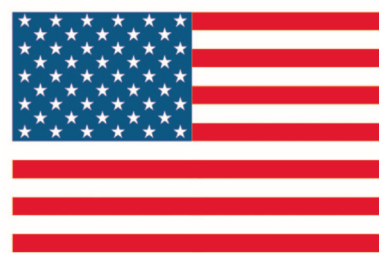




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Upcoming Events

The Big Spring Art Association will have a live model this Saturday, April 17, from 10 a.m. until noon at the Howard County Library. The public is invited to attend and sketch, draw, paint or photograph during the event.

The Big Spring Senior Center will re-open with normal operations on Monday, April 19. For information about to-go meals, congregate meals, or any activities offered at the Big Spring Senior Center, please contact 432-267-1628.

Health Info Expo will be held in Downtown Big Spring. More than 35 vendors will be featured. April 24

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Early voting for May election begins Monday at County Courthouse

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

Early voting for the May Election will begin Monday, April 19. Early voting will run from April 19 through April 23, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Howard County Courthouse. Extended hours will be from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on April 26 and April 27.

Ballots by mail and hand-delivered early votes must be received no later than April 20, at the the Howard County Elections Office at the County Courthouse "Local elections are extremely important because they are the people that will vote on or make policies that will affect our communities in real time. It is up to the voters to select the people they feel will represent them," Jodi Duck, Howard County Elections Administrator, said. Seats for the City of Big Spring City Council include District 2, currently held by Doug Hartman and District 4,

currently held by Gloria McDonald. District 2 candidates include Diane Yanez and Willie Rangel Jr. while District 4 candidates include McDonald running as an incumbent and David A. Scott as her opponent. The May Election was set to have the seat for District 6 on the ballot, but due to an unopposed race, newly elected Councilman Maury Smith will remain in the seat. Smith was recently elected through a special election, and the term he is completing is set to expire in May.



Jodi Duck

The Big Spring ISD Board of Trustees has two seats - District 2 and District 4 - up for election. These seats are currently held by Maria Padilla (District 2) and Melissa Miller (District 4). During registration, Michell Dawn Garcia registered for District 2 and Tommy Jason Martinez registered for District 4, both will be running unopposed. Due to the seats being unopposed there will be no election held.

Forsan School Board will not have any contested races for the May election. There are two open seats up for re-election and the two incumbents - Lewis Boeker and Chris Olson - are the lone candidates for the open seats. Forsan City Council has three at large seats open for the May election. According to Jenny Sayles, there were no new candidates who filed for the positions, which means no election will be held. City of Coahoma has two at large seats on the ballot, as well as the Mayor seat. Currently, Warren Wallace holds the Mayoral seat. The two at large seats will not be on the ballot since the races were contested. The Mayoral race will see incumbent Warren Wallace on the ballot running against Lori Gonzales. Coahoma ISD Board of Trustees had three open seats to be filled this coming election, but due to only three applications being turned in, no election will be held and the three submitted will fill the seats. The new official board members for Coahoma ISD for May 2021 will

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"Break" those bucking dentures

By DAVID WARD, DDS

Ward Family Dental

Do you have one or both dentures that jump, jerk, skitter, and buck like a wild horse? Do you ever get so frustrated that you want to break them? Instead let's talk about how to "break", or tame, them.



Dr. David Ward

Some people try to tame a wild denture by using gobs of goo (denture adhesive). Denture adhesive is helpful for people learning to eat with dentures and some people will always feel more confident with a little adhesive. Using gobs of goo, however, is a very poor way to make a badly fitting denture more useful... and it's messy too.

Actually, how you use denture adhesive can tell you a lot about your dentures. If you don't need any adhesive, or if a powdered adhesive does the trick, then your denture probably still fits fairly well. If you have to use a lot of gooey type adhesive to fill in space under the denture, then your fit is likely poor. If you need a pad type adhesive, then your denture has probably not fit well for many years, if it ever did! So how do we get a good fit with your dentures? First, you need a reasonably good quality denture to start with. There is a huge difference in the "qualities" of dentures. I see people every month that are trying to eat with dentures that are so bad that I don't know how they manage. Unfortunately, if you got cheap dentures, you probably got what you paid for. If so, or if your dentures are badly cracked or severely worn, you may need to consider new ones. As the saying goes, "You can't make a silk purse out of sow's ear."

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COVID-19 vaccine clinics

Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be hosting a series of drive-thru vaccine clinics on:

April 19 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

April 26 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

All of the above clinics will take place at the Whatley Plaza (north driveway entrance on Martin Luther King Blvd.), located at 1601 W. 11th Place.

April 24 at the annual Health Fair Downtown

Kindness begins at home: Coahoma Elementary students reach out to the community with good deeds

Special to the Herald

Coahoma ISD

When fourth graders at Coahoma Elementary School began brainstorming for their annual community service project, one issue struck home: Children within their own community go hungry because of a lack of resources. So the fourth grade class decided they would do something to help.

"We have fundraisers and stuff, but it doesn't help our community," said fourth grader Ty Rechichar. "It goes to kids around the world, who also are in need, but if we do it school by school each person in your community can get the stuff they need."

Every February, each grade level at Coahoma Elementary's Academy program chooses a community service project to accomplish during the month.

After discussing several ideas, students in the class of Amy Leggett, Jacque Richardson, Drisanna Calvert, and Jennifer Long were surprised to

learn some of their classmates go hungry on a daily basis.

"They didn't understand their own classmates may not have food in their pantry," Leggett said.

However, CISD educators are acutely aware of this issue. It's why Coahoma elementary councilor Tricia Clanton began a program to address the issue by distributing boxes to children in need filled with food she has purchased through food banks or other means.

When the fourth graders learned of her efforts, they decided it was time to act.

"We did the backpack project in February because it was kindness month, and we did that because people went home and were starving and only relied on cafeteria food," fourth grader Channing Musgrove said.

Before they began, the students had to decide what type of items they needed to complete the project.

"What was really interesting was brainstorming with them about what

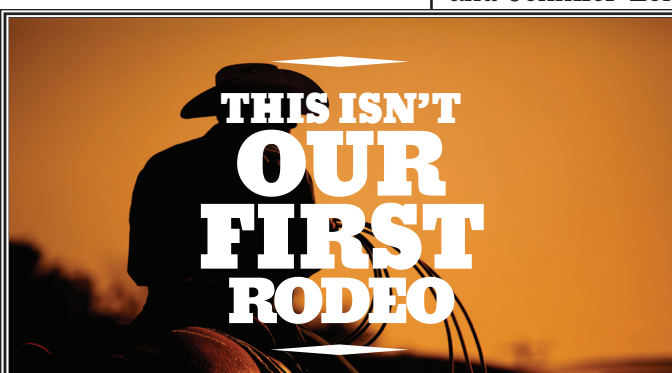
kind of food to collect," Calvert said. "They didn't understand that these kids may not have a microwave. They may not have access to refrigeration. They all wanted to purchase vegetables. We had to explain that the food items needed to last.

"We really made them think through all the food choices and try to find something that would cover breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks," Calvert continued. "They had no idea some people couldn't pop something in a microwave."

After some discussion, the fourth graders narrowed down a list of non-perishable food items.

"What we put in the backpacks are just chips, snacks, ramen noodles, meals for dinner or lunch, water or juice because we need water to stay hydrated and just some breakfast like granola bars and little cereal cups," said fourth grader Braxton Harman. "We also put in some little cookies or snacks to eat on the

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This week's reviews include mystery and fiction titles.

Spring arrives in northern Virginia, in "Furmidable Foes" - A Mrs. Murphy Mystery #29 (M BRO R) by Rita Mae Brown.

As the ground thaws and the peonies begin to bloom a bright magenta, the women of St. Luke's Lutheran Church prepare for a Homecoming celebration like no other. In honor of the day, Harry, Susan Tucker, and their friends are busy planting flowers and trimming hedges to get the church grounds in shape for the big day. But a note of a

menace mars the beautiful spring: The brewery owned by Janice Childs and Mags Nielson, two members of the gardening committee, gets robbed. With hundreds of dollars in merchandise taken off their delivery trucks in the dead of night, is this the work of a random vandal? Or is something more sinister afoot? When Jeannie Cordle drops dead at a charity auction, poisoned by a fatal weed slipped into her drink, Harry's worst suspicions are confirmed: a killer lurks in their midst, one with a keen understanding of poisonous plants. Although she can't yet prove it, Harry knows the murder is related to the thefts at the Bottoms Up Brewery. With help from her feline sidekicks, Mrs. Murphy and Pewter, as well as Tee Tucker the corgi and sweet puppy Pirate, Harry sets out to find the weed in St. Luke's garden and stop a killer before they can strike again

Nellie Cavendish has very good reasons to seek out her roots in "Hidden Salem"- A Bishop special crimes unit series #19 (M HOO K) by Kay Hooper, and not only because she has no memory of her mother and hardly knew the father who left her upbringing to paid caregivers. In the eight years since her twenty-first birthday, very odd things have begun to happen. Crows gather near her wherever she goes, electronics short out when she touches them, and when she's upset, really upset, it storms. At first, she chalked up the unusual happenings to coincidence, but that explanation doesn't begin to cover the vivid nightmares that torment her. She can no longer pretend to ignore them.

She has to find out the truth. And the only starting point she has is a mysterious letter from her father delivered ten years after his death, insisting she go to a town called Salem and risk her life to stop some unnamed evil. Before her thirtieth birthday. As a longtime member of the FBI's Special Crimes Unit, Grayson Sheridan has learned not to be surprised by the unusual and the macabre but Salem is different. Evidence of Satanic activities and the disappearance of three strangers to the town are what brought Salem to the attention of the SCU, and when Gray arrives to find his undercover partner vanished, he knows that whatever's hiding in the seemingly peaceful little town is deadly. But what actually hides in the shadows and secrets of Salem is unlike anything the agents have ever encountered.

Del Sol, New Mexico is known for three things: its fry-an-egg-on-the-cement summers, its strong cups of coffee and now, a nationwide manhunt? In "A Bad Day for Sunshine" (M JON D) by Darynda Jones, Del Sol native Sunshine Vicram has returned to town as the elected sheriff, thanks to her adorably meddlesome parents who nominated her, and she expects her biggest crime wave to involve an elderly flasher named Doug. But a teenage girl is missing, a kidnapper is on the loose, and all of it is reminding Sunny why she left Del Sol in the first place. Add to that trouble at her daughter's new school and a kidnapped prize-winning rooster named Puff Daddy, and well, the forecast looks anything but sunny. But even clouds have their silver linings. This one's got Levi, Sunshine's sexy, almost-old-flame and fiery hot US Marshal. With temperatures rising everywhere she turns, Del Sol's normally cool-minded sheriff is finding herself knee-deep in drama and danger. Can Sunshine face the call of duty and find the kidnapper who's terrorizing her beloved hometown without falling head over high heels in love, or worse?

At an internment camp in Indonesia, forty-seven people are pronounced dead with acute hemorrhagic fever in "The End of October" (F WRI L) by Lawrence Wright. When Henry Parsons, microbiologist and epidemiologist, travels there on behalf of the World Health Organization to investigate, what he finds will soon have staggering repercussions. At the same time, halfway across the globe the deputy director of U.S. Homeland Security, scrambles to mount a response to the rapidly spreading pandemic leap-frogging around the world, which she believes may be a result of an act of bio-warfare. A rogue experimenter in man-made diseases is preparing his own terrifying solution. As already-fraying global relations begin to snap, the disease slashes across the United States, dismantling institutions, scientific, religious, governmental, and decimating the population. With his own wife and children facing diminishing odds of survival, Henry travels from Indonesia to Saudi Arabia to his home base at the CDC in Atlanta, searching for a cure and for the origins of this seemingly unknowable disease.

"Poetry is the lifeblood of rebellion, revolution, and the raising of consciousness." -Alice Walker

## VOTE

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be Michael Brooks, re-elected member; Odis Franklin, re-elected member; and Ryan Rechichar, a new member to the board.

"We tout that every vote counts and you can really see the power of your voice in local elections when many races are won by a slim handful of votes. All elections are important, but in my opinion the voters need to start at the local level by choosing people who really represent what you want and will work for that goal. One vote is very powerful at the local levels. It only takes a few minutes to do your part," Duck said.

Due to the May election only including certain seats - districts - on the ballot, only residents living in those areas will be able to cast a ballot. Those who live in precincts with numbers ending with a 2,4 and number 207c, will be eligible to vote.

"We have just shy of 6,200 voters registered for this election," Duck said. "A 10% turnout would be good, but 50% of 3,100 would be outstanding."

Duck continued, "Voting is fast, easy and secure."

The countywide polling locations will be used for the May election and the voters will be able to cast their ballot at any of the listed locations: Ryan Hall, First Baptist Church, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and the Coahoma Community Center.

For more information, contact the Howard County Election office.

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### MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Alva Thomas, 91, died Wednesday. Viewing and visitation will be at Myers & Smith Funeral Home on Sunday from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM, with family receiving friends from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Graveside service will be Monday at 2:30 PM in the Mount Olive Chapel. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Jose Andres Cruz, aged 4 months, of Big Spring, died Tuesday. Visitation will be until 9:00 PM on Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home with a vigil at 7:00 PM. Funeral services will be at Mount Olive Chapel on Tuesday at 2:00 PM. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 84 inmates at the time of this report.

- **CASSIE CHRISTINE CANTU**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of bail jumping and fail to appear, probation violation/burglary of habitation.

- **SHARON COFFEREN**, 63, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of terroristic threat of family/household.

- **SAMUEL HERNANDEZ**, 67, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated BAC greater than or equal to 0.1.

- **DAVID DANIEL MURPHY**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of posses-

sion of controlled substance between one gram and four grams.

- **KYLE LEE SIMMONS**, 28, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of criminal trespass.

- **RICKY LIN WALLACE**, 55, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of parole violation.

especially for lowers. The difference between even a well-fitting lower denture and one stabilized with implants is "night and day". Two implants will make a denture stay in place. With three or four you can get back to eating steak! Four implants under an upper denture can let us get rid of the palate of the denture which allows you to greater satisfaction from the texture and temperature of your food in addition to tremendous stability.

If you're having problems with your dentures, please see a dentist who can offer you all of these solutions. You should be seeing a dentist once a year anyway for a denture check and an oral cancer exam. Oral cancer is very disfiguring, quite deadly, and far more common than most people realize. Your exam will hopefully result in options to chew better and may actually help you live longer!

## TEETH

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What can we do with dentures that fit well at one time, but no longer stay put? A relin, which is adding acrylic to readapt the underside of the denture, may be all you need. Ridge shrinkage, due to bone loss, occurs rapidly in the first 6 months following tooth removal and then continues more slowly forever. A denture inserted when the teeth came out needs to be relined in 6 months, and any denture needs to be relined every 3-5 years because your ridges will still continue to shrink, but at a slower rate. This rule also applies to partials.

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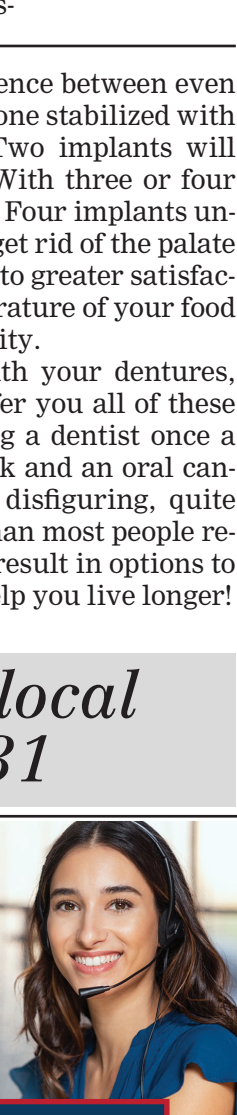
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## That good time of year

I looked out the window and it was spring. The lawns were coming back to life and leaves were appearing on previously bare branches. The mesquite trees were beginning to show their special shade of green.

Most people's favorite season is the one in which they were born.

I was born in late spring so the season of renewal is my favorite time of year. I love to see the earth come back to life, when it purges itself from winter's darkness and feels cleansed, blessed again. It's when we witness the season of hope.

Spring is when you want to get out and do things you may have never done before, like grabbing a cane fishing pole and a can of worms and going to the creek or going outside to watch a bug for about an hour or just stretching out and staring at your shoes while you contemplate things.

You wear fewer clothes in the spring. Shorts and t-shirts replace sweaters, coats, hats, scarves and gloves. And you might even go around with no socks or shoes.

The outside beckons you and you think about taking a walk. The bicycle that's been unused awaits a rider and looks inviting. You feel the tires to make sure they're ready. You take it outside and test everything, maybe oil the chain. The fresh air makes you frisky and you become a child again.

You get out the ice cream freezer, clean the barbecue grill and imagine how the fruits of summer will taste. The earth warms. The sky boils. The wind ceases its relentless howling and settles down to a gentle breeze.

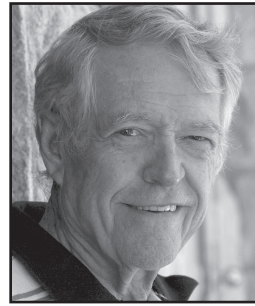
No season offers more promise than springtime. And no place shows off its spring wardrobe any better than Texas. When it's springtime in Texas fields of blue and yellow and red appear and the air is scented with wildflower perfume. Seeing Texas

in the spring is like seeing New England in the fall. We experience the colors and our lives are enriched. Flowers are arranged between the cactus and rocks in natural bouquets. Texas is the birthplace of spring.

The silence of the prairie is broken with the piercing sound of birds. Welcome to the spring, they seem to say. And they show off their colors, too. Mockingbirds flash their white tail feathers while cardinals and cedar waxwings provide a spectacular aerial display. A hawk catches a wind current and glides gracefully in the perfect blue of an April sky. The miracle of spring is amazing to observe.

The 24-hour celestial parade is a wondrous event. We wake to a dawn of sunrise pink. Later the golden sun illumines the clouds. By mid afternoon they become active and bounce around like giant white pillows. At sundown the sky is streaked with crimson and orange.

And darkness brings out its own special magic with silver sparkles in the black sky. Spring makes you glad to be alive.



**TUMBLEWEED SMITH**



## Record holder no more

“I’m gonna snatch you baldheaded” was an idle threat made by my saintly mother throughout my youth and beyond. She never did such snatching literally, but this was her expression of choice when she was truly ticked off.

Had she ever made good on the threat, such snatching to remove hair from the head of a poor soul would have stretched into multiple days and perhaps weeks. Even then, there might have been a few strands left.

This memory flashed across my mind recently when I read about a Guinness World Record holder who forfeited her crown for having the longest fingernails of any woman on earth before they were dermatologically removed recently in Fort Worth. They measured just over 24 feet; yep, the average 2.4 feet of nail length for all fingers and thumbs of Ayanna Williams. Wow, if she had chosen to snatch others baldheaded, she could have taken on a half-dozen folks at a time.

Albert Einstein got it right when he suggested that mortals are fools, at least many of us most of the time. We are suckers for foolish involvement, and if there are records for such, so be it.

The record was Ayanna's for the taking, albeit it took a while to accomplish. The all-time record-holder had more than 28 feet of nails, but an automobile accident in 2017 took her nails, so the crown became immediately available.

That's where Ayanna came in.

She hadn't trimmed her nails since 1991, so she had a head start on others who may have wanted the crown.

When nails are headed for a Guinness World Record, I suppose, it would likely be best to engage a dermatologist. That's what Ayanna did, perhaps after first getting estimates, which certainly I would have done.

The nails have been growing since 1991. That's more than 29 years of “being careful,” and virtually unable to open doors, or, for that matter, to scratch her head. Washing dishes and making beds also were out of the question.

It doesn't take a whole bunch of thinking to consider the difficulty of facing routine daily tasks. Many might be improbable to tackle, and in some cases, impossible. Whatever, she's eager to see her nails on display at the Orlando, Florida, museum....

She hopes her dedication to growing the nails—which required four bottles of nail polish and several days to apply—will help her children and grandchildren realize they can accomplish pretty much what they set out to do.

Ayanna admits that nails “don't make me. I make my nails.”

While she plans to grow long nails again, it won't be to record lengths. After all, at age 62, she has spent almost half of her life growing her nails to record

lengths to claim her crown.

Could there be any upside to growing nails so long?

I can't think of any, except perhaps for making the Guinness Book of Records.

In bygone years, there might have been circus opportunities, but, even then, there'd have been expectations of other performers to help with multiple tasks. No, I don't think two-foot nails would have ever been desirable for circuses.

Switching topics, Stan Owen, 84-year-old retired educator/coach in Burkburnett, was tickled to see the Baylor Bears “put the whomp” on Gonzaga for the NCAA men's basketball championship.

A three-sport star at Howard Payne University, he was NOT a BU fan on Dec. 1, 1955. That's when the 18-year-old freshman hit a “nothing-but-net” 30-footer at the buzzer to give his Yellow Jackets a 51-49 win in the season opener for both teams at Heart O' Texas Coliseum, the Bears' basketball until the Ferrell Center opened in 1988.

Owen started in every game during his four college years, and the 1959 graduate also played baseball and ran track. The unlikely win was “ballyhooed” in college basketball discussions, but was muffled somewhat, since the Bears' coach, the late Bill Henderson, was a 1925 graduate of HPU.

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## Coahoma's JV teams shine at District 5-3A track meet



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**Top Left:** Reagan Chapman completes his last hurdle to win the 100 meter hurdle race at the 5-3A District track meet held Friday in Crane. The Coahoma JV athlete earned two gold medals and a silver at the competition. **Top Right:** Coahoma's Sophia Biddison passes the baton to Veda Cortez during the 4x200 relay at the 5-3A District track meet held on Friday in Crane. The Coahoma JV girls track team won the meet.

### Special to the Herald

**CRANE** — The Coahoma High School girls JV track team won the 5-3A championship, the boys JV came in second at the district meet held on Friday.

Freshman Sophia Biddison captured two of the six gold medals won by the JV girls team during the meet. She came in first in the 200 meter dash with a time of 31.02 and in the high jump with a distance of 4-06. She also earned two silver medals in the 4x100 meter relay and the long jump, and a bronze in the 4x200 relay.

Also earning gold in the individual events were Maddie Cervantes (100 meter hurdles), Analyse Menzoa (300 meter hurdles), Veda Cortez (long jump), and Delia Rawls (shot put).

In the boys JV Division, Reagan Chapman finished off an excellent season by winning two golds. The placed first in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 18.08 and in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 47.82, and earned silver in the high jump. Nick Gonzales had an outstanding day. He won the shot put division with a throw of 39-6.50.

The JV boys team capped off the day by winning the 4x200 relay. The team

of Isaiah Eldea, Nick Tuttle, Jesse Hernandez, and Rowdy Atkins clocked a time of 1:38.88 to win the gold.

Combined, the JV teams came home with 10 gold medals, 10 silver, and five bronze in the individual events. The relay teams medaled in six events.

District 5-3A meet results  
JV Division (Coahoma only)  
Friday, April 9, 2021  
Crane, Texas  
JV Girls

100M Dash — 4. Makayla Chavez, 15.26; 8. Makenzi Murray, 15.67

200M Dash — 1. Sophia Biddison, 31.02; 5. Zoie Joslin, 32.69; 8. Makenzi Murray, 34.13

400M Dash — 3. Marianna Glover, 1:19.05; 9. Laina Garrett, 1:27.40

800M Run — 2. Marianna Glover, 3:06.78.

1600M Run — 4. Leah Grantom, 7:27.59.

3200M Run — 3. Leah Grantom, 16:23.29.

100M Hurdles — 1. Maddie Cervantes, 20.69; 2. Analyse Mendoza, 21.50.

300M Hurdles — 1. Analyse Mendoza, 57.55; 2. Maddie Cervantes, 1:03.12.

4x100M Relay — 2. Coahoma A — Maddie Cervantes, Sophia Biddison, Veda Cortez, Shae Lang, 56.77.

4x200M Relay — 3. Coahoma A — Zoie Joslin, Sophia Biddison, Veda Cortez, Shae Lang, 2:03.69.

4x400M Relay — 2. Coahoma A — Zoie Joslin, Marianna Glover, Veda Cortez, Analyse Mendoza, 4:57.50.

High Jump — 1. Sophia Biddison, 4-06.00; 2. Kenna Best, 4-04.00.

Long Jump — 1. Veda Cortez, 13-04.75; 2. Sophia Biddison, 12-06.75.

Shot Put — 1. Delia Rawls, 28-00.00; 2. Bryant Rodgers, 26-03.00.

Discus Throw — 3. Bryn Rodgers, 73-10.75; 5. Dela Rawls, 68-03.75.

JV Boys

100M Dash — 2. Isaiah Eleda, 12.02; 11. Braiden Boaz, 13.09.

400M Dash — 1. Hector Colon Rivera, 59.12; 7. Juan Carlos Garza, 1:05.32.

800M Run — 3. Hector Colon Rivera, 2:25.31; 7. Jake Freeman, 2:40.09; 8. Juan Carlos Garza, 2:40.49.

1600M Run — 4. Hector Colon Rivera, 5:45.00; 5. Jake Freeman, 5:57.33; 9. Ryelen Grantom, 6:23.10.

3200M Run — 2. Jake Freeman, 13:08.05; 5. Keiston Harrison, 14:27.69; 6. Ryelen Grantom, 14:32.58.

110M Hurdles — 1. Reagan Chapman, 18.08.

300M Hurdles — 1. Reagan Chapman, 47.82.

4x100M Relay — 2. Coahoma A — Isaiah Eleda, Nicholas Tuttle, Jesse Hernandez, Rowdy Atkins, 47.34.

4x200M Relay — 1. Coahoma A — Isaiah Eleda, Nicholas Tuttle, Grant Glidewell, Rowdy Atkins, 1:38.88.

4x400M Relay — 2. Coahoma A — Rowdy Atkins, Juan Carlos Garza, Nicholas Tuttle, Grant Glidewell, 3:58.66.

High Jump — 2. Reagan Chapman, 5-02.00.

Pole Vault — 2. Hector Colon Rivera, 9-06.00; 3. Nicholas Tuttle, 9-00.00; 4. Jake Freeman, 8-00.00.

Long Jump — 9. Grant Glidewell, 14-03.75.

Triple Jump — 6. Nicholas Tuttle, 33-01.00.

Shot Put — 1. Nikolas Gonzales, 39-06.50; 15. Isaias Gomez, 24-09.00.

Discus Throw — 4. Nikolas Gonzales, 96-04.50; 9. Grant Glidewell, 72-06.50.

Team Rankings  
JV Girls — 1. Coahoma 182, 2. Crane 177, 3. Sonora 72, 4. Stanton 51, 5. Odessa Compass Academy 2. JV Boys — 1. Crane 193, 2. Coahoma 154, 3. Stanton 144, 4. Sonora 56, 5. Odessa Compass Academy 37, 6. Reagan County 20.

## Garcia's 2-run homer in 10th lifts Rangers over Rays 6-4

### By FRED GOODALL

**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.**— Adolis Garcia's first major league homer, a two-run shot in the 10th inning, gave the Texas Rangers a 6-4 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Thursday night.

Garcia drove a 1-2 pitch from Cody Reed (0-1) the other way into the right-field stands. The native of Cuba leaped into the air and pumped his fists as he rounded first base, setting off a celebration in the Texas dugout as well.

"I was excited," Garcia said through a translator, adding it was special to hit the game-winner on Jackie Robinson Day.

"You could just see the joy when he's running around first base," Rangers manager Chris Woodward said. "It's great to see."

Nick Solak and Charlie Culberson also homered for the Rangers, who have won three straight following a four-game losing streak.

Garcia nearly hit his first homer Wednesday night, driving the ball off the top of the wall in right-center field and circling the bases amid confusion over whether it actually landed in the stands and bounced back onto the field.

The 28-year-old outfielder slid into home plate and was ruled safe. The call was overturned, leaving Garcia with a two-run triple that helped Texas finish a 5-1 victory.

"I told a friend, wait until tomorrow," Garcia said, smiling. "I'll get one."

Josh Sborz (1-0) pitched a scoreless inning and Ian Kennedy finished up for his third save in three opportunities.

Mike Brosseau homered for the Rays, who went 3 for 13 with runners in scoring position and stranded 12 overall.

"We're not making the the most of the opportunities we're getting," Tampa Bay manager Kevin Cash said.

The defending AL champions have lost eight of 11 following a 2-0 start.

"The opportunities have been tough to come by lately," Cash added, "but the ones we're getting,

we've got to find ways to get more out of them."

Solak had a solo homer in the second and an RBI single off Andrew Kittredge to drive in the final run charged to Rangers Rich Hill in the fifth.

Culberson's second homer of the series, a two-run shot off Hill in the fourth, gave the Rangers a short-lived 3-1 lead.

The Rays erased deficits with Austin Meadows' RBI single in the third, Brosseau's two-run homer in the fourth and without getting a hit in the seventh, when Brett Phillips walked and scored the run that made it 4-all with help from a pair of throwing errors.

The Rangers looked as though they might be on the verge of getting through the seventh unscathed when catcher Jose Trevino's errant pickoff throw to second base continued into center field, allowing Phillips to take off for third.

When center fielder Leody Taveras threw wildly past third as well, Phillips raced home to tie it.

Texas starter Jordan Lyles allowed three runs and five hits in 5 1/3 innings. Hill went 4 1/3 innings for Tampa Bay, yielding four runs and seven hits.

### TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: With OF/DH David Dahl getting a night off, Trevino batted second — ahead of Joey Gallo and Garcia — even though he's not a prototypical No. 2 hitter. Woodward explained: "Why wouldn't I? ... I felt like I put a guy up there that's obviously having the highest-quality at-bats and is one of our best hitters right now."

Rays: SS Willy Adames and DH/INF Yoshi Tsutsugo were rested, but got called on to pinch hit in the 10th. Kennedy fanned both of them. ... CF Kevin Kiermaier (left quadriceps strain) will travel with the team to New York this weekend and could be activated during a six-game road trip against the Yankees and Kansas City Royals. "He ran well, threw well. ... We'll see where we're at (Friday)," Cash said after the defensive whiz worked out before the game.

### UP NEXT

Rangers: Return home to face Baltimore for three

games before heading out on the road again. Mike Foltyniewicz (0-2, 4.09 ERA) starts Friday against the Orioles, who counter with Jorge Lopez (0-2, 11.42) in the series opener.

Rays: Open a weekend series at Yankee Stadium. Cash entered Thursday night undecided on his pitching plans for Friday.

## This week in sports

### By DYLAN

A lot happened this week in the sports world from the Falcons signing multi-purpose player Cordarrelle Paterson to many MLB teams picking up the win after late comebacks in the later parts of the games.

This week brought a lot of news for the NFL including talk about the draft and many teams signing big names including Cordarrelle Paterson, James Conner, and Jadeveon Clowney. Also this week, players from four teams opted out of voluntary practices.

This week in MLB, several teams were fighting to keep their winning percent over .500. The Cleveland Indians bounced back from a no-hitter to win 4-2 over the Chicago White Sox. This week in the NHL, the New York Islanders are close to selling out season tickets for their first season in their new stadium.

This week was full of interesting news and we can't wait to see what happens next week.

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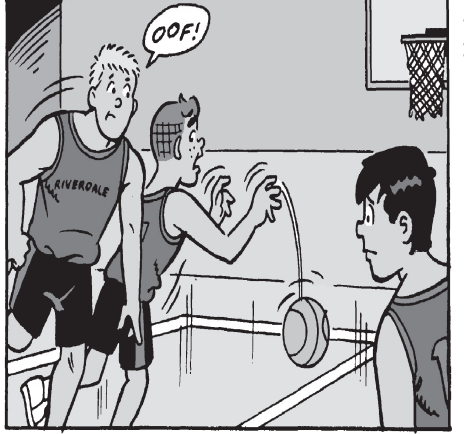
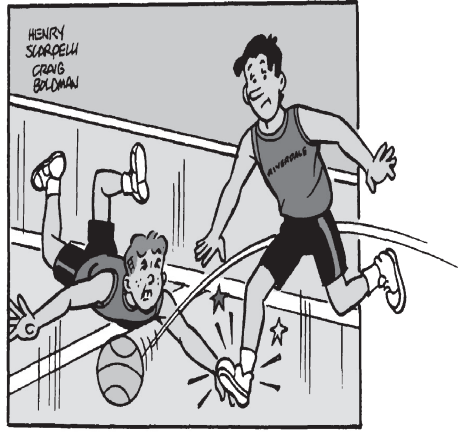
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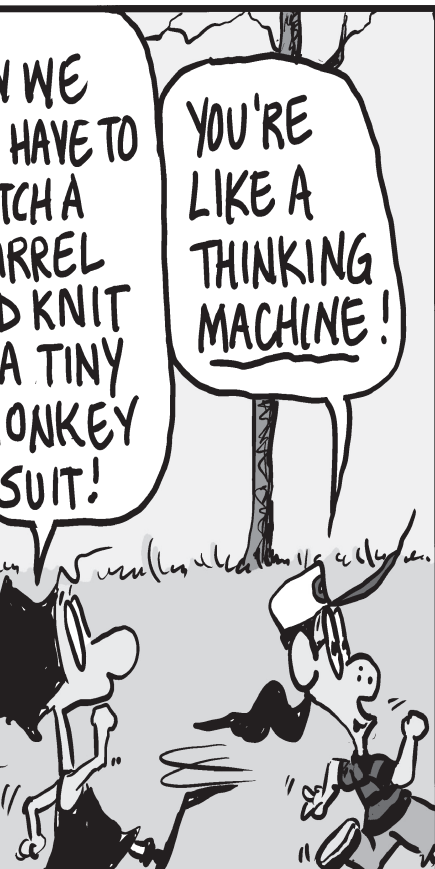
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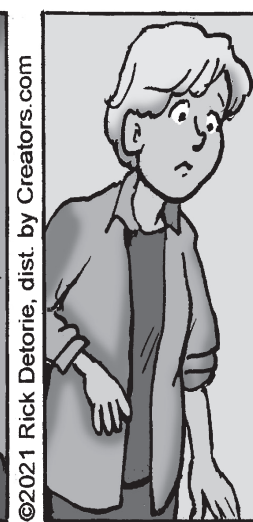
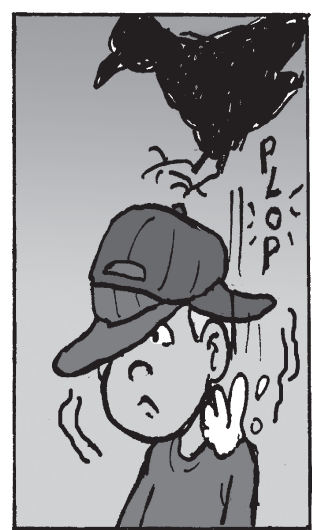
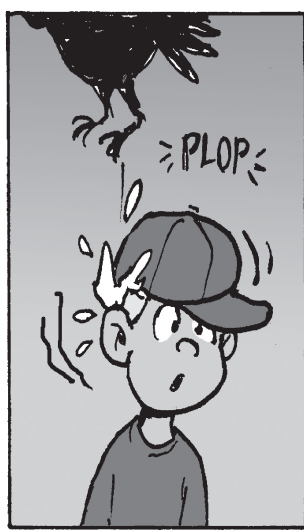
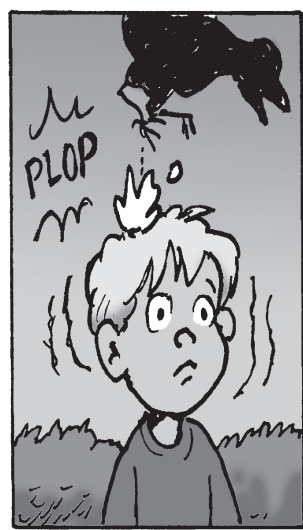
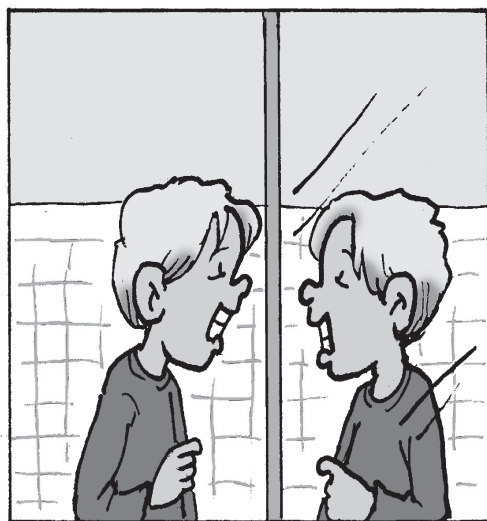
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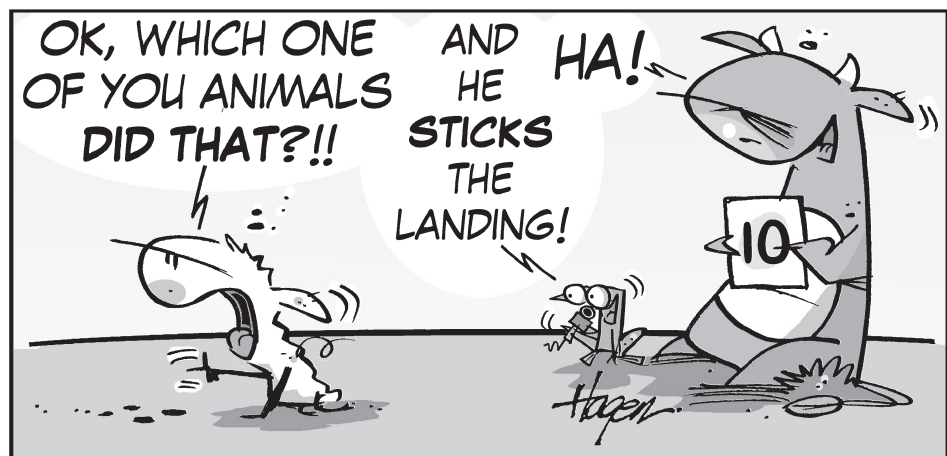


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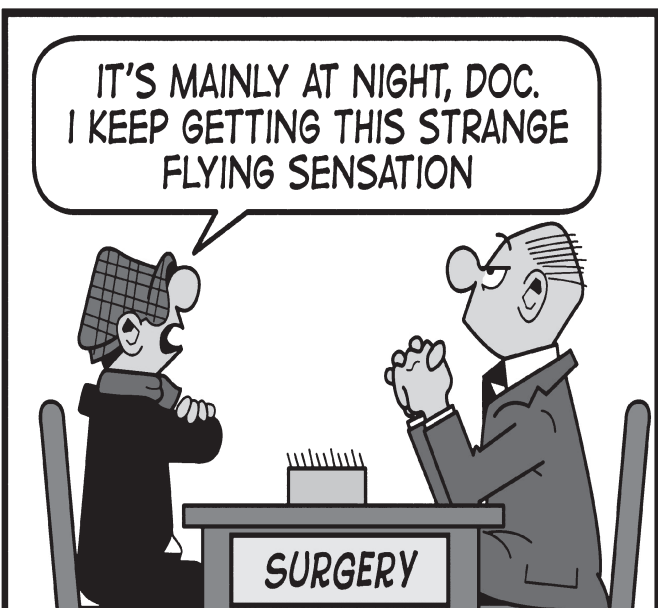
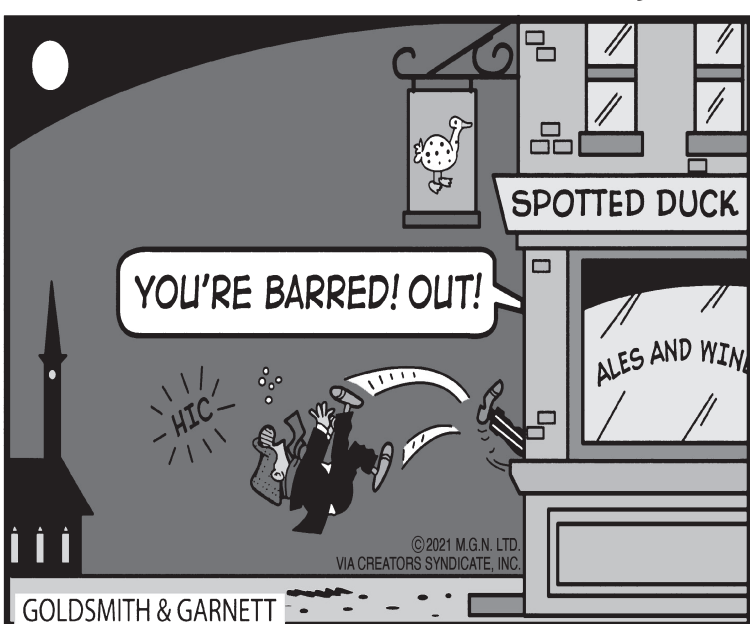
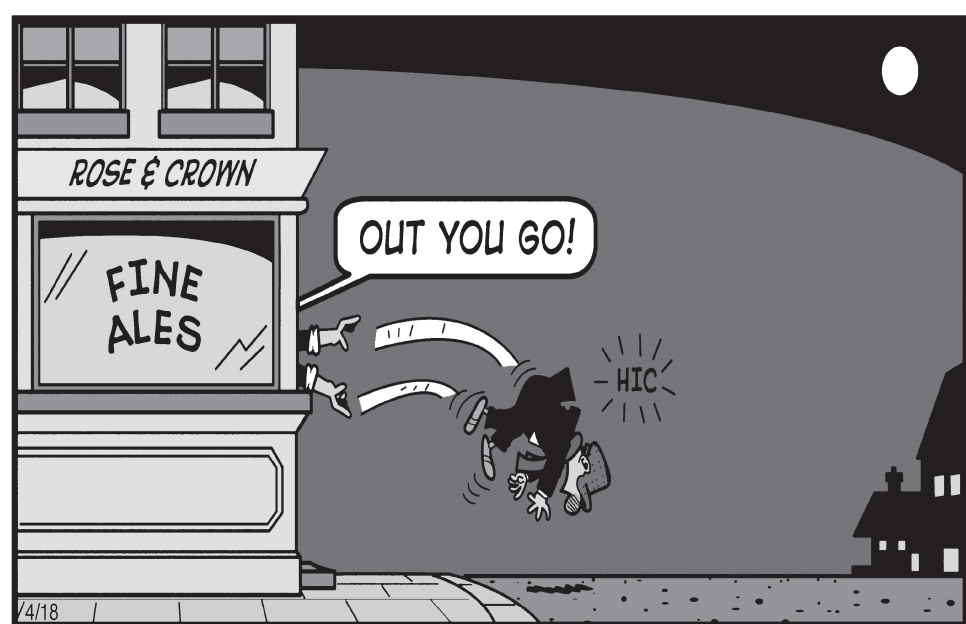


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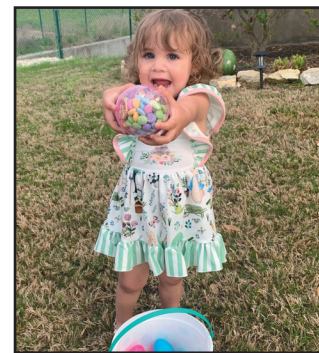
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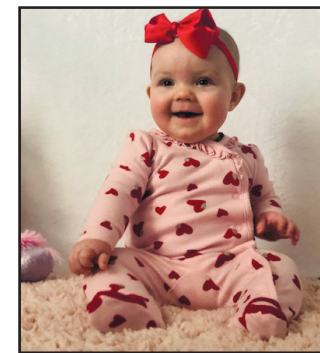
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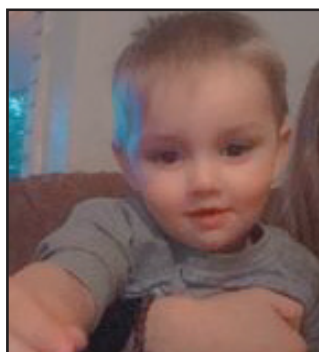
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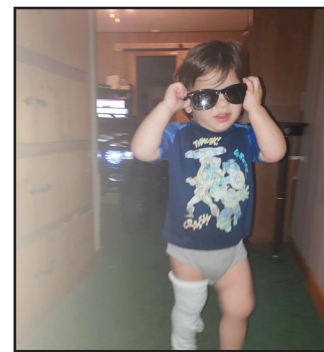
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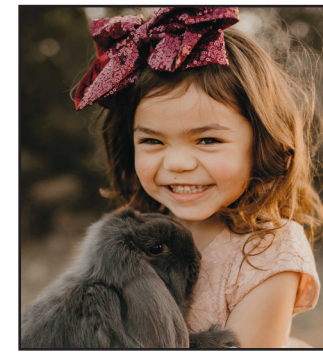
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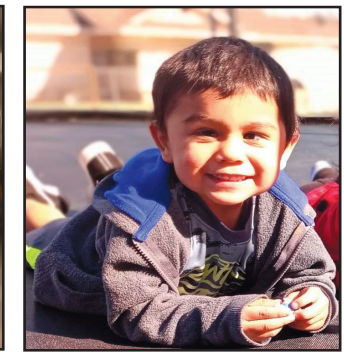
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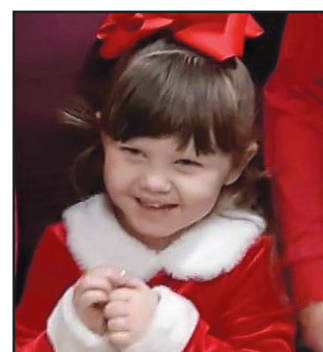
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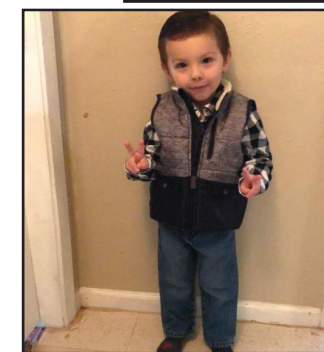
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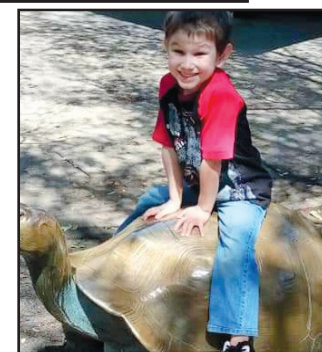
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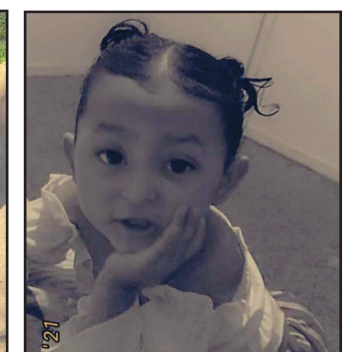
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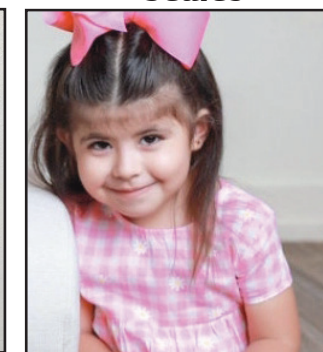
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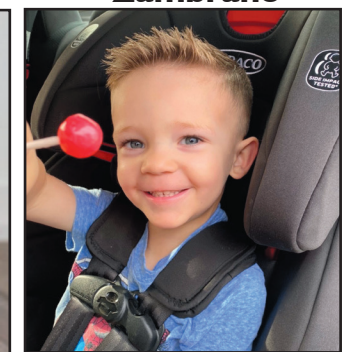
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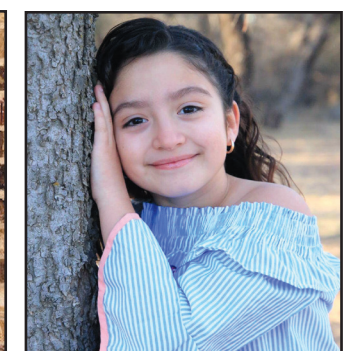
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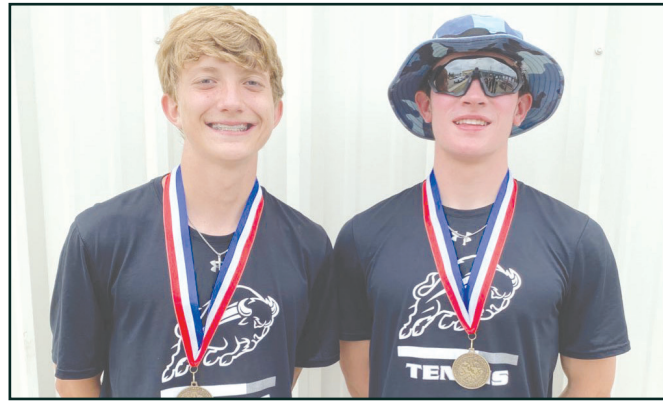
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# Forsan Buffs Tennis teams take District Title



Courtesy Photos

Top Left: Angel McCafferty. Top Middle: Thomas Gabehart and Sawyer Stallings. Top Right: John Brady Wright and Ella Hoff. The Forsan Tennis team won the District Title.

By **DUSTIN POPE**

Herald Sports Writer

The Forsan Buffaloes Boys and Girls Tennis team kept up their fantastic season by winning the overall District 8-2A championship. By winning District, the teams will have the opportunity to compete in the Regional Tennis Tournament held in Amarillo, April 26-27.

The Buffs had an excellent day of tennis across the board. Joanna Gato and Hannah Hillger placed fourth in the girls' doubles; Rylee Evans and Reagan Phillips came in third in the girls' doubles. In the Boys singles, it was Rylee Yanez finishing in third. Hunter Cevallos was able to qualify to the Regionals with an impressive second-place finish in the boys' singles. Lilly Hoff also would be eligible for Regionals with a second-place finish of her own in the girls' singles. The boys' doubles team of Cayden Morgan and Josh Cervantes finished in second place, good enough to punch their ticket to Regionals. Mixed doubles team Nick Bacigalupo and Kristen Schafer played a great tournament to finish in second, good enough for the team to make it to the regional tournament. Angel McCafferty had a dominant performance on the court. She would take the top spot and win the girls' singles District title. The performance will give Angel an opportunity to continue her excellent tennis play in the Regionals. The boys' doubles team of Thomas Gabehart and Sawyer Stallings took home the District title with a first-place finish. The duo will now move on to compete in the regional tournament. John Brady Wright and Ella Hoff, the mixed doubles Forsan team, went on to have an outstanding performance as they also finished in first place. The mixed doubles team will now get their shot at competing in the regional tournament with their teammates.

This Forsan tennis team has played exceptionally well all season long, and has deserved all the accolades they have received. The Regional Tournament will be another spotlight for these young Buffs to show how good they are.

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## Coahoma Elementary shares a heart of service within the community



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Lessons that extend beyond the classroom and reach into the community are the types of lessons being taught at Coahoma Elementary. Students used their imagination and put their hearts of service into action. Gift baskets were distributed across the community, community service efforts were extended and donations were provided to help support resources in Big Spring.

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# Howard County Lunch Menus

## Big Spring ISD Elementary Breakfast

Monday: Danimals strawberry yogurt crush cup with chocolate elf grahams, 100% juice box, white or chocolate milk.  
 Tuesday: Warm Coco Puff Pastry, orange smiles, 100% juice box, white or chocolate milk.  
 Wednesday: Warm mini cinnamon rolls with cream cheese filling, apple slices, 100% juice box, 1% white or non-fat chocolate milk.  
 Thursday: Fruit loops cereal bowl and string cheese, whole banana, 100% juice box, white or chocolate milk.  
 Friday: Warm blueberry blast pancakes, green grapes, 100% juice box, 1% white or non-fat chocolate milk.

## Elementary Lunch

Monday: Chicken patty sandwich, sunbutter and jelly sandwich, egg chef salad with roll, garden salad and cinnamon applesauce, 100% juice box, white or chocolate milk.  
 Tuesday: Meat and cheese nachos, ham and cheese sandwich, popcorn chicken salad, baby carrots and diced pear cup, 100% juice box and white or chocolate milk.  
 Wednesday: Hot chicken nugget wrap, taco salad with tortilla chips, yogurt, string cheese and graham crackers, baked beans and diced peach cup, white or chocolate milk.  
 Thursday: Cheesy hot dog pocket, American sub sandwich, chef salad with homemade dinner roll, garden salad and clementine smiles, 100% juice box, white or chocolate milk.  
 Friday: Tony's pepperoni pizza wedge, sunbutter and jelly sandwich, fruit, yogurt and cubed cheese plate, cucumber slices and Granny Smith apple, 100%, white or chocolate milk.

## Intermediate

Monday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast Crunch Pastry, yogurt and cinnamon Elf Grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or bacon cheeseburger.  
 Tuesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon sugar donut, blueberry muffin and string cheese. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or meatball sub with sauce and cheese.  
 Wednesday: Breakfast: Mini cinnamon cream cheese filled bagel bites, yogurt & chocolate Elf Grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or beef & tater burrito.  
 Thursday: Breakfast: Apple Jacks cereal pouch and string cheese. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or chicken fried steak.  
 Friday: Breakfast: Blueberry waffle bites, yogurt and cinnamon Elf Grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or Hammy Sammy pocket.

## Junior High

Monday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast Crunch Pastry, yogurt and cinnamon Elf Grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or bacon cheeseburger.  
 Tuesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon sugar donut, blueberry muffin and string cheese. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or meatball sub with sauce and cheese.  
 Wednesday: Breakfast: Mini cinnamon cream cheese filled bagel bites, yogurt & chocolate Elf Grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or beef and tater burrito.  
 Thursday: Breakfast: Apple Jacks cereal pouch and string cheese. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or chicken fried steak.  
 Friday: Breakfast: Blueberry waffle bites, yogurt and cinnamon Elf Grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or hammy sammy pocket.

## Kentwood Pre-K

Monday: Breakfast: Cinnamon pop-tart, 100% fruit juice, 1% white milk. Lunch: Fhamburger with smile fries, fruit cocktail, 1% milk.  
 Tuesday: Breakfast: French toast bites, orange smiles, 1% white milk. Lunch: French toast bites with tater tots, apple juice, 1% milk.  
 Wednesday: Breakfast: Mini cinni bites, applesauce cup, 1% white milk. Lunch: Popcorn chicken, celery sticks, apple slices, 1% milk.  
 Thursday: Breakfast: Trix cereal bowl, banana, 1% white milk. Lunch: Hot dog with chips, baked beans, applesauce, 1% milk.  
 Friday: Breakfast: Blueberry waffle bites, red delicious apple and 1% milk. Lunch: Tony's cheese

pizza wedge, cucumber slices, fruit juice, 1% white milk.

## High School

Monday: Breakfast: Apple frudel, waffles with fruit topping, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Trix cereal bowl, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk. Lunch: Salisbury steak with noodles, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables.  
 Tuesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon sugar donut, French toast with fruit topping egg/sausage/cheese/burrito, refried beans, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk. Lunch: Cheese sticks with sauce, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits.  
 Wednesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, waffles with fruit topping, egg/sausage/cheese/burrito, refried beans, Trix cereal bowl, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk. Lunch: Barbecue pork sandwich, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and juice.  
 Thursday: Breakfast: Mini bagel bites with cream cheese, French toast with fruit topping, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, cinnamon toast crunch cereal, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk. Lunch: Chicken fried steak, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and juice.  
 Friday: Breakfast: Chocolate filled crescent waffles with fruit topping, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Coco Puffs cereal bowl, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk. Lunch: Pepperoni pizza pocket, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits.



## Anderson Accelerated

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal with string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Barbecue chicken melt, egg chef salad, assorted vegetables, juice, milk, assorted fruits.  
 Tuesday: Breakfast: Mini cinni bites, yogurt with string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Pizza sticks with sauce, popcorn chicken, salad with flatbread, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.  
 Wednesday: Breakfast: Chicken-n-waffles, taco nacho salad, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Meat lovers pizza, taco salad, assorted vegetables juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.  
 Thursday: Breakfast: Coco Puff pastry, yogurt with string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Chicken fried steak with roll, chef salad with flatbread, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.  
 Friday: Breakfast: Blueberry waffle bites, cereal and string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Walking taco, yogurt, cheese and fruit salad, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

## Coahoma ISD K-12 Breakfast

Monday: Breakfast pizza, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
 Tuesday: French toast with sausage, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
 Wednesday: Power breakfast, biscuit, gravy, eggs, bacon, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
 Thursday: Pancake wrap or sausage kolache with yogurt, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
 Friday: No school



## Coahoma K-8 Lunch

Monday: Steak fingers with gravy, roll or Philly cheesesteak sandwich or crispy chicken salad, potatoes, tomato cup, strawberries and bananas, milk.  
 Tuesday: Spaghetti bowl with breadstick or French bread pizza with marinara or tuna salad, garden salad, California veggies, fruit cup, milk.  
 Wednesday: Boneless chicken wings or Texas chili with cornbread or popcorn chicken salad, celery sticks, carrots, peaches, pudding, milk.

Thursday: Mexican combo plate or quesadilla or taco salad, corn, beans, salsa, fresh fruit, milk.  
 Friday: No school

## Coahoma 9-12 Lunch

Monday: Steak fingers with gravy, roll or Philly cheesesteak sandwich or crispy chicken salad, potatoes, tomato cup, strawberries and bananas, milk.  
 Tuesday: Spaghetti bowl with breadstick or French bread pizza with marinara or tuna salad, garden salad, California veggies, fruit cup, milk.  
 Wednesday: Boneless chicken wings or Texas chili with cornbread or popcorn chicken salad, celery sticks, carrots, peaches, pudding, milk.  
 Thursday: Mexican combo plate or quesadilla or taco salad, corn, beans, salsa, fresh fruit, milk.  
 Friday: No school

## Forsan ISD Breakfast

Monday: French toast sticks, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk (elementary); mini powdered donuts with bacon or cereal, applesauce cup, fruit juice and milk (JH/HS).  
 Tuesday: Mini powdered donuts, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk (elementary); sausage kolache with cheese stick or cereal, apple slices, fruit juice and milk (JH/HS).  
 Wednesday: Honey buns, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk (elementary); chicken and waffles or cereal, mandarin oranges, fruit juice and milk (JH/HS).  
 Thursday: Breakfast pizza, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk (elementary); breakfast pizza or cereal, strawberry cup, fruit juice and milk (JH/HS).  
 Friday: No school



## Lunch

Monday: Steak fingers or chicken nuggets with mac and cheese (elementary) boneless bites with mac and cheese (JH/HS) or PB&J sandwich, mashed potatoes, savory green beans, applesauce cup, fresh fruit and milk.  
 Tuesday: Hamburger or spaghetti bowl or turkey and cheese sub, ranch style beans, tots, strawberries and bananas, fresh fruit and milk.  
 Wednesday: Pizza or crispy chicken salad or PB&J sandwich, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, strawberries, fresh fruit and milk.  
 Thursday: Nachos with ground beef or turkey and cheese sub (elementary) Wilk Mike's Cheese bites (JH/HS) or PB&J sandwich, fries, baby carrots, fruity gelatin, fresh fruit and milk.  
 Friday: No school

## Sands CISD

Monday: Breakfast: Sun Butter and jelly sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Fish sticks, mac and cheese, coleslaw, bell peppers, pears, milk variety.  
 Tuesday: Breakfast: Power breakfast, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Country fried steak, gravy, fries, savory green beans, roll, cookie, apple slices, milk variety.  
 Wednesday: Breakfast: Pancake wrap, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburger, broccoli, sweet potato fries, mixed fruit, milk variety.  
 Thursday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Meat and cheese chalupas, salsa, cucumbers, refried beans, rosy applesauce, milk variety.  
 Friday: Breakfast: Muffin, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Pizza choice, garden salad, baby carrots, fruit cup, cookie, milk variety.

## Senior Center

Monday: Green chili stew, steamed rice, tossed salad, FF dressing, banana pie, cornbread, milk.  
 Tuesday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, seasoned greens, cucumber salad, fruit salad, bread, milk.  
 Wednesday: Sliced ham, yams, broccoli and cauliflower, oatmeal cookie, rolls, milk.  
 Thursday: Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle, french fries, ranch style beans, pears, milk.  
 Friday: Chili dog, onion cheese relish, tater tots, fruit cup, milk.

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## Chamber of Commerce happenings ...



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**The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors recognized Affordacare with a Thank You presentation for their investment into the community. Each week the Ambassadors take a moment to show appreciation for those who invest back into the community throughout the year.**

**By AMANDA DUFORAT**

Managing Editor

The countdown is on ... there are seven days left until the Big Spring Health Fair returns.

#HealthyYOU is the focus for the annual Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce health fair 2021. Last year, due to the pandemic, the health fair was postponed and then eventually cancelled. However, the Chamber of Commerce and local health care providers and support services are gearing up and are ready to share info for the year ahead.

This year the health fair is adapting to a new location and new format to keep in line with COVID precautions. The Health Info Expo will be taking place on April 24 from 8 a.m. until Noon in Downtown Big Spring, in the 200 block of Main Street. In addition to the health fair vendors, local boutiques and businesses will be open during this time for the community to explore.

Almost 40 health providers and related businesses will be spread out through Downtown Big Spring ready to provide health education regarding ways to stay healthy, material on the proper time to take advantage of particular screenings, and resources to help locate those services in the community and

surrounding area. A few interactivities are being finalized and will be announced closer to the Health Fair.

Those attending will be able to take part in an Exercise Course for an opportunity to take home a Nintendo Switch or a Gift Card from Star Dodge. While there will not be a Bicycle Rodeo, due to Covid precautions, Star Dodge will be sponsoring the Exercise Course. There will be several stations to participate in which will make an attendee eligible for one of the items.

Corporate sponsors this year include Big Spring Center for Skilled Care, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, H-E-B, Home Hospice, Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Parkview and Parkplace.

Those who have not received the Covid vaccine - Pfizer or Moderna - will have an opportunity to do so during the health fair. Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be on scene to administer the vaccine. Those attending are highly encouraged to wear a mask and adhere to social distancing protocols while at the event and visting with the booths.

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## Texas gas prices fall 1.4 cents per gallon this past week, averaging \$2.60 per gallon

**Special to the Herald**  
GasBuddy

Texas gas prices have fallen 1.4 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.60/g today, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Gas prices in Texas are 0.8 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 97.3 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$2.24/g today while the most expensive is \$3.50/g, a difference of \$1.26/g. The lowest price in the state today is \$2.24/g while the highest is \$3.50/g, a difference of \$1.26/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 2.1 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.85/g today. The national average is down 0.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.02/g higher than a year ago.

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

- April 12, 2020: \$1.62/g (U.S. Average: \$1.83/g)
- April 12, 2019: \$2.54/g (U.S. Average: \$2.83/g)
- April 12, 2018: \$2.44/g (U.S. Average: \$2.70/g)
- April 12, 2017: \$2.24/g (U.S. Average: \$2.41/g)
- April 12, 2016: \$1.85/g (U.S. Average: \$2.06/g)

- April 12, 2015: \$2.21/g (U.S. Average: \$2.39/g)
- April 12, 2014: \$3.46/g (U.S. Average: \$3.63/g)

- April 12, 2013: \$3.44/g (U.S. Average: \$3.55/g)
- April 12, 2012: \$3.82/g (U.S. Average: \$3.90/g)
- April 12, 2011: \$3.72/g (U.S. Average: \$3.79/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

Midland Odessa- \$2.84/g, down 1.2 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.85/g.

San Antonio- \$2.39/g, down 5.8 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.44/g.

Austin- \$2.50/g, down 2.1 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.52/g.

"It has been a fairly tame last few weeks at the pump for most areas after a particularly active February and March when prices were screaming higher," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "After surging back then, we've seen the price increases fade, and while we haven't seen much of a decline, prices have been holding near their

yearly highs. For now, it feels like the risk of seeing the national average climb to \$3/gal has been delayed by a recent surge in COVID-19 cases both here and abroad, limiting the upside to gasoline demand, but should things begin to improve, especially as we get closer to the start of the summer, we still have potential to see summer gas prices at their highest levels in years. Make no mistake, gas prices this year will be tied to the hip of the Covid situation."

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



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# HUMMM-The tiniest visitor of the Texas sky

By JUDY TERELETSKY

HSWCD District Clerk

Signs of spring abound in West Texas during April. The mesquite trees start budding so we know the threat of a freeze is gone. The winds pick up to the gentle breeze of 20 mph or more bringing allergies and dust-this way we also know it is track season for the public schools. The quick rattle in the town of Sweetwater reminds natives that we need to watch where we walk or reach when home on the range. And if we are lucky enough to be sitting quietly outside and enjoying the fresh air, we hear a "Hummm" in the sky. Not the buzz of a pollinator visiting newly opened flowers, but the sound made by the beating of wings belonging to the tiniest of visitors to our sky, known as the Hummingbird.

The hum comes from the beating of its tiny wings, which can reach an astounding 80 times a second. Hummingbirds can fly forward, backward, and even upside down. They hover and drink nectar from trumpet-shaped flowers. To avoid starvation, the average hummingbird eats half its weight in nectar and insects each day. If an average-sized man had a hummingbird's metabolism, he would need to eat 285 pounds of meat a day. Hummingbirds can be aggressive to protect their food source



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**Ruby-throated and Rufus hummingbirds visit Howard County to feed on local flowers and build their tiny nests for their young.**

and have been known to attack larger birds including jays and crows. There are over 330 known species of hummingbirds with the smallest, the Bee Hummingbird of Cuba, being 2 1/2 inches long. Migration routes are varied, with the Rufous Hummingbird travelling from summers in Alaska to winter in Mexico some 3,000 or more miles. Flying nonstop for 18 to 20 straight hours, the ruby-throated hummingbird crosses the Gulf of Mexico to reach breeding grounds in the Eastern United States. The ruby-throated hummingbird and the Rufous hummingbird are often seen in Howard County.

Most Ruby-throated Hummingbirds arrive in Texas between mid-March and mid-May and breed from early

April to early September. The Rufous arrive around the same time, but the males have an orange/red throat. The female selects a nest site most commonly on a tree or shrub branch above ground (10-20 ft) and shaded by leaves. The nest can easily be missed by a human as its size is approximately two inches wide and 1 to 1 1/2 inches deep. The female lays two eggs which hatch in about 12 days and the young leave 22 days later.

Planting flowers that attract hummingbirds can be done in a window box, containers on your porch, on a trellis, or in a flower garden. Hummingbirds will explore all flowers but are particularly attracted to trumpet shaped flowers such as columbines, honeysuckle, paintbrushes, bleed-

ing hearts and trumpet vines. Some hummingbird watchers make their own food for the feeders they hang to attract and help feed the birds. Although commercial food mixes are available, it is easy to make your own hummingbird sugar solution at home. The basic recipe is one-part sugar to 4 parts water. Dye is bad for birds so don't use food coloring. Boil the mixture for 1 to 2 minutes and let cool. After filling feeders, store the extra in the refrigerator. In temperatures above 60° F, don't leave sugar mixture in the feeder for longer than 48 hours because it can spoil. Do not substitute honey or artificial sweeteners for sugar when making feeder solution because they don't offer the nutrition that hummingbirds need.

What hummingbirds and other species, whether plant or animal, need most from humans is to respect their needs. We can do this best by protecting our natural resources and providing safe natural means for all to thrive. April 22 is Earth Day. April 25 through May 2 is Soil and Water Stewardship Week. This year's theme is Healthy Forests Equals Healthy Communities and, although we don't have large forests in our area, the trees we plant in our cities help in much the same way. Help celebrate our natural resources by respecting them.

## Exotic pets can be fun, but they may take extra time and care from their owners.

BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION — The term "exotic pet" encompasses a broad range of animals, loosely meaning any pet that is not a dog, cat, or farm animal.

Dr. Alice Blue-McLendon, a clinical associate professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences and director of the Winnie Carter Wildlife Center, says that it is also important to differentiate between exotic pets, which can be kept ethically in domestic settings, and wildlife, which should not be kept domestically.

"There are a lot of animals for sale that should not be kept as pets. It is a big problem," said Blue-McLendon. "Someone is saying an animal makes a good pet doesn't make that information credible."

Common exotic pets that can be kept responsibly include pocket pets, such as rabbits, Guinea pigs and hamsters, birds, reptiles, fish, and amphibians. Owners choosing to purchase one of these animals should take into account the proper enclosure requirements, as providing adequate caging is where many owners fall short in properly caring for these animals, according to Blue-McLendon.

"People should spend time researching the needs of animals, looking at different websites, and talking to people who own some of those animals so they really understand what the needs are," she said. "Being prepared to invest a little bit into big

enough caging is important in providing the animal with a decent home."

Blue says that owners should consider the source through which they obtain their pet when getting any animal, exotic or not. It is important for potential owners to consider whether an animal is bred and housed ethically by the breeder.

"Prospective owners can try to get references from whoever they're buying the animals from, and buying locally is always really good," Blue-McLendon said. "Asking questions of the owners, including asking to see where their animals are bred, is a good way to help ensure animals were produced ethically—are they in little, tiny cages? Are they allowed to exercise? Do they have outdoor areas?"

Exotic animals also require specialized care that may differ from the needs of more common pets. Owners should contact local veterinarians before getting a new exotic pet to ensure that the necessary care is available in their area.

"Prospective owners should consider that there could be veterinary expenses in the purchase and the acquisition of any animal," she said. "More and more veterinarians are willing to see some non-domestic animals, such as pocket pets."

It also is important for owners to be realistic about their exotic animal choice and to put the needs of the animal over their desire to have an at-

tractive and unusual pet.

Some animals, such as big cats, can't be kept domestically in an ethical manner.

"It can be easy to succumb to the allure of having a beautiful spotted cat as a 'pet,' but they're just not suited for households," Blue-McLendon said. "You can't meet the animal's needs and a lot of those animals end up in some kind of a sanctuary or they'll have an unhappy life; they may also be more susceptible to diseases they otherwise wouldn't contract."

Just like the decision to purchase any new pet, getting an exotic animal is a major decision and responsibility; therefore, it should be treated as such.

"It's important to not be spontaneous about the acquisition of any animal. It's so much more than satisfying human curiosity and human satisfaction," Blue-McLendon said. "It should be about providing the animal with what it needs for its happiness and welfare."

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

*By Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences Staff*

## AAA Texas: As 4/20 looms, AAA survey finds marijuana and alcohol users admit variety of dangerous driving behaviors

Special to the Herald

AAA

People who use both alcohol and marijuana are some of the most dangerous drivers on the road – they are significantly more likely to speed, text, intentionally run red lights, and drive aggressively than those who don't, according to data from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. They also are far more likely to report driving under the influence of alcohol than those who consume only alcohol and not marijuana.

"These data show the alarming impact of alcohol and marijuana use on the choices drivers make when they get behind the wheel," said Jake Nelson, AAA's director of traffic safety advocacy and research. "From choos-

ing to drive while impaired, and speeding, to driving distracted or running red lights, using these two drugs leads to poor decision-making with potentially fatal consequences."

The AAA Foundation's annual Traffic Safety Culture Index found that drivers who use both marijuana and alcohol were significantly more prone to driving under the influence of alcohol versus those who only drink alcohol but do not use marijuana.

These motorists identified as someone who consumed alcohol and used marijuana in the past 30 days, and in some cases, they

may have used both at the same time. They also engage in various other dangerous driving behaviors far more than drivers who consume either just alcohol or abstain from either drinking alcohol or using marijuana.

Compared to alcohol-only users, drivers who admitted to using both were more likely to report such behaviors as:

- Speeding on residential streets (55%) vs. alcohol-only (35%)
- Aggressive driving (52%) vs. alco-

hol-only (28%)

Intentional red-light running (48%) vs alcohol-only (32%)

Texting while driving (40%) vs. alcohol-only (21%)

Unsurprisingly, the study found drivers who neither drink alcohol nor use marijuana were considerably less likely to engage in the sorts of risky driving behaviors examined. This Foundation research was published in January 2021 in the peer-reviewed journal *Transportation Research Record*.

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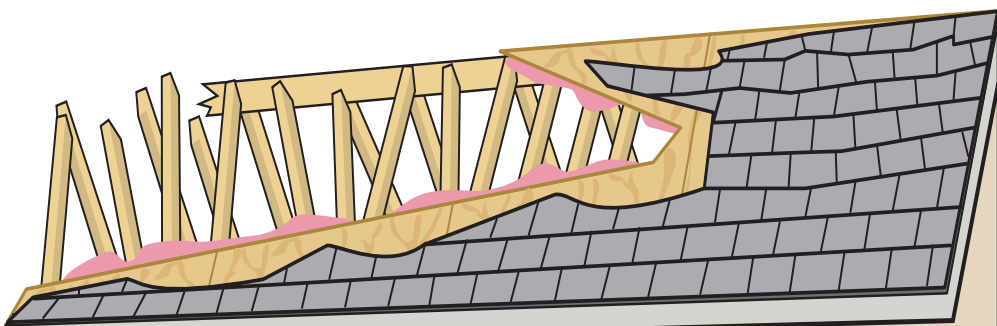
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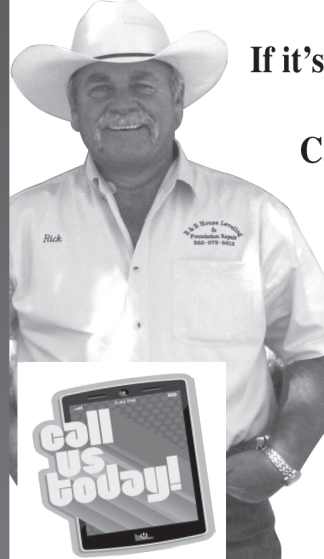
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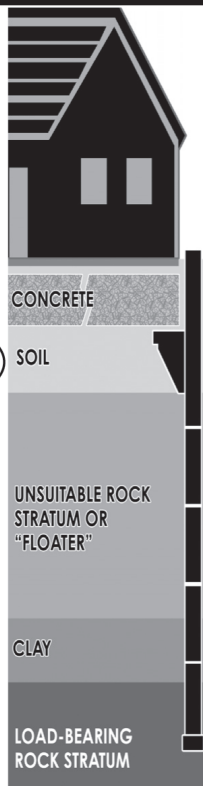
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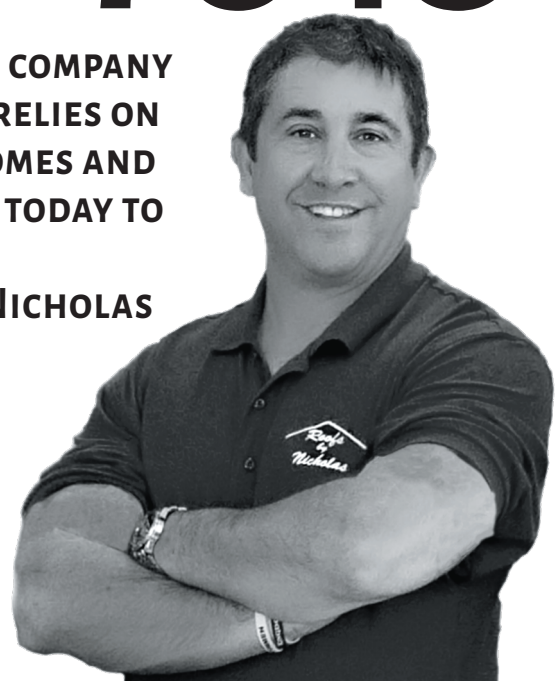
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## PET

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project funded by the National Institute on Aging (NIA), a part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

"The Dog Aging Project came in as an innovative approach to understand the process of aging," said Dr. Francesca Macchiarini, chief of the biological resources branch in NIA's Division of Aging Biology. "This is because of the remarkable similarities between humans and their canine companions. They share the same environment, have similar lifestyles and, when it comes to aging, both species develop the same types of diseases.

"We're going to learn in a relatively shorter period of time than we would to study the human population a lot about how biology, lifestyle and environment can affect healthy aging in dogs, and then have that be applicable to humans," Macchiarini said.

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By Jennifer Gauntt, Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences

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- Area athletes who brought home medals and/or advanced to the Regional Competition in Track and Tennis.
- Scenic Mountain Medical Center

for hosting the 7th annual Stand Up event and all those who took part in raising awareness for child abuse in hopes of providing a voice for those who feel voiceless.

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