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Upcoming Events

*Operation Love Letter is accepting letters to be distributed to area nursing home residents. Drop off locations are located throughout town.*

*Thanksgiving Nov. 26 City offices and other local businesses to be closed*

*Chamber of Commerce Annual Toy Drive Deadline: Dec. 10*



**"I am thankful for the family and friends I am surrounded with, my career, and the many blessings that exist in my life. This year has truly made me appreciate each and every blessing a little bit more."**

Cindy Jones

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## Howard County Commissioners to swear in Saldivar on Monday

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

Howard County Commissioners will convene on Monday at 3:30 p.m. before the Thanksgiving holiday. The meeting will once again take place in the Third Floor Courtroom at the Howard County Courthouse. First order of business will be a presentation of appreciation by Judge Kathryn Wiseman for Commissioner Oscar Garcia's service to the Howard County. After the recognition, newly elected Commissioner Eddilisa Saldivar will be sworn in as Commissioner for Precinct 1 – seat previously held by the late Oscar Garcia. Commissioners will revisit the pur-

chase of Main Street Pocket Park. The discussion began at the special meeting last week, but due to lack of information was tabled for the upcoming meeting.

Judge Wiseman will also lead discussion on the interlocal agreement-Regional Public Defender for capital cases and Commissioners could possibly take approval on it.

SM Energy Co. will be presenting a donation to County Commissioners, with the donation being accepted in the Monday meeting.

Road Engineer Brian Klinksiek will be providing a roadway maintenance

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HERALD file photo

**Howard County Commissioners will convene Monday to swear in newly elected Commissioner Eddilisa Saldivar and discuss the purchase of Pocket Park.**

## Howard College Kicks Off 75th Celebration

**Special to the Herald**  
 Howard College

November 17, 2020 marked the 75th anniversary of the creation of Howard College and the college kicked off a year of celebration through various ribbon cuttings and ground breakings across the Big Spring campus.

"This is a monumental day in the history of Howard College," said Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks, President. "And even though our celebration kick-off might not look like we originally planned due to the pandemic, we wanted to recognize the importance of this day with our community and our students."

The first event for the day was a ribbon cutting for a roofing project that will be carried out on the Big Spring and SouthWest College for the Deaf (SWCD) campuses. Several buildings on both campuses had significant hail damage and the insurance funded project will be instrumental in making sure the buildings are repaired and set to serve students for many years to come.



Courtesy photo

**Howard College celebrated with a series of ribbon cuttings to mark several new projects on the Big Spring campus and in recognition of the 75th Anniversary.**

"The creation of the college was about having a place for students to take the next step in their educational journey and that included having buildings for the campus," added Sparks. "It is important for us to do everything we can to maintain those buildings in excellent condition, so we wanted to include this project in our activities for the recognition events."

The new Howard College Adventure Club trail was second on the list for the day and a ribbon cutting was held to

open the trail and recognize those who were instrumental in making this happen for students.

"Howard College is about learning, earning, and life," said Sparks. "This new outdoor trail will give our students another outlet for fun and adventure on campus." The trail can be used for hiking, walking/running, and trail bike riding. Howard College staff and students have been working hard to design the trail and get it cleared for student use. Thanks to an anonymous donor, two new trail bikes were also purchased for student use.

Foundation Field was the site for the third event of the day with the groundbreaking for a new softball fieldhouse. The Hawks have had their sights set on a new fieldhouse for several years and have been actively raising funds to cover the costs.

Sparks added, "We are so proud of our Hawk softball team and the effort they have put into raising funds for their fieldhouse. And with the addition of

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## GriefShare "Surviving the Holidays" Seminar set for Monday

**Special to the Herald**

A GriefShare Surviving the Holidays seminar will be held Monday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> at Trinity Baptist Church from 6 to 8 p.m.

This seminar offers practical, actionable strategies for making it through the holiday season. At this two-hour seminar, you'll view a video featuring advice from people in grief who've faced the holidays after their loss. You'll hear insights from respected Christian counselors, pastors, and psychologists. You'll receive a Holiday Survival Guide with practical strategies, encouraging words, helpful exercises, Q/As, and journaling ideas for daily survival through the holiday season.

At GriefShare Surviving the Holidays, you'll meet with other grieving people who have an understanding of what you're going through. They won't judge you or force you to share, but will accept you where you are and will offer comfort and support. "When I

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## Tarbet named Student of the Month by Greater Big Spring Rotary Club



Courtesy photo

**The Greater Big Spring Rotary recognized Sarah Tarbet as the November Student of the Month. Sarah (second from the left) is pictured with Forsan High School Principal Rebecca Medina and Tarbet's parents, as she was presented with her plaque.**

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Obituaries

Mariano Salazar

Mariano Salazar, 49, of San Antonio, formerly of Big Spring, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020. The family will receive friends Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020, from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23, 2020, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mariano was born March 15, 1971, in Colorado City, Texas to Dolores Medellin and A.R. Salazar.

Rufina Gomez

Rufina Gomez, 62, of Lamesa, Texas, passed away on Nov. 14, 2020 in Midland, Texas. A visitation will be held Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held on Monday, Nov. 23, 2020, at 11 a.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Ackerly Cemetery.

Rufina enjoyed working as a teacher helping immigrants learn English and gain citizenship.

She is survived by her son, Gabriel Barrera; her daughters Andreana Gomez Bar-

He is survived by his wife Malinda Salazar, his daughters: Kimberly Hickson, Machel Barr, Brianna Salazar, Dylinda Salazar and Elena Salazar; one son: Gabriel Salazar; four grandsons; four brothers: A.R. Jr. Salazar, Jesse Salazar, John Salazar, Rocky Salazar and Abel Salazar; and three sisters: Mary Villanueva, Guadalupe Liedecke and Sara Redwine.

Mariano was preceded in death by his parents; one sister and a brother.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

rera Williams and Luciana Barrera; her grandchildren Jason Jr Gomez, Faith Gomez and Roxanne Gomez, her sister, Josefine Sanchez; her brothers, Fred Gomez, Ralph Gomez, and Juan Gomez.

Rufina is preceded by her parents, Federico Gomez and Lucia Riojas; her sister Mary Gomez; her brothers Clemente Gomez, Julian Gomez, Jesus Gomez; and her infant brother Domingo Gomez.

Pallbearers will be Jason Gomez, Joshua Williams, Ralph Gomez, Clemente Gomez, Jr., Clemente Gomez, Sr., JC Gomez and Daniel Gomez.

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*Paid Obituary*

Mary Sue James Sipes

Mary Sue James Sipes, 71, of Big Spring, died Monday, Nov. 16, 2020. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Mary Sue was born on Nov. 10, 1949 in Big Spring.

She is survived by two sons: Billy Darrow of Big Spring, and Troy Johnson of Miami, FL; two daughters: Traci Buzbee of OK and Christi Long of Florida; nine grandchildren; and one brother: Tommy James of Dallas.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

Sharon Dedmon

Sharon Dedmon, 74, of Big Spring, died Monday, Nov. 16, 2020. Private services will be held at a later date.

Sharon was born on June 5, 1946 to Marion and Milo Bozarth.

She is survived by six children: Rhett Dedmon, Robert Park, Jimmy Park, Donna Davis, Ticia Rainer, and Teria Dedmon; nine grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one daughter: Carla Dedmon.

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Maria Diaz

Maria Diaz, 77, of Big Spring died Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020. Viewing and visitation will be on Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home with a vigil service at 7 p.m. Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020 at 10 a.m. at the Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity

Edward Garcia Ornelas Sr.

Edward Garcia Ornelas, Sr., 62, of Big Spring, passed away on Monday, Nov. 16, 2020. No services are planned at this time.

Edward was born on Feb. 1, 1958 in Big Spring.

He is survived by two sons: Edward Ornelas, Jr. and Victor Ornelas; one daughter: Jovanna Ornelas; four grandsons; five granddaughters; one great grandson; one sister: Dolores Garcia; and three brothers: Rene Ornelas, Frank Ornelas, and Adrian Ornelas.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **SONNY OLIVIO, 47**, of 805 N. Goliad Street, was arrested on a charge of burglary of a vehicle.
- **BRADLEY KYLE GARRISON, 50**, of 1507 Todd Road, was arrested on a charge of assault public servant.
- **AUSTIN DERROLD HUNT, 25**, of 2911 W. 80 Highway, was arrested on charges of warrant – other agency.
- **JEREMY SCOTT LISTER, 34**, of 1306 Ridgeroad Drive, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RANDY GARCIA, 28**, of 1612 Bluebird Street, was arrested on a charge of warrant – other agency.

- **SHAWN CARR II, 39**, of 3006 Cherokee, was arrested on a charge of warrant – other agency.
- **JOHNNY RICHARD REYES, 33**, of 512 N. Tubb Road, was arrested on charges of theft property (\$100 to \$750 all other) and warrant – other agency (x3).
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 5000 block of Wasson Road.
- **BURGLARY OF BUILDING** was reported in the 1500 block of N. Moss Lake Road.
- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 1800 block of S. Main Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 4200 block of Old Colorado City.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1300 block of Dixie Avenue.

- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 1 block of Courtney Place.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 700 block of Baylor Boulevard.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 800 block of W. FM 700.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1000 block of S. Gregg Street.
- **INTOXICATED SUBJECT** was reported in the 1300 block of Ridgeroad Drive.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 4000 block of Connally Street.
- **INTOXICATED SUBJECT** was reported in the 300 block of Price.

Sheriff

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

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 94 inmates at the time of this report.
- **HAITHAM ABDULLAH ALGHERAIBI, 26**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
  - **SHAWN CARR II, 39**, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
  - **RANDY GARCIA, 28**, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of burglary of building.
  - **BRADLEY KYLE GARRISON, 50**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of assault public servant.
  - **AUSTIN DERROLD HUNT, 25**, was arrested by BSPD on charges of bailman off bond/unlawful possession of firearm by felon and possession of controlled substance penalty group two (less than one gram).
  - **JEREMY SCOTT LISTER, 34**, was arrested by

BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **SONNY JORDAN OLIVIO, 47**, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of burglary of vehicles.
- **JOHNNY RICHARD REYES, 33**, was arrested by HCSO on charges of aggravated/failure to appear – motion for enforcement/contempt (x3) and theft property (\$100 to \$750).
- **SANDY SHEIKH, 38**, was arrested by BSPD on charges of public intoxication and theft of service (less than \$100).

Support Groups

- SATURDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.
- SUNDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- MONDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees It, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- TUESDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
  - A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840

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In our continuous efforts to make BSISD an exemplary school and to maintain compliance with TEC 11.253 (g) and TEC 39.106(a)(4), we invite you to participate with us so that you can offer input for our Targeted Improvement Plan, or TIP.

Please remember all of the health recommendations; the room will be set up for social distancing.

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# State National Bank to close lobby through the end of the year, at all locations

Editor's Note: The State National Bank issues a press release Friday afternoon regarding the lobby closures at the Big Spring, Lamesa and O'Donnell locations. The release reads as follows:

## Special to the Herald

Beginning Monday November 23rd all lobbies of the State National Bank in Big Spring, Lamesa and O'Donnell will be closed until the end of the year due

to the spike in Covid 19 cases. All drive in windows will be open and all digital banking will be available. The State National Bank is making this move to insure the safety of its customers and staff. In person services such as loans, new accounts, wire transfers, safe deposit box entry, etc. will be by appointment only.

Reach them by phone at 432 264-2100 or [custserve@statenational.bank](mailto:custserve@statenational.bank). Masks are required inside the bank.

## COUNTY

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update and present the proposed 2021 sealcoat locations. Klinksiek will be asking the Commissioners to accept the low bid for RFB2020008 CR 35 PII, RFB2021002 inverted prime; RFB2020009 CR48

GRH; and RFB 2020010 CR 15 GRH.

Commissioner John Cline, Pct. 4 will be leading discussion on the right of way and utility easement with the City of Big Spring.

Before the meeting adjourns, the Commissioners will look at a nomination for an individual to Tax Appraisal Board.

Other routine items on the agenda:

- Personnel considerations
- Treasurer's monthly report for October
- Approve invoices, purchase requests, budget amendments

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## MONDAY

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went to GriefShare," said Marion, "I realized there are different ways to grieve."

Your holiday season won't be easy; your emotions may ambush you and suck you under at times. But you can choose to walk through this season in a way that honors your loved one and puts you on the path of health and healing.

For more information about this Seminar, call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 or log on to [www.GriefShare.org](http://www.GriefShare.org) and select "Find a Group".

## 75th

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our own construction trades program prepared to build the new facility, it is a win-win for the college and the students."

The plans for the fieldhouse are set and construction will begin soon. Richard Light, Construction Trades Instructor, was on hand for the groundbreaking and added, "When our construction trades students complete this project, they will be experienced in every facet of construction and could be prepared to build their own home if they chose to do so."

The day concluded with a 75th anniversary brick unveiling and ribbon cutting at the P.W. Malone Plaza on the Big Spring campus. "This day is a tribute to the visionary thinking of those who created the college 75 years ago today," said Sparks. "They saw a need for Howard County and the Big Spring community and took quick action to make higher education readily available to the citizens.

Today, our students continue to be the reason we do what we do and our staff and faculty strive to carry out that initial vision every single day."

The college will be holding various events on the different campuses through the next year with the culmination of the celebration on September 30, 2021 which will mark the 75th anniversary of the first day of class at Howard College.

For more information about Howard College and the 75th Anniversary activities, visit [howardcollege.edu/75years](http://howardcollege.edu/75years) or contact Cindy Smith [csmith@howardcollege.edu](mailto:csmith@howardcollege.edu) or 432-264-5034.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS FORSAN ISD'S STATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing before the Board of Trustees of the Forsan Independent School District will be held on

Monday, December 7, 2020 at 6:00 PM  
in the Forsan ISD JH/HS Library  
Located at 411 W. 6th Street, Forsan, Texas

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss Forsan ISD's rating on the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST Report), the State's Financial Accountability System.

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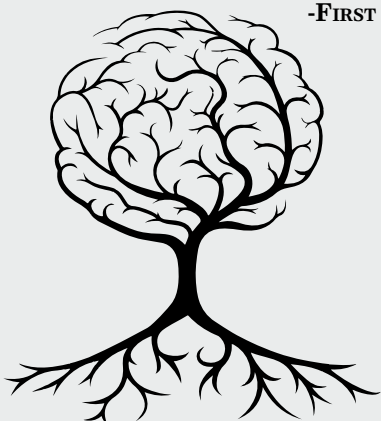
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# Opinion

*“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.”*

-FIRST AMENDMENT



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## Some words about Texas

Texas is right in the middle of the southern border of the United States with a lengthy coastline along the Gulf of Mexico. The state is 850 miles wide and nearly that tall. Separated from Mexico by the Rio Grande, the Texas/Mexico border is the longest international border of any state in the US.

West Texas has desert, cactus, mountains, canyons and a sky beyond measure. The only 2 national parks in Texas (Big Bend and Guadalupe Mountains) welcome visitors who love to see the fall color at Guadalupe Mountains' McKittrick Canyon and hike the mountain trails at Big Bend.

Ranching is a major West Texas enterprise and cowboys do things the way they've been doing them for centuries (with a few excep-

tions like the helicopter for herding cattle). Oil is king out west. The Permian Basin is one of the richest sources of oil and natural gas in the world.

Some say the Panhandle is flat, but it houses the Palo Duro Canyon, the second deepest in the country, right behind the Grand Canyon. It's 100 miles long and nearly a thousand feet deep.

The Hill Country is in the center of the state full of hills and valleys, rivers and creeks, a favorite place to view wildflowers in the spring and experience a variety of cultures. You'll find Germans, Wends, Czechs and Poles, singing societies and brass bands and see stone houses and barns and solid rock fences. You can stop at a wayside tavern or an old general store.

Moving eastward, lush green forests cover 43 counties, nearly 11 million acres. East Texas pines and hardwoods produce 500 cubic feet of timber each year. The forests are renewable

and every year Texans plant more trees than are harvested.

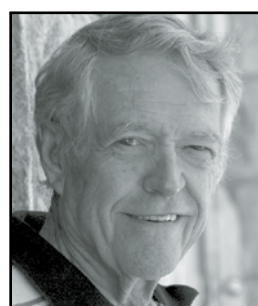
East Texas is also a land of lakes, some you can barely see across, others full of shadowy inlets where boaters could get lost without a local guide. The first oil in Texas was drilled near Beaumont. NASA, in Clear Lake, is the home of Mission Control for moon and shuttle missions.

South Texas begins at San Antonio, home to the state's most familiar landmark, the Alamo and the Texas city most visited by tourists. Its River Walk has restaurants, shops and live entertainment.

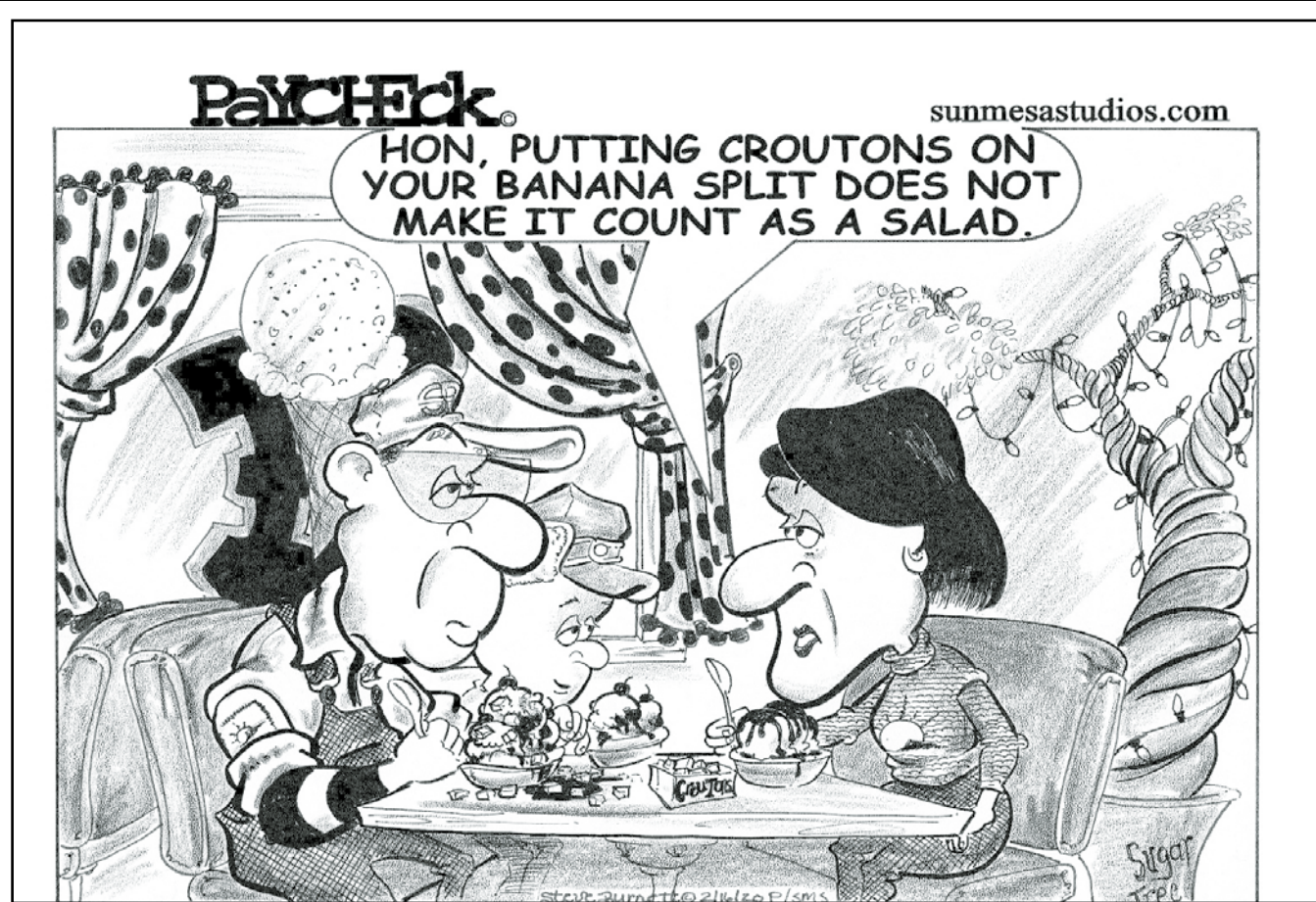
Palm trees and citrus are the major features of the Rio Grand Valley. The tropical climate, year-round flowering plants, wide boulevards and interesting canals bring residents of northern states to spend winters there. Nearby South Padre is an ever-growing destination for fishing, boating, beachcombing and relaxing.

There's just no other place like Texas.

I'm glad I live here.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH



## Revisiting a champion

It is tempting--ever so tempting--to claim authorship of the headline introducing a column written a dozen years ago.

To make such a claim, however, wouldn't set well with my conscience, even if no libel charges took me to task.

The account detailed travails of a then 15-year-old Alabama girl who lost a leg to a cancer called Ewing's Sarcoma in 2000, then the other to the same disease in 2007. She chose these words for a sign on her hospital room door: "Footless but not DeFEETed!"

Such is the ongoing spirit of Mackenzie Derr, who insists on a "sunny side up" approach to life. Her incurable optimism is as welcome as her "cancer free" pronouncement rendered soon after her second surgery.

Since writing that column, I've never heard the expression "cut off at the knees" without thinking of this wonderful young lady who presses on, even though sometimes inconvenienced by a pair of dissimilar prostheses.

She is doggedly determined to seek normalcy in her day-to-day life, even if driving an automobile requires special hand-operated controls. When she was 16, her mom's car was converted for hand controls. Now that she's out of college and living independently, she bought her own car. (Aside: Some rental car companies have vehicles modified for hand operation, but 'Kenzie warns, "Always call in advance.")

A while back, I noticed something about her on Facebook, and

was able to "track her down." I was happy to learn that since our only meeting in NYC, she indeed had finished Vestavia Hills High School and then Auburn University, where her successes were multiplied. The adjective "exemplary" seems to fit.

Majoring in psychology, she completed college in four years, graduating in 2014. Following in her mom's footsteps, she accepted a position with HealthSouth (now Encompass Health) where her mother retired in Human Resources after a 20-year tenure.

Mackenzie interned there during college and has high hopes of advancements with the company.

I'll always believe our meeting was providential. My wife and I were visiting NYC. On a Friday morning, I was a press guest of ABC News for the live telecast of Good Morning America from Bryant Park.

My seating was adjacent to a group from Alabama. They were there as guests of Birmingham's Tum Tum Tree Foundation, which provided the weekend fling in NYC to recognize Mackenzie's 16th birthday.

Soon I was overhearing their triumphant conversations. Oh, how they loved 'Kenzie, celebratory about her completing 10 rounds of chemotherapy, undergoing a bone marrow transplant in record time and taking on life after two major amputations.

Count on 'Kenzie to continue to sparkle as her world enlarges. She has ongoing thankfulness



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for her family, medical science her work and God. Little wonder she has received the American Cancer Society's Life Inspiration Award and chosen by the Tum Tum Foundation for the NYC trip. She is appreciative of Lock of Love, where she sent 12-inch long tresses prior to her second surgery.

Further, she's grateful to the M. D. Anderson Hospital Foundation for its decade of sponsorship of annual ski trips to Park Cities, Utah, for 15-20 amputees. Oh, she also enjoys zip-lining and parasailing.

Her "Thanksgiving 2020" includes utmost gratefulness for a college semester in Rome, where she sustained a broken foot two weeks before returning home. Luckily, she didn't need a doctor but rather an Italian prosthetic specialist, and she found one.

Her goal is to "make a difference" in the world, not that she hasn't already done so. She's passionate about the environment, disabled persons' rights and the American Cancer Society, of whose board she serves in Birmingham. She hopes to become a project manager for the Birmingham firm.

On a personal note, she's hoping to find "new digs"--the kind that allows dogs. She's eager to have one, and the doggie would have a good home.

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## DAILY PRAYER

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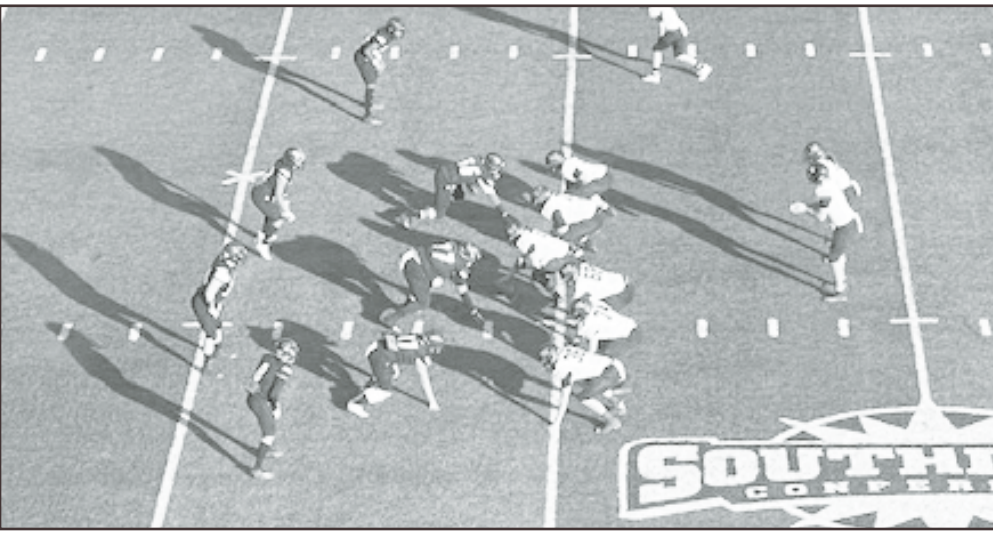
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# Big Spring's season ends against Springtown on Friday at Abilene Christian



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Above left: Springtown's offense gets ready to snap the ball on Friday afternoon against the Big Spring defense. Above right: Coach Cannon McWilliams and the rest of the staff talk with the seniors following their last game on the gridiron in the black and gold.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

ABILENE — All good things must eventually come to an end. The Big Spring Steers found that out firsthand on Friday night at Abilene Christian University, where their season came to an end when they lost to the high-powered Springtown Porcupines 56-0.

2020 will be looked back on as a foundation-setting year for the Big Spring football program and there is plenty to be proud about with this squad. They finished with the first winning record (5-4) for the black and gold since 2014, battled through adversity all-season long, and proved themselves as a future force to be reckoned with in the district.

"We laid a foundation," Head Coach Cannon McWilliams said. "We broke a lot of barriers. Our seniors laid one heck of a foundation and were great leaders for our underclassmen."

Early turnovers put the Steers in a hole on Friday night that they were unable to dig themselves out of. Springtown and senior quarterback Camden Chesney were able to take advantage of those mistakes by picking apart the middle of the Steer defense for four touchdown passes.

In addition to Chesney's impressive arm, the Porcupines also found the end zone by way of two Dakota Strahan rushes, a Cooper Croft interception return, and another rushing touchdown by Dylan Davis. Touchdown receptions were made by Andy Behle (2), Croft, and Matthew Lockard. Springtown's offense moved down the field like a well-oiled machine with consistency but also played too recklessly at times.

At one point, the Porcupines faced a 2nd-&61 after piling up multiple holding and personal foul penalties that pushed them back. The one negative against Springtown on the night would be their sportsmanship, which appeared nonexistent at times.

Big Spring continued to battle until the final whistle and their seniors should feel proud about leaving everything they had on the field. The Steer coaching staff asked their players at halftime to fight all the way through the second half and they did just that. While the second half still did not turn out the greatest results, Springtown is one of the best teams in the state and the Big Spring loss cannot be chalked up to a lack of effort.

"You showed tonight that you weren't going to just lay down. You showed that you were going to fight back and that's what you did," defensive coordinator Brad Harman said to his team following the game.

There are now no Howard County schools remaining in the football postseason and each team from District 2-4A has been eliminated. During a pandemic-filled year, it was a gift that the Steers were even able to play a full season.

Big Spring will now turn the page to the offseason with both their returning players and coaching staff hungry to get back into this position next fall.

"This game left a bad taste in our mouths and now we have to use that to fuel us," McWilliams said. "And we will do that. We're going to have a great offseason. We're going to get stronger, faster, and everything else."

After all, football season never ends.

### SCORING PLAYS:

(5:07 1Q): Camden Chesney 41-yard pass to Matthew Lockard

## District honors for Big Spring volleyball announced

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

After putting together a stellar season on the court this year, several Big Spring Lady Steers were named to the postseason All-District teams. Head Coach Kaitlyn Braswell has done an excellent job building her roster with athletic and intelligent players that seemed to make big play after big play.

The Offensive Player of the Year for the district was Ryen Terrazas. Terrazas was a threat near the net all-season long and caused her opponents headaches with her vicious spikes that often

took the air out of the gym.

In addition to Terrazas, First Team All-District selections for the Lady Steers were Jocelyn Gonzales and Kalyn Whitehead. The lone Second Team selection was Ashlin Calvio, with Jacqueline Belew being named an Honorable Mention.

Big Spring also showed their smarts with Gonzales, Calvio, Belew, Mya Blanco, Tristan Smith, Terrazas, Whitehead, Gisele Holguin, and Kortney Moore all making the Academic All-District Team.

The Lady Steers had a great season and will be back next fall.

(7-0 Springtown)

(1:58 1Q): Dakota Strahan 14-yard rush (14-0 Springtown)

(1:43 1Q): Camden Chesney 17-yard pass to Andy Behle

(21-0 Springtown)

(10:36 2Q): Camden Chesney 5-yard pass to Cooper Croft

(28-0 Springtown)

(5:53 2Q): 8-yard Interception return by Cooper Croft

(35-0 Springtown)

(10:55 3Q): Dakota Strahan 68-yard rush (42-0 Springtown)

(8:05 3Q): Dylan Davis 5-yard rush (49-0 Springtown)

(2:30 3Q): Camden Chesney 10-yard pass to Andy Behle

(56-0 Springtown)

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## 2020 NBA Draft First Round Results

Pick	Team	Player	Position	College
1	Timberwolves	Anthony Edwards	SG	Georgia
2	Warriors	James Wiseman	C	Memphis
3	Hornets	LaMelo Ball	PG	USA
4	Bulls	Patrick Williams	SF	Florida State
5	Cavaliers	Isaac Okoro	SF	Auburn
6	Pistons	Onyiah Okongwu	C	France
7	Pistons	Killian Hayes	PG	France
8	Knicks	Obi Toppin	PF	Dayton
9	Wizards	Deni Avdija	SF	Israel
10	Suns	Jalen Smith	PF	Maryland
11	Spurs	Devin Vassell	SG	Florida State
12	Kings	Tyrese Haliburton	PG	Iowa State
13	Pelicans	Kira Lewis Jr.	SG	Alabama
14	Celtics	Aaron Nesmith	SF	Vanderbilt
15	Magic	Cole Anthony	PG	North Carolina
16	Trail Blazers	Isaiah Stewart	C	Washington
17	Timberwolves	Aleksej Pokusevski	PF	Serbia
18	Mavericks	Josh Green	SG	Arizona
19	Nets	Saddiq Bey	PF	Villanova
20	Heat	Precious Achiuwa	PF	Memphis
21	76ers	Tyrese Maxey	SG	Kentucky
22	Nuggets	Zeke Nnaji	PF	Arizona
23	Knicks	Leandro Bolmaro	SG	Argentina
24	Bucks	RJ Hampton	PG	USA
25	Thunder	Immanuel Quickley	PG	Kentucky
26	Celtics	Payton Pritchard	PG	Oregon
27	Jazz	Udoka Azubuike	C	Kansas
28	Lakers	Jaden McDaniels	PF	Washington
29	Raptors	Malachi Flynn	PG	San Diego State
30	Celtics	Desmond Bane	SG	TCU

## NFL SCHEDULE

### WEEK ELEVEN THURSDAY

Away Team	Home Team	Final Score
Arizona Cardinals (6-4)	@ Seattle Seahawks (7-3)	28-21, Seahawks

### SUNDAY

Away Team	Home Team	Time of Game
New England Patriots (4-5)	@ Houston Texans (2-7)	12:00 p.m. (CBS)
Philadelphia Eagles (3-5-1)	@ Cleveland Browns (6-3)	12:00 p.m. (FOX)
Atlanta Falcons (3-6)	@ New Orleans Saints (7-2)	12:00 p.m. (FOX)
Cincinnati Bengals (2-6-1)	@ Washington (2-7)	12:00 p.m. (CBS)
Detroit Lions (4-5)	@ Carolina Panthers (3-7)	12:00 p.m. (FOX)
Pittsburgh Steelers (9-0)	@ Jacksonville Jaguars (1-8)	12:00 p.m. (CBS)
Tennessee Titans (6-3)	@ Baltimore Ravens (6-3)	12:00 p.m. (CBS)
Miami Dolphins (6-3)	@ Denver Broncos (3-6)	3:05 p.m. (CBS)
New York Jets (0-9)	@ Los Angeles Chargers (2-7)	3:05 p.m. (CBS)
Green Bay Packers (7-2)	@ Indianapolis Colts (6-3)	3:25 p.m. (FOX)
Dallas Cowboys (2-7)	@ Minnesota Vikings (4-5)	3:25 p.m. (FOX)
Kansas City Chiefs (8-1)	@ Las Vegas Raiders (6-3)	7:20 p.m. (NBC)

### MONDAY

Away Team	Home Team	Time of Game
Los Angeles Rams (6-3)	@ Tampa Bay Buccaneers (7-3)	7:15 p.m. (ESPN)

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# Check this out, at the library this week

By SANDRA VERDIN

Howard County Library

Howard County Library wishes everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving Day. The library will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday. We will reopen Monday.

This week's reviews include a non-fiction title and fictions books in audiobook format.

Over 82 days, the Allies fought the Japanese army in a campaign that would claim more than 150,000 human lives. "82 Days on Okinawa" One American's Unforgettable Firsthand Account of the Pacific War's Greatest Battle (940.542 SHA A) by Col. Art Shaw (Ret.) is filled with extraordinary new detail, Shaw's gripping account gives lasting testimony to the courage and bravery displayed by so many on the hills of Okinawa.

In the middle of the night, in a house on a quiet street in suburban Minneapolis, intruders silently murder Luke Ellis's parents and load him into a black SUV in "The Institute" (AUCD F KIN S) by Stephen King. The operation takes less than two minutes. Luke will wake up at The Institute, in a room that looks just like his own, except there's no window. Outside his door are other doors, behind which are other kids with special talents, telekinesis and telepathy, who got to this place the same way Luke did: Kalisha, Nick, George, Iris, and ten-year-old Avery Dixon. They are all in Front Half, others, Luke learns, graduated to Back Half, "like the roach motel," Kalisha says. "Kids check in, but they don't check out." In this most sinister of institutions, the director, Mrs. Sigsby, and her staff are ruthlessly dedicated to extracting from these children the force of their extranormal gifts. There are no scruples here. If you go along, you get tokens for the vending machines. If you don't, punishment is brutal. As each new victim disappears to Back Half, Luke becomes more and more desperate to get out and get help. But no one has ever escaped from the Institute.

Nick Heller is at the top of his game when he receives some devastating news, his old army buddy Sean has died of an overdose in "House on Fire" (AUCD F FIN J) by Joseph Finder. Sean, who once saved Nick's life, got addicted to opioids after returning home wounded from war. Then at Sean's funeral, a stranger approaches Nick with a job, and maybe also a way for Nick to hold someone accountable. The woman is the daughter of a pharmaceutical kingpin worth billions. Now she wants to become a whistleblower, exposing her father and his company for burying evidence that its biggest money-maker was dangerously addictive. It was a lie that killed hundreds of thousands of people, including Sean. All Nick has to do is find the document that proves the family knew the drug's dangers. But Nick soon realizes that the sins of the patriarch are just the beginning. Beneath the surface are barely concealed cabals and conspiracies, a twisting story of family intrigue and lethal corporate machinations. In a deadly game of chess that pits Nick against a family dynasty, against brothers and sisters with schemes of their own, Nick learns how far his enemy is willing to go to protect its name and its wealth.

Lydia Quixano Pérez lives in the Mexican city of Acapulco in "American Dirt" (AUCD F CUM J) by Jeanine Cummins. She runs a bookstore, she has a son, Luca, the love of her life, and a wonderful husband who is a journalist. And while there are cracks beginning to show in Acapulco because of the drug cartels, her life is, by and large, fairly comfortable. Even though she knows they'll never sell, Lydia stocks some of her all-time favorite books in her store. And then one day a man enters the shop to browse and comes up to the register with a few books he would like to buy, two of them her favorites. Javier is erudite. He is charming and, unbeknownst to Lydia, he is the jefe of the newest drug cartel that has gruesomely taken over the city. When Lydia's husband's tell-all profile of Javier is published, none of their lives will ever be the same. Forced to flee, Lydia and eight-year-old Luca soon find themselves miles and worlds away from their comfortable middle-class existence. Instantly transformed into migrants, Lydia and Luca ride la bestia, trains that make their way north toward the United States, which is the only place Javier's reach doesn't extend. As they join the countless people trying to reach el norte, Lydia soon sees that everyone is running from something. But what exactly are they running to?

"Books and doors are the same thing. You open them, and you go through into another world." - Jeanette Winterson

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## Celebrating 75 years of learning Building a legacy upon community partnerships

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

75 years doesn't just happen by chance, but instead, it happens by hard work, dedication and investment. Opportunity was the driving force behind the vision which has since turned into a reality; the opportunity for young soldiers returning from war to build upon their skills, earn an education and pursue their dreams after having served their country.

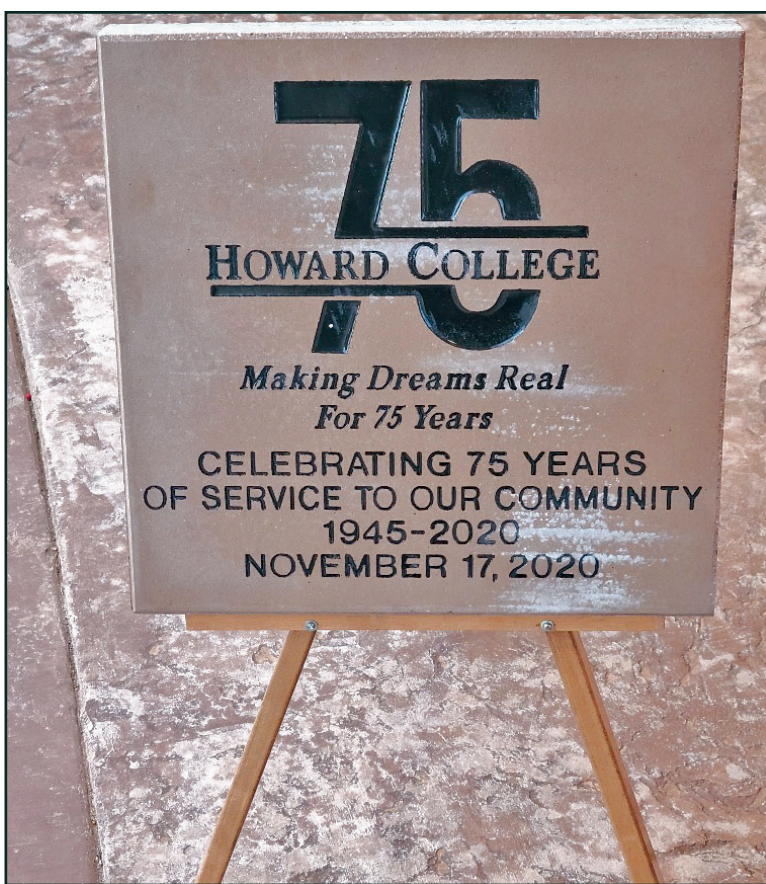
Once the vision was put in motion it came to fruition with the backing of a community that saw an opportunity for growth not only for the community, but the individuals who lived here. With

majority vote, the community decided to build a junior college and expand the minds of those who chose to pursue higher education. As with any well thought out idea, a good foundation was formed in order to allow for those investing into this dream to build upon.

The strong foundation began with a community coming together in a vote; grew with the formation of a governing board to ensure the vision served those walking the halls to the best of its ability; and has continued to grow through partnerships throughout the community. As with many other staples in the community. Dr. Malone had a hand in the formation of Howard College. It was also through the partnership of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the local newspaper - The Big Spring Herald - that Howard College was able to spread its wings and flourish.

The Howard College campus has grown from its original foundation and continues to provide opportunity for the youth in our community. The opportunity for learning, for earning, for life continues to hold strong and Howard College continues to make dreams a reality for all.

For the next 10 months, Howard College will be celebrating the 75th anniversary with the celebrations culminating on the 75th Anniversary of the first day of class in September 2021.



HERALD photos/Amanda Duforat

Pictured above is the newly revealed 75th Anniversary brick which will be placed in front of Old Main with the other commemorative bricks. Pictured at right: Debbye ValVerde and Dr. Cheryl Sparks standing next to the recognition brick for the Chamber of Commerce.



HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat

Dr. Cheryl Sparks spoke about the history that led up to the making of 75 years for Howard College in the Big Spring community and how campuses expanded to Lamesa and San Angelo, during a short ceremony at the November Alive. After 5 networking event, hosted by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and Howard College. Chairman of the Board Dr. Freeman was on hand to do the unveiling of the anniversary brick before a few door prizes were handed out and the evening event concluded.



HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat

While celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Howard College, students, administration, staff and Chamber representatives joined together for the groundbreaking of the new fieldhouse (pictured above) which will be located at Foundation Field. The fieldhouse is a joint project between the softball team, who is conducting the fundraising, and the construction program students who will be working on the structure. Students and faculty also joined together to officially open the new Adventure Trail (pictured left) which was constructed by the Adventure Club and will provide an opportunity for the students to get out and enjoy the scenery and unique Big Spring view!



# Happy Thanksgiving!

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# Growing conditions tough for Texas peanut growers

Special to the Herald

Texas AgriLife

Texas peanut producers experienced a difficult 2020 growing season due to drought, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Emi Kimura, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension state peanut specialist, Vernon, said dry weather from April to September led to below-average yields as producers near the end of harvest.

"Harvest is almost done in most areas because there's not been much rain to slow us down like in 2019," she said. "There's not much positive news beyond that on the production side."

Overall, Texas peanut producers planted 190,000 acres compared to 165,000 acres in 2019, Kimura said. Harvested acres were estimated to be 180,000 compared to 160,000 in 2019, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service November report.

Despite planted acres being up more than 13%, yields on those acres were down 11.5%, according to the report. Producers netted 2,700 pounds of peanuts per acre on average compared to 3,050 pounds per acre last year.

Peanut producer: 'not a single drop of rain'

Kimura said the No. 1 cause for reduced yields was the lack of moisture despite irrigation efforts.

"Some producers in West Texas said they experienced worse drought conditions than in 2011," she said. "One producer said he'd never had a season without a single drop of rain until this year."

Kimura said the weather station for Seminole showed 1.9 inches of rain for April through September. Last year, the same weather station reported 13.6 inches of rainfall during the same period.

"I count April because any rains leading up to May planting typically set up the crop for good establishment," she said. "Rains in July and August are very critical for the crop's development, and less than 2 inches over the season was not enough."

Kimura said rain measurements at the weather station in Memphis, which is a good indicator for High Plains peanut fields, were not as bad but still 7 inches below last year. Stephenville and South Texas fields also received below-normal rainfall amounts on average.

The silver lining in a lack of moisture was below-average pest and disease pressure, Kimura said. There were some cases of leaf spot in South Texas, but nothing major to report across the state.

More bad news

Quality grades will potentially decline for some growers due to a freeze event in late October, she said. Temperatures dropped from 80 degrees to 25 degrees on Oct. 26-27.

The extreme dip in temperatures during harvest caught some producers off guard and added to an already tough season, she said. Freezing temperatures did not drop soil temperatures low enough to cause significant damage to peanuts still in the ground, but some producers had already dug peanuts that were exposed and damaged.

Kimura said the impact on exposed peanuts depended on how much moisture was in the kernel during the freeze, but even pods dry enough likely sustained some damage. One producer reported digging 5,000 acres of peanuts before the looming freeze was apparent.

"Once they dig, the peanuts need to dry down for a week," she said. "Some producers did not learn about the freeze soon enough or were caught by surprise. But those who didn't dig likely didn't sustain as much damage as those who dug before the freeze."

Kimura said some producers around the state performed well. They received decent rains, kept pest and disease pressure in check and perfectly timed harvest to avoid freeze damage.

But the average per-acre yields mean many producers endured a very difficult growing season, she said.

"Conditions were crazy this year," she said. "It was really difficult to talk to producers in West Texas because they were depressed by the drought on top of everything else going on. As specialists, we make recommendations and give options that can improve a grower's outcome, but there's not much we can do about zero rainfall."

Prices low, but demand increased

Francisco Abello, AgriLife Extension economist, Vernon, had a little good news for Texas peanut producers but said prices were low.

U.S. peanut acres increased 17%, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Those acres were producing high yields on average, which translates into a 21% higher production forecast compared to 2019.

But domestic and export demand has also increased dramatically, he said. Demand for peanut butter and candy during the COVID-19 pandemic drove domestic increases, and exports increased 36% compared to last year as China ramped up purchase orders.

Low peanut prices - \$424 per ton for runners; \$428 per ton for Virginia peanuts, for example - will likely make them eligible for government assistance, he said. The breakeven price, or the price that would cover input costs, as well as equipment depreciation and other expenses to produce a ton of peanuts, is \$430 on average, according to AgriLife Extension economist calculations.

USDA Price Loss Coverage, PLC, payments could benefit farmers who participated in the 2020-2021 program, he said.

"That's important for a farmer's gross margin," he said. "But the final estimated payment will depend on the actual PLC-based yield from the individual farm, and the final reference price for the 2020-21 season."

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

## CENTRAL

Temperatures were typical for this time of year. Wind gusts over 20 mph caused soil moisture loss. Topsoil moisture conditions continued to deteriorate and remained inadequate for crop germination. Just over half the counties reported short soil moisture. Additional winter wheat plantings were in limbo pending receipt of significant precipitation. The outlook for rainfall over the next week to 10 days remained bleak. The very few winter wheat fields that germinated emerged unevenly. Pastures were deteriorating, and stock tanks were drying up. Livestock were in good condition as producers supplemented with hay. Warm temperatures helped minimize feeding requirements for livestock. The

pecan harvest was going well, and peanut and cotton harvests were complete. Most small grain acres were planted, and some cover crops were still being planted over second-crop corn acres. Second crop corn and sorghum quality and yields were very good.

## SOUTH PLAINS

Dry conditions continued across the district. Farmers were busy stripping cotton. Most farmers expected to finish harvesting cotton before Thanksgiving. Many producers finished cotton harvest and began planting winter wheat. Local cotton gins expected to complete ginning by mid- to late-December. Very little dryland winter wheat had emerged due to the lack of moisture. Local cattle producers were relying heavily on hay and supplemental feeding.

## FAR WEST

Temperatures have been in the mid-90s with lows in the upper 30s. No precipitation was reported. Cotton harvest was almost complete. Most growers were busy shredding stalks. Cotton did not produce well without a measurable rain the last two months. Wheat plantings increased. Producers were dry planting in hopes of eventual rain. Some emerged wheat was dead or would die without water and will likely require replanting. Pumpkins and corn were still being picked. Growers were a little concerned about a hard freeze that occurred Oct. 26. Rangeland and pasture conditions were dry and declining. In the Rio Grande Valley, Pima and Upland cotton harvest was active and the regional gin was operating at full capacity. Early reports indicated yields were a little above average. Early maturing pecans were beginning to drop. Pawnee pecan orchards were harvested in some areas, and Western Schley pecans should be harvested in the next few weeks. Alfalfa producers were cutting or clipping remaining stands. Livestock producers

See **CROP**, Page 10B

## We Salute!

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

- Howard College in recognition of the 75th Anniversary and their continued investment into the community and beyond.

- Coahoma Big Red Band for placing 3rd place in Area Competition this year.

- Forsan Buffalo Band for placing 3rd place; Big Spring Steer Pride Drive for taking 1st place; and to both bands for advancing to State Competition to be held in December at the Alamodome.

- Spur 327 for once again being recognized for Song of the Year by Texas Country Music Awards.

Recognizing the great things happening in Big Spring is important. Send in your recognitions to [editor@bigspringherald.com](mailto:editor@bigspringherald.com). We Salute will run Thursdays and Sundays.

# BBB Tips: Holiday Season Kick Off

## BBB Column

This year, the holidays feel especially important to those searching for a sense of normalcy in an abnormal time. According to the National Retail Federation (NRF), shoppers anticipate spending nearly \$1,000 on gifts, decorations, food and additional "non-gift" items for themselves.

Thanks to COVID-19, online shopping has evolved from a convenience to a necessity, and many will turn to their computers to complete their holiday shopping. Unfortunately, scammers are waiting to strike. A recent BBB report reveals a spike in online purchase scams, which have made up nearly 40% of all scams reported to BBB Scam Tracker in 2020, costing victims an average of \$93.

The holiday shopping season officially kicks off during Thanksgiving weekend, which provides opportunities to find unbeatable deals, support your community and find the perfect gifts for your loved ones.

Use these tips from your Better Business Bureau to shop safe and smart during the holidays:

Black Friday

- Read the fine print. Be sure to check if discounts on your purchase exclude certain products, ask about return policies, and always request a gift receipt.

- Plan your approach. Many brands now advertise their Black Friday deals in advance, so take note of which products will go on sale, when the deal ends and if other retailers are offering better deals.

- Do your research. Read product reviews for all the items on your list, especially bigger-ticket items such as appliances and electronics.

Small Business Saturday

- Shop safe. Remember to continue social distancing practices while shopping. Utilizing curbside pickup or online options is an effective way to stay safe and avoid large crowds of holiday shoppers.

- Refer friends and family. Recommend your favorite local businesses to your friends and family as they shop. If you are unable to bring your friends and relatives to a business' brick and mortar location, share their website and social media pages.

- Shop small, eat small. Continue supporting your community by dining with locally owned restaurants, coffee shops and bakeries or by purchasing gift cards for your loved ones.

Cyber Monday

- Watch for false advertising. Watch out for too good to be true offers, especially if you're searching for the season's hottest item.

See **BBB**, Page 9B



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### Chamber of Commerce happenings ...



Courtesy photo

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce recognized new member Interim Health Care with a ribbon cutting on Thursday morning. Chamber Ambassadors, board members and staff joined with Interim owners and employees to celebrate the event with finger foods and door prizes. Interim Health Care is located at 1900 S. Gregg.

### 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
- Nelba DeLosRios Diaz, 10600 McMillian Dr., Austin
- Krista A. Dickson, 6917 Todd, Sachse
- Jimmy Dodson, 405 31st St., Snyder
- Ben Doherty, 5019 McKinney St. No. 105, Dallas
- Angela Doty, 1401 E. Rundberg, Austin
- 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
- Chris M. Fagan, 3508 W. Eighth St., Amarillo
- 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
- Rosa M. George, 509 W. Second St., Stanton, Texas
- 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
- Mike Haddix, 401 Humble St. Apt. E, Midland
- Dylan Hammons, 4401 E. 11th Place, Big Spring
- William J. Harman, HC 76, Box 147K-1, Big Spring
- Nicholas D. Hasenbalg, 207 W. Williams St. #9, Breckenridge
- 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
- Billy Dean Hill, 7117 Alissa, Rowlett, Texas
- Johnny R. Hill, 704 San Antonio, Big Spring
- Kaleb Hill, 910 Baylor, Big Spring
- Shatiya Lasha Jenkins, 4590 N Texas #198 Odessa
- David Kelley, P.O. Box 724, Salado
- Joni D. Kelly, 3050 Co. Rd 139, Colorado
- Renola S. Kelly, 4503 LA Salle Circle, Colorado City
- Kimberly Jo Kennemur, 120 Hooser Rd., Big Spring
- Cynthia Lee Kent, Moved to Newport News, Virginia
- Kayle R. Lane, P.O. Box 83965, Waco
- Rafael Lemus, 1804 Mittel, Big Spring
- Jesse Paul Lopez, 101 Scurry St., Big Spring
- Ruben Lopez Jr., 107 Milburn St., Snyder, Texas
- Clifford G. Lowe, 501 Circle, Big Spring
- Patricia D. Lyons, 7502 Interstate 27 number A, Lubbock
- Aaron Christopher Mack, 2134 Bonham Ave., Odessa
- Bruce Edward Mallard, P.O. Box 3265 504 Westover, Big Spring
- Barbara A. Marshall, P.O. Box 1065, Deming, New Mexico
- James Martinez, P.O. Box 269, Ft. Davis
- Rene N. Martinez, 8618 Serene Ridge, Big Spring, Texas
- Victoria Josephine Martinez, 323 S. Main St., Loraine
- Karen McCalister, 5925 Raton Ln. number 154, Ft. Worth
- O'Neal McClain, 911 17th St., Snyder
- Diana McCool, 504 Donley, Big Spring
- Ethel Laverne McVae, 4202 Parkway Rd., Big Spring, Texas
- Heriberto Palafox Mora, 1311 Mobile St., Big Spring
- Felicia Ornelas, 538 Westover Rd.
- Dana Kay Peach, 1806 N 13th, Lamesa

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### Howard College celebrates 75 years with four ribbon cuttings Tuesday



Courtesy photos/Bruce Schooler

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce joined with Howard College this past week to commemorate the 75th Anniversary. The day was celebrated through a series of ribbon cuttings marking the start of several projects across the Howard College campus. The roofing repair project will soon begin, a new fieldhouse will be constructed for the softball team, and the Adventure Trail will allow for the students to enjoy the outdoors and get some exercise in. The day was concluded with a ribbon cutting in honor of 75 years, which took place in front of Old Main.

### Highlighting Howard Co. Business Feeding livestock across Howard County and beyond: Elbow Creek Hay & Feed



Courtesy photo

Hugh and Nancy Raney, owners of Elbow Creek Hay & Feed have been in the hay business for more than 50 years and have been operating the feed store since 2013. More information can be found on the Facebook Page, on their website, or by stopping into the feed store located in Elbow.

By AMANDA DUFORAT  
Managing Editor

Hay ... Elbow Creek Hay and Feed know their business.

For more than 50 years, Nancy and Hugh Raney have been in the hay business in Howard County. In 2013, the couple decided to expand their area of service and opened Elbow Creek Hay & Feed. The expansion of services and products was a way to come together as a family, but also to serve the community that had already given so much back to them along the journey.

"The feed store is a natural fit for us. When we opened the store in 2013 it was an outlet for our home grown hay," Nancy Raney, co-owner of Elbow Creek Hay & Feed, said. "We started adding differ-

ent types of feed and supplies as our customers asked for them."

Customer service and investing into the community is at the base of their foundation. Ensuring each customer who steps into the store is treated with respect and has a positive experience is what the Raney's strive to achieve with each transaction.

"Our customer service, in our opinion, is what sets us apart," Raney said. "As we head into a new year, we are looking to keep up with our customers excellence in customer service and expand our sales."

While many may think a feed store is only with

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*Courtesy photo*

**Elbow Creek Hay & Feed is a family effort, which is reflected in the customer services that are delivered to each customer who walks through the door.**

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those raising livestock, Elbow Creek Hay & Feed is more than that. According to Raney, whether you have cattle, horses, sheep, goats, or the family dog or cat, the feed store can meet your need.

As with any small business, Elbow Creek Hay & Feed has felt the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. With the economy falling – especially in West Texas and the oilfield bust – there were many families who were forced to choose between feeding their animals or feeding their families, which in turn negatively impacted feed stores such as Elbow Creek.

“As with all small businesses we took a hit in sales; luckily, we have so many local customers who have kept us going even in the tough times,” she said.

As the nation and Howard County continues to move through the pandemic, despite the struggles, Elbow Creek continues to focus on meeting the customer needs to the best of their ability. One of the ways the Raney’s strive to do this is by investing into the community. While the Raney’s have seen first hand, with their own children, the importance of 4-H in a local community, being able to form

partnerships with local 4-H and FFA has been part of their giving back focus.

“Being able to partner with our local 4-H and FFA chapters to take care of our youth in our communities who are showing livestock has been one of the biggest and best opportunities for the store, and our adventure,” she said. “We have met so many families not just in our area, but in surrounding counties.”

While opening a small business is not an easy feat, it is one that the Raney’s have enjoyed and encourage those looking to do the same to step out and explore.

“It’s not an easy road, but if it is a journey you are ready to take stay the course,” shes said.

For more information, call 432-398-5271. or to view the products in store, stop by Elbow Creek Hay & Feed during normal business hours, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. at 5101 W. FM 818. More information can also be found on the stores website at [www.elbowcreekhayfeed.com](http://www.elbowcreekhayfeed.com) or by following their Instagram or Facebook accounts. For questions, e-mail [elbowcreekhayfeed@gmail.com](mailto:elbowcreekhayfeed@gmail.com).

*Amanda Duforat is the Managing Editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, e-mail editor@big-springherald.com or call 432-263-7331.*

**RECORDS**

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- Nicole Preston, 1605 E 11th place, Big Spring
- 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:**

- Robin Joe Barnes, 30, of Stanton, and Valerie Nicole Ross, 27, of Big Spring.
- Lloyd Wayne Mitchell Jr., 85 and Dixie Elizabeth Henry, 84, both of Coahoma.
- Angel Villa, 47, and Monica Tijerina Miramontes, 43, both of Big Spring.

**Warranty Deeds**

- Grantor: Jerry O. Barker and Annabel Barker
- Grantee: Delynda Reed
- Property: Lot 6, block 4, West Cliff Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
- Date: November 9,2020
  
- Grantor: Roger Dale Brown and Anna Mae Brown, a married couple
- Grantee: Raul Marquez and Ashley Marquez

Property: Being a 3.97 acre tract of land more or less out of Section 17, block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas is also known as Tract 27, block D, Campestre Estates, an unrecorded subdivision out of Section 17, block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR co. Survey, Howard County and being more particularly described by metes and bounds.

Date: November 6,2020

Grantor: Anna Briscoe

Grantee: Frank William James

Property: Lot 8, block 24, Cole and Strayhorn Addition, in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, also known as 609 E. 18th, Big Spring, Texas

Date: November 10,2020

Grantor: Joyce Karan Phillips

Grantee: Jason Heath Phillips

Property: Lot 5, block 6, College Park Estates to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Date: November 4,2020

Grantor: Maria Diaz

Grantee: Elias Sol Ledesma; Christopher Dale Ledesma; and Analicia Lynn Galan

Property: Lot 3, block 1, Indianola Addition, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Envelope 57/A, plat records in the office of the County Clerk of Howard County, Texas

Date: November 12,2020

Grantor: Gregory Pierce and Kimberly Pierce

Grantee: GK Pierce LLC

Property: Being a 5.74 acre tract out of a 7.86 acre tract out of the SW/4 of Section 40, block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey Howard County, Texas described by metes and bounds.

Date: November 13, 2020

**Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien**

Grantor: Matthew Wayne Cunningham and Hayle Cunningham

Grantee: Tyler W. Weston and Emma Yancey

Property: Being a 9.74 acre tract called Tract 5 in an unrecorded subdivision out of the NE/4 of the NW/4 of Section 30, block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas the said 9.74 acre tract being a part of the lands described as two 4.87 acre tracts as described in Volume 424, Page 95, Howard County Deed Records, in a deed from Frank R. Cox Jr and wife Annie L. Cox, dated January 10, 1972 and recorded in Volume 418, Page 8, Howard County Deed Records, in a deed from Frank R. Cox Jr. and wife Annie L. Cox dated January 25, 1971, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas said 9.74 acre tract described by metes and bounds.

Grantor: Cora Della Burcham

Grantee: Donovan Kole Barber and Carli Rose Barber

Property: Being lot 6, block 8, of Suburban Heights Addition, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the plat thereof of record in Envelope 98/A plat records of Howard County, Texas

Date: November 12,2020

Grantor: Lanita Karibian fka Lanita Sue Fielder

Grantee: Kassie Lynn Abrego

Property: Lot 3, block 1, Wasson Place Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Date: November 10, 2020

Grantor: Jacob Castle and Arielle Castle

Grantee: Lisa Dann White Brunelli and Alan John Brunelli

Property: Lot 9 and a parcel of land 25 feet in width off of the East side of Lot 10, all in block 18, Edwards Heights Addition to the City of Big Spring and Howard County, Texas.

Date: November 11, 2020

Grantor: Byron Harris

Grantee: Bryan Reynolds and Nicole Reynolds

Property: Lot 8, block 4, Wasson Place Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, according to the

proper map or plat thereof record in the Office of the County Clerk of Howard County, Texas

Date: November 9, 2020

Grantor: Buck Easy's Inc.

Grantee: E Barr Cook Properties, LLC

Property: Being all of Lot 12, block No. 21, McDowell Heights Addition to the City of Big Spring Howard County, Texas according to the proper map or plat of record in envelope 77/A, plat records of Howard County, Texas

Date: November 12, 2020

Grantor: Billie Dominguez and Ricky Dominguez

Grantee: Abraham Medrano and Olga Medrano

Property: Tract 1: The South 70 feet of Tract 3, of a re-plat of lots "A" and "B" of Tract 8, Kennebec Heights, a subdivision of part of Section 12, block 33, T-1-S, T&P Ry Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas; Tract 2: South 10 feet of the following described property: Tract No. 3 of the Replat of Lots A&B of Tract No. 8 of Kennebec Heights a subdivision of part of Sec. No. 12, block No. 33, Township 1-South, T&P Ry. Co.Survey, in Howard County Texas, save and except the South 70 feet thereof.

Date: November 9, 2020

Grantor: Heath Wilkerson Lindsay Wilkerson

Grantee: Bryson Raland Phillips, a single man

Property: Being all of lot No. 29, in block No. 5, College Park Estates an addition to the city of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof of record in Envelope 24/B, plat records of Howard County, Texas

Date: November 13, 2020

Grantor: Coahoma Properties LLC

Grantee: Michael Lindsey, Jr.

Property: Being all of Lot Nos. 6 and 7, in block No. 5, Saunders Addition to the City of Coahoma, Howard County, Texas, according to the proper map or plat of records in envelope 87/B, Plat records of Howard County, Texas

Date: November 10, 2020

**Texas weekly gas price update; gas prices on the rise**

**Special to the Herald**

GasBuddy

Texas gas prices have risen 3.1 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$1.80/g today, according

to GasBuddy’s daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 5.8 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 43.2 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

1.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.12/g today. The national average is down 4.3 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 49.0 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

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Historical gasoline prices in Texas and the national average going back ten years:  
November 16, 2019: \$2.23/g (U.S. Average: \$2.61/g)  
November 16, 2018: \$2.36/g (U.S. Average: \$2.63/g)

The national average price of gasoline has risen

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Lessons to be given  
in Gary B's Music Store

**Happy Thanksgiving!**  
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NOVEMBER 20, 2020  
NOVEMBER 22, 2020  
Tami L. Davis  
Assistant City Secretary

#10721 November 20 and 22, 2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS CHAPTER 12 OF THE BIG SPRING CITY CODE ENTITLED "BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS," ARTICLE II "BUILDING CODES," TO CORRECT THE TITLE OF THE VARIOUS CODES, DECLARING IT UNLAWFUL TO VIOLATE THE PROVISION REGARDING "SIGNS AND BILLBOARDS," AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 12-49 ENTITLED "ENFORCEMENT" AUTHORIZING THE BUILDING OFFICIAL OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE TO ENFORCE THE CODES; REPEALING ARTICLE III "VIOLATIONS" IN ITS ENTIRETY IN ORDER TO REINSTATE THE ICC PENALTIES; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 24 OF THE BIG SPRING CITY CODE ENTITLED "FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION," ARTICLE I "GENERAL," SECTION 24-1 "FIRE CODE ADOPTED" TO CORRECT THE TITLE OF THE CODE AND CORRECT THE APPEALS PRECEDURE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 12 OF THE BIG SPRING CITY CODE ENTITLED "BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS," SECTION 12-2 "GREASE TRAPS" TO CLARIFY ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, TO REQUIRE RETENTION OF MAINTENANCE SCHEDULES FOR FIVE YEARS, AND PROVIDE FOR APPEALS OF THESE REGULATIONS THROUGH THE STRUCTURAL STANDARDS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 36 OF THE BIG SPRING CITY CODE ENTITLED "NUISANCES," BY RENAMING ARTICLE 1 TO "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE" AND ADDING NEW SECTIONS 36-11 ENTITLED "TIMELY REPAIR OF BROKEN WINDOWS," AND 36-12 ENTITLED "GRAFFITI REMOVAL" TO ESTABLISH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE STANDARDS FOR REPAIR OF BROKEN WINDOWS IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA AND REMOVAL OF GRAFFITI WITHIN CITY LIMITS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOVEMBER 20, 2020  
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#10718 November 20 and 22, 2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 44 OF THE BIG SPRING CITY CODE ENTITLED "SOLID WASTE" BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE III "ILLEGAL DUMPING AND LITTER CONTROL," IN ORDER TO ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR ILLEGAL DUMPING AND LITTER CONTROL WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF BIG SPRING AND ITS EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOVEMBER 20, 2020  
NOVEMBER 22, 2020  
Tami L. Davis  
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#10717 November 20 and 22, 2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, AMENDING THE STRUCTURAL STANDARDS ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING IN ITS ENTIRETY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF SAID ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE CAPTION AND PENALTY.

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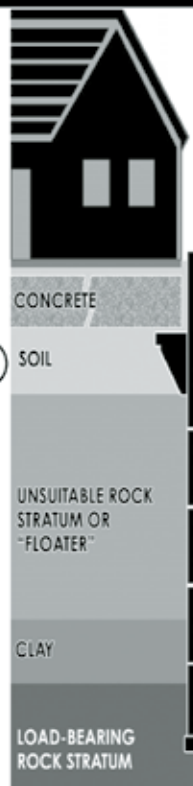
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Annie's Mailbox

Rediscovering the Magic of the Holidays

Dear Annie: While I don't hate holidays, nor dread them, as "Holiday Anxiety" expressed, I don't go "all in" either. I believe in moderation, in all things, including moderation.

All my close family has gone to their rewards. None of my high school and earlier friends has time or money for more than immediate family, and my partner passed a decade ago. I'm 61 and find myself refreshingly able to control my own life.

I do miss the family traditions, the scents and the decorations; I am also now aware of the time and effort my parents and grandparents put in to create these memories, and I am grateful. And I absolutely hate Halloween decor immediately replaced by Christmas stuff. Where's Thanksgiving?

For "Holiday Anxiety," I suggest:

1. I make gift baskets for shelter animals and their keepers. Cat litter, dog food, paper towels and sanitizer might not seem very "gift-y," but you drop some off with gift cards and pet toys, and you're a hero. I gave a local shelter administrator a glittery holiday card including \$100; the lady burst into tears, which made me proud and happy. Spend \$100 and get a million in gratitude back.

2. Our country is chock-a-block with

kids who eat ketchup sandwich meals, if they eat at all. Shames me, 'cuz even though I'm a disabled veteran, I have no excuse for being fat, 'cept I eat too much and have too much. I give through the VA, Catholic charities, the Salvation Army and do food drives. If you hate the holidays, then make them better for someone else. You will benefit. Giving is the best reward.

3. Walk the streets and absorb the atmosphere. See the kids, bright-eyed and full of wonder; look at the window displays. Smell the food, the firewood, the goodies. Just be in the moment.

4. If possible, go ice skating. It is impossible to be bitter and holiday hatin' on a pair of skates, especially if the '40s music is on. Try. You can't, even on your butt.

5. A small decoration can work wonders. Unlike my parents, who created holiday displays visible from space - really -- I have a four-foot artificial tree, decorated with heirloom ornaments and light strings. I buy pine-scented stuff, and, like the '70s high schooler I am still, I drape a cord of little lights around my bedroom. Those lil twinkly lights make me feel at home for the holidays.

6. Enjoy seasonal music. Force yourself if you "hate" it. Listen to the Christian and secular, feel and fall into the lyrics. You'll feel better.

And if your writer can do none of this, that's

fine, too. Some folk just can't. I wish I could reach out and share my take on the holidays with "Holiday Anxiety," 'cuz I used to think I hated them, too.

I'm alone, but not lonely. I'm not a Christian, but love the idea of Christmas.

I take Thanksgiving very seriously, as I have much for which to be thankful.

I don't "decorate" nor do I "buy special things," and all with whom I would have exchanged gifts are deceased. And given my lack of kitchen skill, any cookies I made would most likely get me arrested or find me homeless, after burning my house down.

But I enjoy the season, simply because I enjoy the pleasure of others. I cannot Grinch in the presence of joy, just can't. Is it possible "Holiday Anxiety" could come to the "light," just accept the message and ignore the commercialism?

Peace, safety, and love upon you and yours, ma'am, in this time of turmoil and disruption. -- Ryan C.

Dear Ryan: I couldn't have said it better myself. Giving and appreciating what we have are the best rewards. Thank you for sharing and spreading some holiday cheer.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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

ANSWER:

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Turning defeat into victory

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ Q 10 8 5 2  
♥ J 9 8 2  
♦ A Q 6  
♣ 6

**WEST**  
♠ 9 6  
♥ Q 10 5 4  
♦ 7  
♣ 10 9 8 7 4 2

**EAST**  
♠ —  
♥ 7 6 3  
♦ K J 10 9 4 3  
♣ A K 5 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K J 7 4 3  
♥ A K  
♦ 8 5 2  
♣ Q J

The bidding:  
East 1♦ South Dble West 2♣ North 3♣  
5♣ 5♠

Opening lead — seven of diamonds. It is not uncommon for declarer to be playing in a contract where he appears to have bitten off more than he can chew. In many cases, declarer can do nothing to salvage such contracts, but there are some occasions where careful play can turn apparent defeat into victory.

Here is such a case. South is playing in five spades, and West leads his singleton diamond. Declarer sees that his probable losers are two diamonds and a club, but he also notes that if

either opponent was dealt three hearts to the queen, he can develop an extra trick by ruffing one of dummy's hearts and so make the contract.

Accordingly, he wins the opening lead with the ace of diamonds, cashes the A-K of spades and A-K of hearts, then enters dummy with a trump to lead the nine of hearts and ruff it.

The queen does not fall, but he is not yet completely out of ammunition. He still has another chance to make the contract, and it costs him nothing to try. So at this point he leads the jack of clubs.

East wins the club with the king and makes the best defensive play of continuing with the ace. Declarer ruffs in dummy and plays the jack of hearts, on which East shows out.

South takes advantage of this favorable development by discarding one of his diamond losers on the jack of hearts. Declarer can afford to make this play, since he has two diamond losers in any case, but, more importantly, it enables him to make the contract if East started with six diamonds.

Sure enough, West, upon winning the heart with the queen, has no choice but to return a club. Declarer ruffs in dummy while discarding his remaining diamond, and the contract is home.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS stay out and stay attractive.



Sagittarius Opening Statements

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You'll be a genius at picking topics of discussion, even with people you don't know well. You aim to uplift. You'll shut down conversations aimed to tear others down.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** It's true that you sometimes have to talk yourself into doing the very things that were your idea from the start. To be effective in this, just remind yourself of the many reasons why you want what you want.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** People make time for people they want to make time for. "Too busy" is a way of saying "different priorities," and that's OK, too! Stay aware of the expectation others have of you and how you play into it.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You trust yourself, but that doesn't mean you think everything you do is right. A healthy amount of the right kind of

doubt shows more confidence than unchecked conviction.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You won't have to seek helping opportunities, because they will be all around you. Some people are helped by little more than a warm smile. Moments of complete attention and kind words provide more uplift than you know.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** The most attractive stance is one of calm collectedness. From that place, you can see and act on opportunities. Rushed people create problems. Believe in the timing of life instead of imposed and superficial urgency.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** The sensation that you're lost can creep along the edges of your psyche, even when you think you know where you are. Breathe. Knowing exactly where to go and what to do next is unnecessary right now.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Watch your

energy levels and performance while doing ordinary things. Keeping track of this in daily life (not just in demanding situations) is an act of noticing that supports your health and well-being.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Today comes with a very convenient cosmic gift. People will make obvious efforts to let you know their intentions, wants, needs and feelings. If it's not obvious, it may not be so.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** What's wrong will also be ugly. Gossip definitely fits the category. Many around you will trauma-band over shared disdain. It's not a good look. You'll

temporary but drama-free.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 22).** You will be rich in emotional commodities such as enthusiasm, hope and love. You'll get excellent at reading people, which will help you assemble productive teams and seek relationships bound for ease and success. What you accomplish in January will attract an audience. Build on it and bank the dividends in April. Libra and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 11, 13 and 17

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** Neptune puts on the brakes to prepare for a turnaround at the end of this Thanksgiving week. The planet of dreams has been reversed for five months and enshrouded with a swirly, surreal sort of consciousness. Now it will be like we have a finger on the "sharpness" feature and can slide into clear sight some of the fuzziness we've dealt with in the past months. Decisions will be made without

struggle or ambiguity. With Venus newly exploring the early degrees of Scorpio, we bring new honesty to relationships and our place in them. We thought we were doing our best before, but how is it really possible to know what our best is? What we really do is the most we can in relation to the moment of challenge. When the challenge is more intense, we match it until we can't. It is great challenge -- and, ultimately, defeat -- that teach us what our best is in any given moment.

Friday brings an annual Venus-Uranus opposition. To gamble or not -- that will be the question. The gambler rolls the dice and then accepts that outcome even if it's not ideal. That's what you sign up for when you play the game. To agree to put your high hopes in the hands of fate is an agreement with loss as well.

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**A turkey alternative for intimate Thanksgiving meals**

Poulet au Vinaigre  
Serves 6 to 8

- 12 chicken thighs (about 3 to 4 pounds), bone in
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 6 shallots, minced
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1 1/2 cups dry white wine
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1 1/2 cups chicken stock, preferably homemade
- 1/2 cup chopped Italian parsley

Season the chicken generously with salt and pepper to taste. In a large, deep skillet (big enough to hold all chicken fairly close together; or use two skillets), melt 3 tablespoons of the butter in 1 tablespoon of the olive oil over medium-high heat. Brown the chicken for about 8 minutes, turning so both sides get nicely browned. Transfer the chicken to a deep, broad, ovenproof cas-

serole that can go from the oven to the table. Remove the skillet from the heat and pour off most of the fat. Preheat the oven to 375 F. Place the skillet back over medium heat and add the remaining 1 tablespoon butter and 1 tablespoon olive oil. Add the shallots and garlic and cook for about 1 minute, or until they become translucent. Add the vinegar and wine, and stir up the crispy bits that have stuck to the bottom of the pan. Allow the liquids to cook down a bit, stirring occasionally, for about 8 minutes. Whisk in the tomato paste and let the sauce simmer and condense, about 5 minutes more. Then add the chicken stock, a little at a time. Keep stirring to mix well. Pour the sauce over the chicken. Bake for 35 to 45 minutes until the chicken is very tender, turning the chicken pieces halfway through, so that both sides are infused with the sauce. Remove one thigh and cut into it to make sure it is done and no red juices flow from the cut. Remove the casserole from the oven, sprinkle the parsley on top, and serve.

Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Brad Wilber  
Edited by Stanley Newman  
[www.stanxwords.com](http://www.stanxwords.com)

- ACROSS**
- 1 Ran out of bravado
  - 7 Sensational headline
  - 15 Fictionalized character created from crayon
  - 16 Sore spot for novice skaters
  - 17 Freebies at punchbowl.com
  - 18 What potpourri is meant to be
  - 19 Conservative wardrobe shade
  - 20 Plumaged piscivore
  - 22 Informal exchange
  - 23 *Sei diviso due*
  - 24 Sleeper hit oldie, perhaps
  - 25 Retro party theme
  - 26 "Motherload of Meatiness" brand
  - 28 Bungee-jump site
  - 30 Marketplace
  - 32 Stand-up kind of guy
  - 37 Kansas marshalcy for Hickok
  - 38 San Diego Supercomputer Center address
  - 39 Former phrase for MPAA
  - 40 Offering
  - 41 Green mascot for Canada's Waste Reduction Week
  - 43 Isn't clammy?
  - 44 Bleacher creature's message
  - 48 Hamstrings, say
  - 50 Armory container
  - 52 ROTC offerer
  - 53 Less chaotic
- DOWN**
- 1 Potpourri quality
  - 2 *Telenovela* "Yikes"
  - 3 Landscaper's supply stop
  - 4 It's southeast of East Chicago
  - 5 Share of a task
  - 6 Appropriate quantities
  - 7 Great success for a player
  - 8 Calling
  - 9 Run \_\_\_
  - 10 What the first London Bridge was made of
  - 11 Rattling adders
  - 12 Metaphor for disuse
  - 13 1940s "Giant Brain"
  - 14 Half a leaf
  - 21 Bach-era dance
  - 24 "Against \_\_\_ even gods struggle in vain"; Nietzsche
  - 25 Track team?
  - 27 Support for campers
  - 29 Big Apple gridder, informally
  - 30 Something stalked in a field?
  - 31 Band that sounds overdone
  - 33 \_\_\_ soul
  - 34 Starting points in crocheting
  - 35 Thick as thieves
  - 36 His Blaster brought \$550,000 in a 2018 auction
  - 38 Bogart foe in five films
  - 40 Put off
  - 42 Word from the Latin for "clean"
  - 44 Sticky, in a way
  - 45 Having no point
  - 46 Drawback
  - 47 Crêche figure descriptor
  - 49 Cash holder of a sort
  - 51 Fluid statics study
  - 53 Headquarters
  - 54 What Tennyson called combatants (1835!)
  - 56 Whom Annie sings "Tomorrow" to
  - 58 Exclusionary link

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Thanksgiving is steeped in traditions involving familiar foods. Thanksgiving may look a little different this year, and certain customs may need to be modified. If family celebrations are scaled back, perhaps a large turkey that can feed 10 or more will not be needed. Even if the size of the celebration may be reduced, flavor doesn't have to shrink as well. Families can use this opportunity to try some new foods that can enhance this year's Thanksgiving experience. This recipe for "Poulet au Vinaigre" from "Simple Soirées: Seasonal Menus for Sensational Dinner Parties" (Stewart, Tabori & Chang) by Peggy Knickerbocker takes about an hour to get on the table and it's a flavorful dish that can be a succulent and special option for holiday meals.

Answer to previous puzzle

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# Traveling tips as the Thanksgiving holiday fast approaches and drivers hit the road

Special to the Herald

**GasBuddy Study Finds 45% Fewer Travelers on the Road This Thanksgiving, Gas Prices Projected to Be Lowest Since 2016**

Gas prices play a bigger role in travel plans this year compared to previous; double the amount of respondents want to take advantage of low prices

BOSTON (November 18, 2020) – The Thanksgiving travel season will be notably different this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. GasBuddy, the travel and navigation app used by more North American drivers to save money on gas, has released its 2020 Annual Thanksgiving Travel Survey, finding that only 35% of Americans will be taking to the roads this year, a decrease from 65% from last year, amidst some of the lowest Thanksgiving gas prices the country has seen in years.

The national average gas price is projected to be \$2.17 per gallon, lower this year as oil prices plunged from year ago levels amidst depressed demand for gasoline due to the coronavirus keeping Americans closer to home and away from their normal driving routines.

“Gasoline demand has continued to struggle as the coronavirus has kept Americans in their homes and keys out of their cars, working and e-learning from home. But with positive outcomes from two vaccine trials, we’re beginning to see optimism return, leading prices to rise slightly just in time for Thanksgiving,” says Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. “However, survey results show continued anxiety from motorists even with the lowest Thanksgiving gas prices in years, highlighting the challenges we’re facing in this pandemic.”

Nearly half (46 percent) of respondents in GasBuddy’s Annual Thanksgiving Travel Survey said that their travel plans are impacted by the coronavirus. When asked in what ways they were impacted, 71% said they are staying home instead of traveling this year. Five percent said they are not celebrating Thanksgiving this year due to the coronavirus. The remainder are either celebrating Thanksgiving at a different location this year (20%), or driving instead of taking other forms of transportation to their Thanksgiving destination (11%).

## BBB

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Avoid lookalike websites created by scammers by checking that the site is secure, the business’ name is spelled correctly and working contact information is provided.

- Beware of phishing scams. You may receive unsolicited texts and emails prompting you to click a link to claim a prize or check on delivery

statuses. Avoid opening these messages, as they could be part of a phishing scam. If you think it could be legitimate, hover your mouse over the link to see the true URL.

- Update antivirus software. Keeping the antivirus software up to date on your devices gives you more protection against malware downloaded by phishing scams, pop-ups or unsafe websites.

tion (11%).

Yet low gas prices are luring people to travel more than ever before. Fifteen percent of those who said they are planning to travel said they are doing so to take advantage of gas prices, a significant jump compared to 6% of people saying the same last year and 2% in 2018. Seventy-nine percent of people said that gas prices are not impacting their travel plans.

“Typically during the holidays, it’s all about traditions and less about the cost, even when gas prices were over \$3, plenty of Americans didn’t hesitate to travel for Thanksgiving,” said De Haan. “With Americans still concerned about traveling by plane, many families will take advantage of low prices and make a road trip when they otherwise wouldn’t.”

Those who are traveling are taking shorter trips than in years past, with survey results seeing a 75% increase in those who are traveling less than one hour to their Thanksgiving destination compared to 2019.

Cleanliness is a bigger concern for travelers this year when choosing a pit-stop. Finding clean facilities has jumped to the third most important consideration when choosing a gas station compared to the fourth most important consideration in 2019, and the last spot in 2018. The top considerations for travelers when choosing a pitstop this year are gas prices (1), convenience (2), cleanliness (3), brand (4) and food options (5).

The top three reasons for making pit stops this travel season are needing to use the restroom (1), filling up the gas tank (2), needing to stretch the legs (3).

GasBuddy offers these travel tips for those who are traveling for Thanksgiving:

- Watch for price differences between state lines: Gas prices can vary as much as \$20 per tank in some areas of the country between state lines. Using a gas discount card like Pay with GasBuddy® can lower your gas bill by as much as 25 cents per gallon.

- Use the GasBuddy app to find cheap gas and clean restrooms: GasBuddy’s free app allows drivers to search for gas stations with the lowest-priced fuel as well as the cleanest restrooms along their route.

*Methodology: GasBuddy analyzed 1860 responses to their 2020 Thanksgiving Travel Survey from October 25 - 28, 2020.*

Giving Tuesday

- Look for name similarities. Copycat charity names are commonly used by scammers looking to steal money from those looking to give back. Avoid mistaken identities by double checking the charity’s name before you donate.

- Take time to research. The end of the year is a common time to make donations, and you may start receiving requests from unfamiliar charities.

Research the organization’s mission and learn how your contribution will be used before donating.

- Use standards-based evaluations. The best way for a charity to prove it is trustworthy is agreeing to in-depth evaluations. BBB’s Wise Giving Alliance has 20 standards for accountability, and you can visit Give.org for free access to charity reports.

Happy holidays from everyone at BBB Serving the Heart of Texas!

## GAS

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November 16, 2017: \$2.29/g (U.S. Average: \$2.56/g)  
 November 16, 2016: \$1.94/g (U.S. Average: \$2.15/g)  
 November 16, 2015: \$1.92/g (U.S. Average: \$2.15/g)  
 November 16, 2014: \$2.68/g (U.S. Average: \$2.88/g)  
 November 16, 2013: \$2.95/g (U.S. Average: \$3.19/g)  
 November 16, 2012: \$3.16/g (U.S. Average: \$3.42/g)  
 November 16, 2011: \$3.22/g (U.S. Average: \$3.39/g)  
 November 16, 2010: \$2.71/g (U.S. Average: \$2.87/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices: Midland Odessa \$2.01/g, up 9.9 cents per gallon from last week’s \$1.91/g.

San Antonio- \$1.70/g, up 2.3 cents per gallon from last week’s \$1.68/g.

Austin- \$1.71/g, up 1.6 cents per gallon from last week’s \$1.69/g.

“For the first time in seven weeks, GasBuddy data showed average gas prices rose last week, unsurprising given the previous 18% jump in the price of crude oil on promising vaccine news,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. “This year has been anything but normal and such news of promising vaccine results will likely rekindle gas prices for a short while. We’re likely to see prices inch up slightly again this week as gas stations continue to try to pass along the rise from last week to retail, but ahead of Thanksgiving, prices should be mostly stable. For now, motorists shouldn’t expect too many fireworks at the pump, but the upcoming release of GasBuddy’s Holiday Travel survey highlights some big changes motorists are making for the last six weeks of the year.”

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>.

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# Big Spring Rotary recognizes Students of the Month



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The Big Spring Rotary Club recognized the Student of the Month for BSISD, Coahoma, and Forsan at the recent Tuesday meeting. The students are Karissa Beeman - Coahoma High School Junior, Breann White - Forsan High School Junior, and Libby Everett - Big Spring High School Junior. Father Christian Rabone, Big Spring Rotary President along with Dana Kohl Johnson, Educational Committee Chairperson, presented the awards. After recognizing the Student's of the Month, Father Christian Rabone presented Bruce Schooler, Rotary Club member, with his Paul Harris Fellowship award.

## CROP

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were anticipating typical price increases in local markets as the holidays approach.

### WEST CENTRAL

Dry conditions caused wheat, oats and pastures to be poor to very poor. The district needed moisture. Cotton was mostly harvested, but yields were below average due to dry conditions. Winter wheat plantings continued and were almost complete. Many farmers and ranchers were feeding livestock with hay and protein earlier than normal. Cattle markets were steady, and the goat market was up. Stock tanks were still in good condition.

### SOUTHWEST

Moisture conditions continued to decline with no rain reported across the district. Rangeland and pasture conditions were declining as a result. Kinney County reported winter wheat had not been planted due to warm temperatures and dry conditions. Livestock conditions were fair to good with supplemental feeding. Harvested white-tailed deer were in good condition.

### SOUTH

No rain was reported across the district. Soil moisture conditions continued to be short to very short across the district. Sunny daytime

conditions with temperature highs in the mid-80s turned cool and damp overnight. Jim Wells County reported reaching 90 degrees. No rain was in the forecast. Strawberries were progressing. A few early planted strawberry fields bloomed and were setting fruit. Peanut harvest continued. Wheat planting was completed, and the crop had emerged. All types of fieldwork slowed. Pasture and rangeland conditions continued to decline due to lack of moisture. As a result, livestock supplemental feeding continued to increase. Heavy dew helped maintain fair rangeland conditions. Trees were defoliating. High temperatures were detrimental to some fall crops. Warmer temperatures have not helped hunting conditions. Pecan harvest was going well with a good production year expected. Row crop producers continued to prepare fields for winter in hopes of receiving some moisture. Some farmers fertilized and irrigated vegetable fields. Beef cattle producers were starting to cull again and weaning calves earlier than normal. Prices for feeder calves rebounded at local markets. Hay producers were still cutting and baling. Hay prices were \$50-\$65 for round bales, and producers were stocking up. Water levels in stock tanks were dropping in some areas and holding steady in others. Citrus harvest continued, and many row crop farmers were still performing tillage operations for next year's crop.

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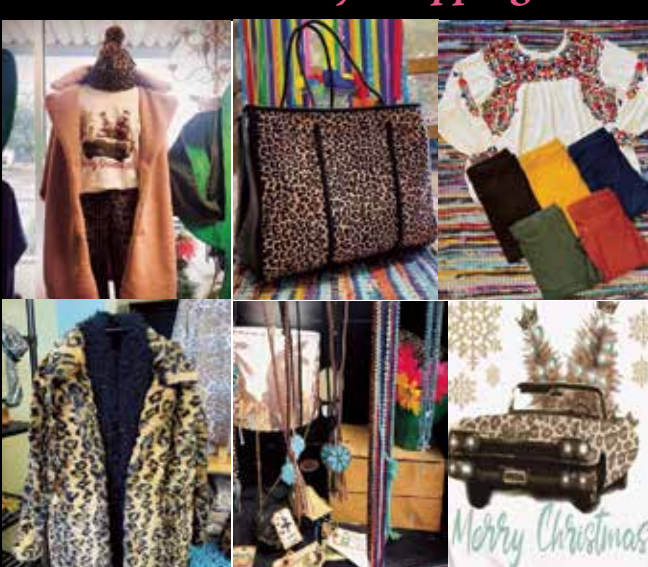
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