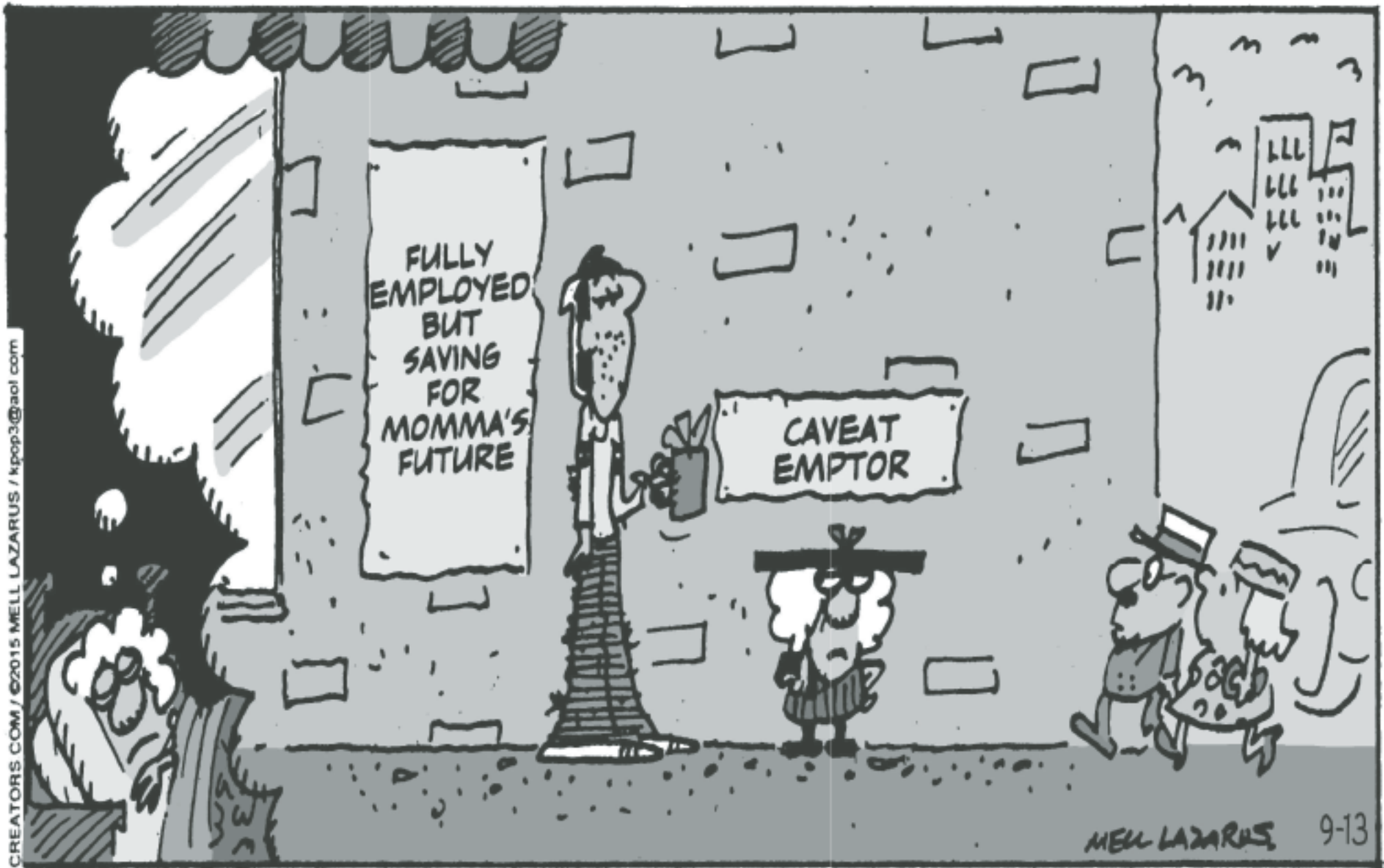
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BY MELL LAZARUS





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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 pres-

ence. 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. Long-buried 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 building a longhorn empire in "Beneath the Texas Sky" The Cattleman, Book 1 (F REA M) by Marilyn Read and Cheryl 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?

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Forsan Board of Trustees to hold meeting Monday evening

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

The Forsan ISD Board of Trustees will be holding a regular meeting on Monday at 7 p.m. The meeting will take place inside the Elementary Library, located at 500 W. Main in Forsan. The community is invited to attend the meeting.

The Board of Trustees will hear from Superintendent Randy Johnson regarding the enrollment report and be briefed with a preview of future agenda items. Mr. Johnson will also provide a Covid-19 update to the board.

During the Monday evening meeting, the Board of Trustees will be discussing and consider changing regular board meeting start times.

The Board will also hear from the JH/HS Principal. During the report an update will be provided on English as a Second Language. Following the JH/HS Principal will be the Elementary Principal report, which will also be addressing the ESL report.

Other items on the agenda include:

- Establishment of quorum and call to order
- Public comment
- Personnel
- Monthly financials – Rev & Exp Report, Investment report, and Activity Report along with list of bills
- August minutes
- Invocation and Pledge
- Recognition of visitors

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NFL SCHEDULE

WEEK ONE

Away Team		Home Team	Time of Game
Miami Dolphins	@	New England Patriots	12:00 p.m. (CBS)
Seattle Seahawks	@	Atlanta Falcons	12:00 p.m. (FOX)
New York Jets	@	Buffalo Bills	12:00 p.m. (CBS)
Chicago Bears	@	Detroit Lions	12:00 p.m. (FOX)
Green Bay Packers	@	Minnesota Vikings	12:00 p.m. (FOX)
Philadelphia Eagles	@	Washington Football Team	12:00 p.m. (FOX)
Las Vegas Raiders	@	Carolina Panthers	12:00 p.m. (CBS)
Indianapolis Colts	@	Jacksonville Jaguars	12:00 p.m. (CBS)
Cleveland Browns	@	Baltimore Ravens	12:00 p.m. (CBS)
Los Angeles Chargers	@	Cincinnati Bengals	3:05 p.m. (CBS)
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	@	New Orleans Saints	3:25 p.m. (FOX)
Arizona Cardinals	@	San Francisco 49ers	3:25 p.m. (FOX)
Dallas Cowboys	@	Los Angeles Rams	7:20 p.m. (NBC)
MONDAY			
Pittsburgh Steelers	@	New York Giants	6:15 p.m. (ESPN)
Tennessee Titans	@	Denver Broncos	9:10 p.m. (ESPN)



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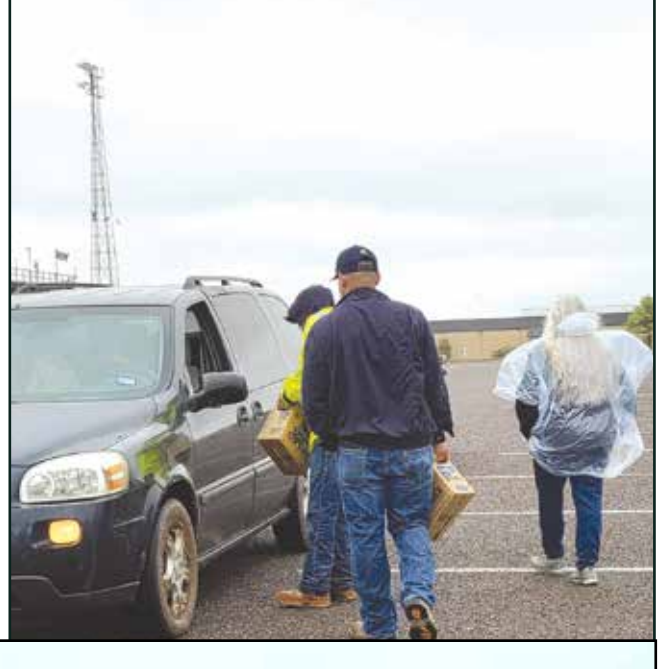
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Community outreach - working together - Supporting Howard County



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.



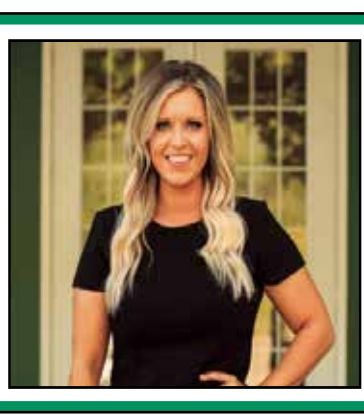
Community support is made possible through partnerships within the community and throughout the state of Texas. Through grant monies and local volunteers, two distributions took place over the past week in order to meet a few needs that existed in the community.



HERALD photos/Amanda Duforat
Last weekend members of the Howard County 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 community members, as well as outreach programs.

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Tuesday: Breakfast: Coco puff pastry, yogurt 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, sunbutter 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, 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, assorted milk. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

Intermediate

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

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

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

Junior High

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

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

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

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

Friday: Breakfast: Chocolate filled crescent, yogurt and elf graham. 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 pop tart, 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 chicken 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, savory 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.

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



file 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, ranch style 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, celery 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, celery 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.

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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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, you may find their name to be a familiar one here in Howard County as they also own Medrano's Oil Change.

"My mother has always had that entrepreneurial mindset. She even had - before us in the mall - it was called Bella's Boutique 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

Medrano's House of Tees is the newest business in the Spring Creek Mall. While the name may be the same and familiar faces are serving the community, the Medrano family is venturing out into a new business journey. Recently, in recognition of their new business, House of Tees did a t-shirt handout representing Howard County Strong. The t-shirt giveaway was a way to bring focus back to the businesses located inside the mall and show the community they are still open for business and together the community and small business can get through this as long as they stand together.

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 begun 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 traffic, we're getting to be a little bit more

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took a chance to see if we could make it work."

With the vast difference in business fields being of concern, the Medrano's family business style is still the same - family oriented. Their clientele base will still be able to reap the benefits of friendly customer service with a support behind small business community building.

"It's completely different. We're completely out of our element, but it's something different. We kept all of the business that was there before. The quality is the same, just different people running it. It's us and putting our own Medrano's - our family name on it.

Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

Jasmine Ahrnkeil, 1301 Princeton, Big Spring
Sherri Monique Aldridge, 1507 E. Sixth St., Big Spring
Anthony Anderson, 3401 Camellia Dr. #707, Temple
Steve Antoine, 1425 E. 6th St., Big Spring
Katie Cole L. Baker, P.O. Box 3372, Big Spring
Letitia Baucham, 1202 Stanford, Big Spring
Linda Beck, 1713 Worley Rd., Banner Elk, N.C.
Joshua Bell, 1962 Tuscola, Snyder
John Bochnicka, 538 Westover Rd. #260
Chad Wayne Brown, 3901 Ave. O, P.O. Box 391, Snyder
Douglas "Doug" Lee Brown, 205 W. 14th St. P.O. Box 275, Monahans
James Bullard, 202 Fourth St., Palestine
Melinda Burns, 2218 Carlton Way, San Angelo
Wayne Richard Buyce, 4042 Morningside Way, Canyon Lake
Gloria Cerna, P.O Box 55, Lamesa
Matilda Cortez, 302 N St. Teresa
Roy E. DeBlanc, 1066 Cutrer Rd., Osyka, Miss.
Laura W. Dennis, 1511 Scurry, Big Spring
Humberto Diaz Jr., 3417 N. Midland Dr, Midland
Kibela DeLosRios Diaz, 10600 McMillan Dr., Austin
Krista A. Dickson, 6917 Todd, Sachse
Jimmy Dodson, 405 31st St., Snyder
Ben Doherty, 5019 McKinney St. No. 105, Dallas
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Clayton W. Durbin, 6508 Centerpoint, Big Spring
Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder
Selena Bethani Enriquez-King, 100 E Parker, Midland
Joanna Esparza, 501 S. Tackitt Seymour, Texas
Carol W. Evans, 809 E 33rd, Plainview, Texas
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Kristen Falcon, 2606 Fairchild Dr., Big Spring
Leza Faulkner, 1102 South Water, Burnet
Mumduh Felemban, 9338 Perrin Beitel Apt. 701, San Antonio
Alexander Fernandez, 404 Cypress, Colorado City
Juana Fierro, 406 N. W. 5th St., Big Spring
Tracy D. Flores, 2401 Russell Ave., Abilene
Ellen French, P.O. Box 942, Poteau, Okla.
Sharlamarr Frink, 3723 Monclair, Odessa
Johnnie Fuller, 3801 23rd St., Snyder
Juan E. Garcia, 3355 River Road North Keizer, Ok
Mary Jo Garner, 11802 Silver Barring Cove, San Antonio
William Gene Garner, 704 Rosemont, Big Spring
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Perry Gholar, 1510 Nolan, Big Spring
Elizabeth Gomez, 509 Raleigh St., Plainview
Guillermo Gomez, 2107 Morrison, Big Spring
Jennifer Gonzales, 2616 Hunter Dr., Big Spring
James E. Gonzalez, 604 Neff St., Sweetwater
Jeremy Goodman, 3471 Green Meadow #24, San Angelo
Kay Grant, 4405 N. Garfield #1005, Midland
Isaiah Green, 4801 State St., Abilene
John Grima, 914 E. Sixth St., Big Spring
Thomas E. Gross, 4100 S. Highway 87 #37, Big Spring
Lynn Guerrero, 203 W. Ave #3, Clayton, N.M.
Melissa Gutierrez, 3310 SF Austin, No. 58, Brownwood
Sandra Ann Gutierrez, 1501 N. Fourth Place, 1312 S. Ave. L, Lamesa
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William J. Harman, HC 76, Box 147K-1, Big Spring
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Ann Hashem, 120 Airbase Rd. 15-5, Big Spring
Christine Henderson, 420 N. El Paso
Juanita Hernandez, 1502 Bluebird, Big Spring
Matias Hernandez Jr., 620 E 4th St., San Angelo
Scott Herrera, 4608 Ash St, Big Spring
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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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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)

September 8, 2018: \$2.61/g (U.S. 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

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, GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data is accessible at <http://FuelInsights.GasBuddy.com>.

Better Business Bureau offers tips for National Preparedness Month

Special to the Herald

BBB 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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CHAMBER

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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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Jacquelin Dannon Ramey, 1404 E 6th St. Big Spring
Gilbert P. Ramirez, 1614 Settles, Big Spring
Byron Roberts, 2206 Alabama St Big Spring
Michael Robinson, 801 Anne St., Big Spring
Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Rd., Big Spring
Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar, P.O. Box 173, Colorado City

Polly Ann Rusk, 4201 W Hwy 80, Big Spring
Elizabeth Salazar, 1808 Hearn, Big Spring, Texas
Shane Skaggs, 1 Courtney Place, Apt. 301, Big Spring
Derrick Dewayne Smith, 703 West 16th, San Angelo, Texas

Leon Torres, 1500 Lincoln, Big Spring
Michael Ray Watson, 1503 Tucson Rd., Big Spring
Tamara Ruth Whitt, 1909 Morrison, 2526 Fairchild, Big Spring
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd., Apt. #28, Big Spring

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

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
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

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

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Grantee: Michael Anthony Hilario
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Date: September 2, 2020

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Grantee: April Gutierrez and Seth Sterling
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Grantee: Shane Mayhall
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#10634

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#10636

Public Notice

Notice to Creditors

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.

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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

/s/ C.E. Mike Thomas III
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
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#10645

Notice to Creditors

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C/O Donna Rigdon
1419 Stadium
Big Spring, TX 79720

DATED September 9, 2020

/s/ C.E. Mike Thomas III
C.E. MIKE THOMAS III
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#10647

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C/O Renee Thompson
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C/O Chelsea Fryar
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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-

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 Every-

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.

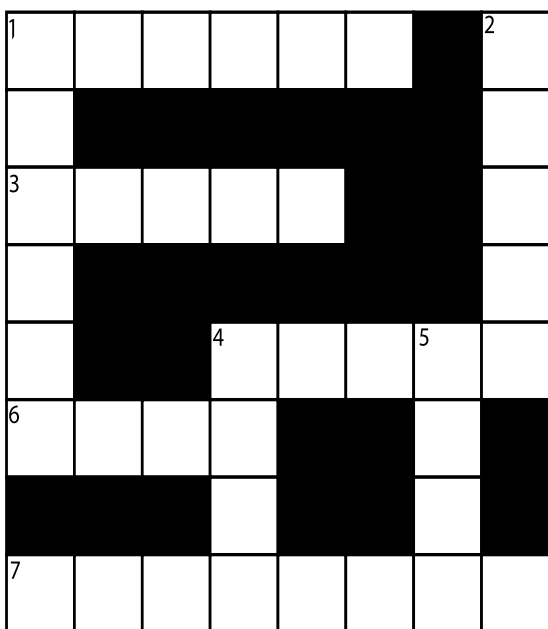
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1. Condition of being protected
3. Of great weight
4. Aches and _____
6. Large vehicle (abbr.)
7. Gaining knowledge

DOWN

1. Education building
2. Things to read
4. Flow into a stream
5. Person, place or thing

1. School 2. Books 4. Pour 5. Noun
Down
7. Learning
Across
1. Safety 3. Heavy 4. Pains 6. Limo

Answers:

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

WEST	SOUTH
♠	—
♥	J 7 6 4
♦	K J 9 8 7 6
♣	K Q 9

WEST	NORTH	EAST
♠	Pass	3 ♠
♥	Pass	4 ♠
♦	Pass	5 ♦
♣	Pass	5 ♦

ten and returned a trump, winning East's nine with the queen.
There was now only a slim chance for the contract, and Rubens played for it. He overtook the king of hearts with the ace, led dummy's last trump, finessing the eight, then cashed the king of trump and diamond ace, producing this position:
North
♥ Q 10 5 3
♦ Q
West
♥ J 7 6
♦ K
♣ Q
South
♠ 2
♥ 2
♦ 10
♣ J 3

The bidding:
South 2 NT
West Pass
North 3 ♠
East Pass
South 3 ♠
West Pass
North 4 ♠
East Pass
South 5 ♣
West Pass
North 5 ♦
East Pass
South 7 ♠
West Pass
North 5 ♦
East Pass

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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 and finessed dummy's ten, West's agony was finally over.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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By HOLIDAY MATHIS CAPRICORN

Leo Moon Takes the Stage

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 work 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.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Destruction, which is terrible, is very different from demotion, 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.

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 BIRTHDAY (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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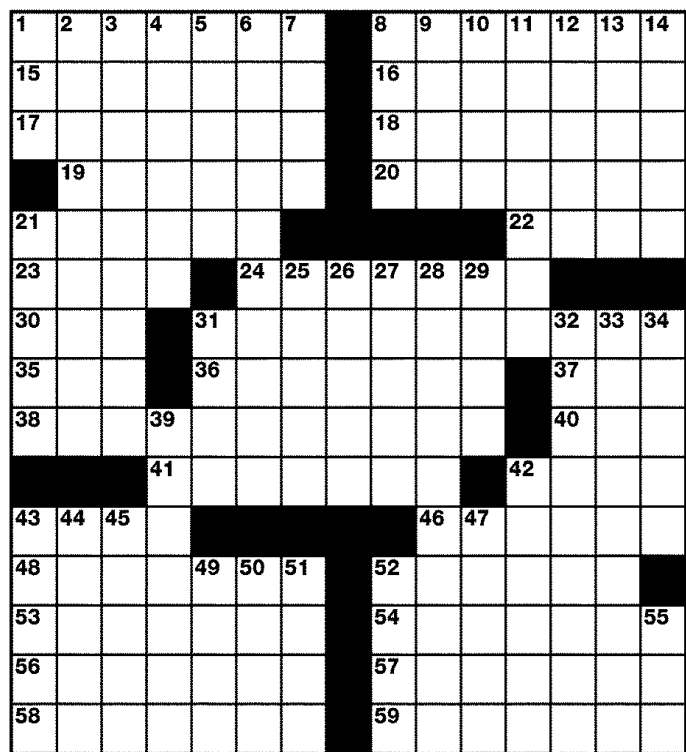
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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
1 Resonator for a jug-band bass
8 Nine-time debater, 2015-16
15 Penn State campus
16 Where GWTW premiered
17 Brit who coined "chortle"
18 Animal float or wind-up boat
19 Low level
20 Nested neighborhood
21 Calzone's conic kin
22 Middle ___
23 Novel designation
24 They're nonnegotiable
30 What some '60s Ferraris were called
31 Multiscreen routine
35 16-hour flight from LAX
36 Paul Allen's "self-titled" memoir
37 Alternative to Toni
38 Second Estate, in old France
40 Certain ER orders
41 Lewis and Clark Trail setting
42 Something to smear
43 She's into table napkins
46 Make ___ (emulate Estée, in a way)
48 Poor excuse
52 Eight-hour flight from Los Angeles

- DOWN**
1 '40s "girl with a Star-Spangled heart"
2 Snow white
3 Italian erupter
4 Kid-lit protector of the tiny
5 Jam by-products
6 Tongue-lashed
7 Nonoral analgesic
8 Flip quip
9 Where King's Scholars study
- 10 Apt rhyme for "ad hoc"
11 Sandbags in the sky
12 Disidentify digitally
13 Place for a pilot
14 President on a Currier & Ives poster
15 18th chapter of a frat
16 "To-be-soon" ender
17 Wife on the cover of *Married to Laughter* (2001)
18 Capital on the East Bank Plateau
19 Spruce
20 Many furniture-ad photos
21 He split from Stalin around '48
22 The boss
23 Tobacco plant genus (unsurprisingly)
24 Quick intakes
25 LG introduction of 2011
26 Particle detector eponym
27 Projecting parts
28 Return option
29 58 Across denial
30 Young *señorita*
31 A Pharaonic capital
32 "Something's coming" sign
33 Foldable quarters
34 Notes with a Manitoban museum
35 Complied with



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Answer to previous puzzle

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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-armed 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) by Andrew Schloss and David Joachim.

Lobster Grilled With Seafood Butter
Makes 4 servings

4 live lobsters, about 1 pound each

6 tablespoons Green Chimichurri Rub (see below)

2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill

3 tablespoons unsalted butter

Finely grated zest and juice of one lime

1 teaspoon green hot pepper sauce

3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

Oil for coating grill grate

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.

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.

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.

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

2/3 cup finely chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

2 cloves garlic, minced

2 tablespoons grated onion

2 teaspoons kosher salt

1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

1/2 teaspoon dried marjoram

1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes

Combine all chimichurri rub ingredients, and use as directed.



Texas Crop and Weather Report

Texas AgriLife

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, dry 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.

Schnell said he estimated up to 30% losses in

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.

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

classes of cattle.

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.

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

Special 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 districts - \$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 Comptroller 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 comptroller's Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports.

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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 Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences Staff

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

the risk of parasites. If they will be at pasture, she 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 alpacas.

"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

llamas and alpacas in Texas are fed with if they're not 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."

Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University. Stories can be found on the Pet Talk website. Suggestions for future topics may be directed to editor@cvm.tamu.edu.

Social Security scams hit the Permian Basin

Special to the Herald

BBB

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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