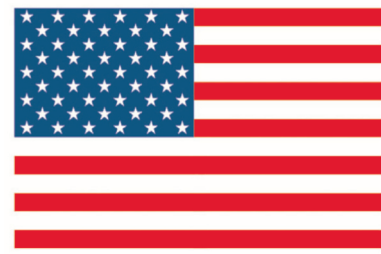


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Large Item Pick Up Jan. 20 deadline to schedule Jan. 19

SMMC Virtual Hiring Event Jan. 19-20

Silver Wings Ball 5:30 p.m. cocktails 6:45 p.m. dinner The Club at Silver Hills Jan. 30

Big Spring Area Chamber Banquet 1:30 p.m. Feb. 11

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Chamber Banquet and Business Expo going virtual for 2021

By AMANDA DUFORAT Managing Editor

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce annual Banquet and Business Expo is going virtual.

The networking event which is hosted on an annual basis, due to the pandemic, is taking on a different platform this year, but will be offering the same opportunity for recognition in the community and focus on highlighting the accomplishments in the Big Spring and Howard County communities. The virtual event is set for Feb. 11 at 1:30 p.m.

“Although our format may look different for the annual Chamber Banquet our purpose still remains; promote and celebrate our members; Manny Negron, Banquet Committee Co-Chair, said.

The 2021 Chamber Banquet and Business Expo will still include normal business such as the passing of the gavel from the outgoing Chamber Board President Mark Richardson to the incoming Chamber Board President Kristy Tyra; an opportunity to recognize the Man and Woman of the Year, Russ McEwen Community Service recipient and those 5 Under 55 individuals.

“The format for this year will also allow those members who have never been able to attend the banquet to join us from the comfort of their own business or home,” Negron said.

Debbie ValVerde Executive Director for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce added, “Under the circumstances, and the limitations still on having groups gather, we needed to do

our part in moving forward for 2021 in a safe way.”

An invitation for the event will be available through the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook Page which will allow those wanting to take part an opportunity to register and obtain a link for the event. More information will be shared on the Facebook page as it become available.

“We believe and hope more members will sign in and join us, especially those who have never been to one of our banquets. Let’s honor those receiving awards this year,” ValVerde said.

The Chamber Banquet and Business Expo is an annual tradition in which an opportunity to network with business leaders and business owners

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Working through a pandemic as a new mother, and medical provider

By AMANDA DUFORAT Managing Editor

The national pandemic has brought a new way of life and a new way of approaching life’s monumental moments. From limited attendees at funeral services, to cancellations and scaling down on weddings, to limited if any visitation inside healthcare or nursing facilities. The ability to share special moments with loved ones was altered this past year and continues to be. While giving birth to a baby is a joyous occasion that is typically shared with extended family and friends, this past year, those families welcoming a new addition had to celebrate a little differently. One local new mom, OB/GYN Provider Gabrielle Rich, was faced with a two-fold situation; welcoming her own new addition and walking with her patients as they prepared to welcome their new additions to the family.

“This last year I’ve learned that a pandemic can never take away the miracle of life. Births are still happy times. New babies still unite families,” Gabrielle Rich, Scenic Mountain Medical Group OB/GYN provider said. “I’ve also learned that I am way stronger than I ever knew. I’ve learned that staying

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Courtesy photo Gabrielle Rich not only has battled the pandemic as a medical provider, but also as a new mom.

Martin Luther King Jr. business closures across Howard County

Herald Staff Report

The City of Big Spring and Howard County officials announced the closure of offices for the observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday. Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a federal holiday recognized in the United States, in addition to government offices closing, many local banks and school districts will also be closed in recognition of the holiday.

All City of Big Spring offices will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2021, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

There will be no sanitation pickup on Monday, Jan. 18. Monday’s normal sanitation routes will be picked up on Tuesday, Jan. 19. Tuesday’s normal sanitation routes will be picked up on Wednesday, Jan. 20. Sanitation pickup for the rest of the week will proceed as usual. In addition, Wednesday will be the Large Item Pick up for District 1. Those wishing to have items picked up will need to call and schedule a pick up by the end of day on Tuesday with the Public Works Office.

Emergency services (Police, Fire, and

EMS) will continue normal operations. The Emergency Utilities Department will also be available and can be reached by calling 432-264-2392.

The Howard County Courthouse and offices located within will be closed in recognition of Martin Luther King Day on Monday. Regular business hours will resume on Tuesday.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is observed on the third Monday of January each year. Martin Luther King Jr. was the chief spokesperson for non-violent activism in the Civil Rights Movement. During one of his speeches, he was assassinated in 1968. According to history provided by Wikipedia, MLK Day was first observed by all 50 states in 2000.

A normal tradition in Big Spring has been the annual march in remembrance of Martin Luther King, hosted by Mt. Bethel Church. Due to the pandemic, the march will not be taking place, but Mt. Bethel church leaders encourage the community to still take the time to remember the contributions of Martin Luther King Jr.

COVID-19 Updates

At this time, Scenic Mountain Medical Center does not have any Covid-19 vaccines in house. Updates can be found on the SMMC website.

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center has reported 1/14/2021: • 11 Covid-19 positive patients • 3 in ICU & 2 vents

- SMMG & SMMC Testing through Jan. 14: • 2839 tests • 735 positives for 25.9% positivity rate • 6 pending

From Dec. 2020 - Jan. 13, 903 patients have tested of which 225 were positive for a rate of 24.9% positivity. 6 tests are pending.

Outpatient COVID testing in Big Spring

Gregg Street Clinic 2301 South Gregg St Big Spring, Texas 79720 Clinic Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday

910 S Main St Big Spring, TX 79720 Clinic Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday

West Texas Medical Plaza 1501 W 11th Place Big Spring, Texas 79720 Clinic Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday

Big Spring Urgent Care 1700 W. FM 700 Suite B

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\*SMMC provided numbers for in-house patients/ SMMG testing since the onset of Covid-19; info obtained from Texas Health Department website



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## Obituaries

### Jane Trulock Majors



Jane Trulock Majors, born Sept. 13, 1922 in Paris, Texas. Jane is survived by sons, Lee Majors of Midland, Mark Majors of Horseshoe Bay, Texas; grandchildren; great grandchildren; and nephews. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m., Monday, Jan. 18, 2021 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Livestreaming of the service will be available at www.npwelch.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com.

### William "Bill" Schraeder

William "Bill" Schraeder, 77, of St. Lawrence, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Caroline Volbrecht

Caroline Volbrecht of Colorado City, Texas, passed away on Jan. 11, 2021. Caroline is survived by her husband, Donald Volbrecht; daughters, Corlene Murray and Pamela Hall;

six grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Preceding her in death was Caroline's son, Clifford Volbrecht. A private memorial service for family will be held at a later date. The family suggests, in lieu of flowers, a donation to a charity of your choice.

## Take Note

- American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish fry Saturday, Jan. 16. Delivery is available from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. and serving will take place from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. American Legion is located at 3203 W Hwy 80. To call in an order, 432-263-2084. Everyone is welcome.

- Large Item pick up for District 1 is taking place Jan. 20. The last day to schedule a pickup is Jan. 19 (Monday). Those 60 and older who are in need of assistance to get items to the curb, contact ALSA Car Club or Nick Ornelas, City Council representative for District 1.

- West Texas Centers will be hosting the January 2021 Mental Health First Aid training classes twice in January. The classes will be held on Jan. 26, 2021 for Adult Mental Health First Aid, and Jan. 28, 2021 for Youth Mental Health First Aid. Both classes will be virtual.

- A gofund me page for Ed Flores, who recently tested positive for coronavirus and was recently transferred to Lubbock. Donations are requested to help with medical bills and travel expenses so his wife can be close with him. Ed worked with Shroyer for about 25 years and 87 Auto Sale as a mechanic; he has always been willing to help out people even when they didn't have enough money to pay him. Donations can be made at GoFundMe by Monica Medina. For more information on how to help, e-mail jessemonica1234@gmail.com or call 432-517-7675.

- The City of Big Spring recently announced that due to a recent increase in COVID-19 cases, all indoor city-owned rental facilities including our venue, The Big Spring Municipal Auditorium, will be closed for the rest of the year. With this announcement and with no other venue options that will properly social distance our musicians, we will be unable to kick off our season on Dec. 19 with our "Holiday Spectacular" Concert. Be watching our Facebook page, Symphony website (Bigspringsymphony.org), the Big Spring Herald, KBYG and KBST for further details and a new kick-off date for our season, appropriately entitled, "The Versatile Big Spring Symphony". Thank you for your continued support and patience as we navigate through these unusual times. We hope to see you very soon. May you and your family stay safe and healthy through the rest of this Holiday Season!

- The Howard County Courthouse will only be open by appointment. All doors except the handicapped entrance located on the west side of the building will be locked. All who enter will be screened following Covid guidelines. Face masks are required for all who enter.

- City of Big Spring offices have moved to by appointment only or electronic communication only. Contact information for all departments can be found on the city website at mybigspring.com.

- Forsan Food Pantry will be open twice a month from 4:15

p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Families who are in need can pull up to the front doors of the Junior High/High School and receive a free box of pre-packed meals. If you have any questions or need to pick up a box at a different time, contact Kaci Wash at 432-457-2223 ext 821 or Jenny Sayles at jennysales@yahoo.com.

- Cub Scouts meet Monday from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Naz Family Church, located at 1400 S. Lancaster.

- Howard County Republican Club meets the second Monday of each month at 421 Main Street. Everyone is welcome. The meeting takes place at Noon. For more information call 432-213-7628.

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

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

- The Life Center in Big Spring is helping moms and dads with a Diaper Day Giveaway! Call for a five minute phone appointment and a pickup time for free diapers, wipes and formula. 432-606-5041.

- The Senior Supper Club has come out of hibernation to resume its normal Tuesday evening dinners. The Come-One-Come-All group will be meeting on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and orders will be placed around 5:30 p.m. after much socializing from a distance. The group will be meeting at Dragon China. The Senior Supper Club is an informal group of folks from Howard County who meet at least weekly and sometimes more for Dutch-Treat food at different area restaurants. Sometimes the group also meets for cards, dominoes, or desserts and fellowship. For more information, contact Colonel.Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com.

- St. Vincent de Paul will be

open the following dates beginning November 2020. Food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and other assistance will be suspended at this time, but will resume on Dec. 17. Distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building. In December 2020, the food distribution will continue the 2nd Thursday as scheduled. SVDP will be closed from December 18 through January 7, 2021.

- Permian Basin Multiple Sclerosis Support Group for information, encouragement and support. The group meets monthly on the Second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express at 5321 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa. If you or someone you know has been touched by MS, or if you are just interested in more information please feel to contact Gary Tidwell at garylteagle1987@gmail.com.

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

- DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

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

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

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- RICHARD LEONARD MOYA**, 46, of 1107 Lloyd Avenue, was arrested on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties.
- DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1100 block of Lloyd Avenue (x2).
- FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- ASSAULT** was reported in the 3200 block of Fordham Avenue.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 6400 block of E. Midway Road.
- FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 700 block of E. I-20.
- MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of FM 700 and 11<sup>th</sup>.
- THEFT** was reported in the 7000 block of S. Service Road.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 82 inmates at the time of this report.

- RICHARD LEONARD MOYA**, 46, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 290 block of Melrose Lane. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main. No transport was required.
- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of March Circle. No transport was required.
- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4200 block of Hamilton. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of N. Johnson. No transport was required.
- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of Mountain Park Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## Support Groups

### SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

### SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees It, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.



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# The Pet Connection's Pet Talk: Where People and Pets Connect

By MELANIE GAMBRELL

Pet Care Specialist

Have you ever wanted to help in animal welfare? Are you passionate about the health and safety of our Texas animals? Would you like to get involved to stop animal cruelty and abuse?

Years ago I became a Charter Member for the West Texas Humane Legislation Network (THLN). This group is one of many throughout the State of Texas set up as a 501c4. This allowed us to be political animal advocates and allowed lobbying and working with our state government to correct and strengthen animal cruelty laws. Over the many years I had the great pleasure of lobbying Austin to make great changes along with so many great animal supporters and activist from surrounding areas.

There are four ways to take action to make a difference in Texas animal's lives: donate, volunteer, get action alerts, and contact your legislator. You can also go to Texas Humane Legislation Network (THLN) Facebook page and follow all the great work

that they are doing. Go to their Facebook page and watch a great webinar called Take "A Deep Dive into 2021 Animal Welfare Legislation!" with THLN Legislative Chair, Jaime Olin. Jaime breaks down H.B. 873 and is very informative.

I ask you now to join with me in contacting your House Representative and asking them to support H.B. 873. H.B. 873 – the Safe Outdoor Dogs bill has been filed by Rep. Collier and even though this bill isn't a new bill, this bill fixes the loopholes in the current state law. The Safe Outdoor Dogs bill addresses several important issues. Inhumane restraint or any other situation where a dog is left outside without shade, shelter, or water is one of the problems being addressed. As we have seen recently, Texas does and can get significant amounts of snowfall. No dog should be left out in subfreezing temperatures.

H.B. 873 explicitly exempts outdoor activities like camping, herding, and field trails. This bill is aimed at those people who would let their dogs die in extreme weather at the end of a chain. H.B. 873

is not aimed at people who humanely tether their dogs and does not outlaw tethering.

Having my certificates in Basic and Advanced Animal Control, H.B. 873 gives law enforcement and all animal control officers in the State of Texas the authority to take action when they see a dog chained out in dangerous conditions (without shade, shelter, food, water, etc.) H.B. 873 strikes the current 24-hour waiting period, preventing law enforcement and AC from acting. Many of you have made such phone calls to your local LE or AC and I'm sure have been told that nothing could be done for 24 hours. This changes that.

I support H.B. 873 and ask those of you in Howard County to contact our Rep. Darby at the following and ask for his support for H.B. 873.

Capital Phone: 512-463-0331

Direct Phone: 325-658-7313

Or for more information on joining our THLN team, contact Stacy Sutton Kerby (Director of Government Relations) at 512-825-7336.

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## LIFE

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home and slowing down is a blessing."

Like many new parents, when Rich and her husband found out they would be welcoming a bundle of joy to the family in 2020 they were over the moon. After years of trying to have a baby, at the end of 2019, the couple finally saw a heart beat flickering on the ultrasound and was looking forward to head into a new year knowing they would be welcoming a new baby. Rich was a new provider at the local hospital and after finding out she was pregnant, like many first time moms, she was forming her plan to work through her pregnancy.

"My first trimester was easy. I felt like it wouldn't be that hard to be pregnant and continue working through my entire pregnancy. Then my second trimester came," Rich said. "I ended up on the operating table (where I was normally the one doing the operating) having my appendix taken out."

Due to the unexpected surgery, Rich had to be out a few weeks to recover before heading back to serving her patients. However, by the time she was released to safely go back to work, Howard County was dealing with the impact of the pandemic that had been sweeping across the nation.

"COVID had started to become a real concern. Over the next few months I navigated work with my mask and growing belly. I put on a brave face for my patients, but meanwhile my own pregnancy was becoming more and more high risk," she said.

One of the struggles Rich endured, as a provider, was being faced with questions that she didn't have an answer for.

"This is an uncomfortable place to be as a doctor. "How will COVID affect my baby? How will COVID affect my pregnancy?" I wish I knew...for my baby and theirs," she said.

As many moms did with the uncertainty of the pandemic and limitations on social gatherings, Rich cancelled her baby shower and held a virtual one as COVID cases kept creeping closer to Howard County. In addition to changes within her own life and home, Rich was navigating through changes at work.

"During my pregnancy the hospital visitor policies changed as well. Not only was

I making changes at home and within my own circle, precautionary measures were being put in place at the workplace as well," she said. "I strictly isolated and socially distanced. Not only was my own health at risk, but so was my patients' health so I could not risk getting exposed."

She continued, "Having a virtual baby shower means you don't have to wear uncomfortable shoes. Doing a DIY photo shoot means you can plan it around your baby's schedule and not stress about your baby having a meltdown. Things may not be how we thought, but they can still be great."

For Rich, COVID was not the only obstacle surrounding her pregnancy. During her pregnancy, she had to be hospitalized several times and due to the pandemic restrictions, those nights were spent alone. Being a provider, in the middle of her pregnancy during a pandemic, was a challenge, but one that was met head on.

"I modified my work schedule to try and keep working. I went to my high risk pregnancy and ultrasound appointments alone since no partners were allowed. Meanwhile I tried to continue to be strong for my patients," Rich said. "Eventually I reached my last day of work. The next day I went into labor and had my baby. I thought I could finally breathe a little easier. However, my baby was premature and ended up on a ventilator in the NICU. The sleepless nights continued. One of her NICU nurses had to leave mid shift when she found out one of her family members she lived with was positive for COVID, but thankfully my baby was safe. I still worry every day about exposing her."

As a physician it is important to be able to get on the same level as your patients and for Rich, this pregnancy has given a new level of perspective and empathy for her patients.

"For myself, going through a pandemic while pregnant has really helped me to be a more empathetic physician. When my patients come in my office during their pregnancies, I hope they know that I understand what they are going through and together we will get through," Rich said.

Now that Rich has welcomed her new baby girl to the world and returned to work, she does so with a little better understanding of the emotions her patients are

feeling as they navigate their pregnancy.

"My advice to new mom's during this time is to continue to focus on the positives. Having a baby during quarantine means you get to have a lot more rest. Everybody is not coming to the hospital so you get those first few days to bond with your baby without interruption," she said.

Focusing on the positives is one of the ways Rich encourages her patients, and any mom to be or new mom, to get through the pandemic. With more time at home, there is more time to focus on the life changes such as breastfeeding and bonding.

It has been five months since Rich and her husband welcomed their baby girl home and the family has been able to stay COVID free. However, while the joy of their newest addition is one that has made them ecstatic, it is a joy that has yet to be shared with the family.

"Navigating motherhood in isolation has been challenging. Most of my family has yet to meet my baby, but I know we will all appreciate it so much more when they do," she said.

In addition, as an extra precaution for her family and her patients, Rich has received her first COVID vaccine. For Rich it is a feeling of safety that she can provide not only to herself, her loved ones, but to her patients.

"Having this vaccine means I can feel safer while working. I can worry less about bringing home COVID to my baby or getting sick and not being able to be there for my patients," she said.

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## EXPO

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throughout the community. This is the one of time of year we are able to get the majority of our businesses together and provide an opportunity for them to promote themselves. Over the past couple of years, the event has switched location and taken on a new format, but is still serving as an opportunity for business leaders to come together with other business leaders. Last year the banquet was held at the Howard County Fairgrounds and took on an expo type format compared to the sit down dinner presentation.

"We may not be decorating a table this year, but we will still have businesses promoting themselves and an opportunity to form connections through our virtual interaction," ValVerde said.

On Feb. 11 businesses are encouraged to host watch parties with their staff, decorate your background with your business logo and use it as an opportunity to network and earn a little brand recognition. This year's event is for Chamber members and non-chamber members alike.

"We are encouraging all to take part this year; when you invest in your community and become a member you are giving back to your community," ValVerde said.

As the event approaches information will begin to be released on the Facebook page. Businesses are asked to reach out to the Big Spring Chamber office at 432-263-7641 for more information and sign up when the link is made available.

"We encourage you to gather your staff for a watch party and make this event fun," Negrón said.

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# Opinion

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## DAILY PRAYER

When we have problems may we bring them to you Lord to solve them.  
Amen

## Going back home to Merkel

There must be a strong pull for people who grew up in Merkel, left to have successful careers, then returned to their hometown. I met a bunch of them recently. They are confident, poised and happy to be back home.

One is a former NASA scientist who is now writing poetry.

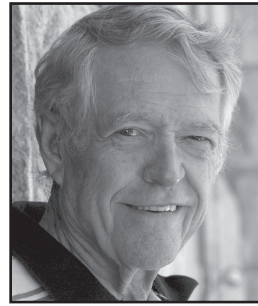
Another was a real estate mogul in Austin who returned to Merkel and opened two restaurants.

Roger Moore had an award-winning advertising agency for 25 years, and then came home to manage Merkel's Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development.

The group of about a dozen gets together every morning at 10 on a sidewalk across the street from the coffee shop where they used to meet. The coffee shop closed due to the Corona virus. They are a happy bunch. I'll call them curbers because sometimes they'll sit on the curb. The city has provided a bench, but it's seldom used.

The conversation is constant and loud, laced with laughter. These guys have a good time. They've known each other most of their lives and their friendships are solid. Sometimes neighbors will drive by, stop in the middle of the street, have a short visit (while staying in their vehicle) with the curbers, and then drive off. A passing train gets lots of attention. "It's going to New York City," someone will say. Now that cold weather is here, the meetings are shorter. Usually the "stay time" is about an hour.

Roger is still doing some advertising for long-time clients. He has drawn pictures since he was three, something his mother encouraged him to do. He enjoyed doing cartoons while in college at McMurry where he had a track scholarship. He majored in English Literature. Roger is a former teacher and coach (Sterling City and Hamlin) and has a big interest in Texas History. He worked for a textbook company for 6 years, then decided to get serious about his cartooning. He walked into a small newspaper office in Austin and said, "You need a cartoonist."



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Great job VA Vaccine

Dear Editor:

Congratulations to the George H. O'Brien Jr. VA Medical Center in Big Spring. This past Saturday the VA offered a drive-through vaccination clinic for veterans. This was a most well-organized event, which was something I truly didn't expect from the government. Every person was so nice and friendly. There were no lines. I offer my sincere congratulations to the person in charge of this event. In my opinion, everything was perfect. I feel that a great thank you must be extended by local veterans to the VA staff - from those providing security, to the parking attendants, nurses, and administrators. They deserve a pat on the back for standing out in the cold, smiling and doing such a great job.

Robert Miller  
Big Spring



## Camels making a comeback?

The Geico insurance people had the chance to keep camels in front of folks, but lost 15 percent of their credibility when they chose a gecko instead of a camel for their mascot several years ago.

I thought their ad showing Caleb the Camel clopping through the office to ask workers if they could guess "which day is it" to be pure advertising genius. It made us smile, and had tens of millions of "hits" on the Internet.

Caleb "yucked" it up, announcing Wednesdays to be "hump day." (My guess is that most Americans clearly remember the commercials, but not necessarily what the dromedary was promoting.)

Millions have seen the Facebook picture showing a horse with two saddles--a "camel stand-in," if you will--standing near a church altar.

Like the Hee Haw characters who said they repeated gossip because they didn't know what else to do with it, I'm stuck between the "dilemma horns" of "maybe" and "no way."

And all this because the camel owner allegedly got sick, thus was unable to deliver the animal cigarette that smokers would walk a mile for a half-century ago. Ah, yes, many smokers would walk a mile--or even more--for a Camel cigarette.

I do know this: Rental camels cost a pretty penny in December. There's not much call for camels in the other months, but they eat

the same amount of hay then as do in December.

The late Dick Baker, well-known minister of music at Prestonwood Baptist Church in Dallas, told me so. He directed Prestonwood's first Christmas Pageant in the 1980s. It's a spectacular production, expensive to produce and attended by thousands of persons annually.

Upon retirement, Dick said he'd sleep better in Decembers without the dratted middle-of-the-night calls from Dallas Police saying things like, "Dick, your camels are out again, weaving their way through traffic on Arapaho."

Years ago, a fellow university administrator asked if I knew how camels came into being. I answered that I figured they lumbered onto the ark,

"two by two," like the rest of the animals.

That didn't shut him up. "No, they are hybrids, the result of a committee charged with drawing a picture of a horse."

Most of us have seen camels at circuses and zoos. I know that some camels have one hump and some have two.

As a rider, I'd want the latter, thus improving my chances to avoid injury. I might fall left or right, but not forward or back.

Little did I know that during a Mediterranean cruise ship stop in Algiers that having zero dollars in my pocket likely saved

The owner agreed and told Roger he could do a weekly cartoon for \$25 each. That led Roger into the advertising business.

Roger's cartoons now appear weekly in 25 Texas newspapers. "I come up with an idea first, do the caption, then draw the cartoon," he says. "The hard part is coming up with some clever idea." He has written a number of books on Texas history. His latest two are aimed at pre-kindergarten age kids. They are designed so parents can teach their kids to read. One is titled CRITTERS OF THE LONE STAR STATE and has cartoons of some legendary Texas critters: rattlesnake, javelinas, jackrabbit, armadillo and horny toad. Another book is called SLIM'S HAT and shows the many uses of a cowboy hat. He calls his books Tex Books.

Roger is best known for his Texas Calendars that start every year on March second. "That's Texas Independence Day. We start our calendars when Texas started." Throughout the year the calendar mentions Texas historical events and personalities. He has been producing his calendar 23 years. His books and calendars are available at texascalendars.com.



DON NEWBURY

me from considerable embarrassment.

They had a "camel ride" operation, and my wife and I saw--and smelled them--up close. These were "camels on steroids," too tall to enter most church doorways.

I was shocked that Brenda wanted to ride. She had two dollars, however, the exact amount needed for one rider.

I told her I'd "just watch," secretly delighted with my observer status. I mean it was "way up there" to reach the wobbly saddle. I wouldn't want to ride such a tall animal without an oxygen mask, as well as "beefed up" travel insurance. (It's a colossal understatement that her wanting to ride a camel seemed out of character for a woman who, in pre-school years, chose not to ride a carnival "hobby horse" because she might get dizzy.)

She has surprised me in dozens of ways across the years.

I wouldn't have guessed she would "kiss a dolphin" or "swim with the stingrays." She was not surprised that I preferred cuddling baby sloths at a Costa Rican preserve.

If anyone knows IF a Christmas Pageant somewhere that a horse "stood in" for a camel, please let me know. If so, I'd like to know if the preacher still has his job. Maybe only the three wise men know for sure.

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## Howard County Junior Livestock Show results

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

The Howard County Junior Livestock Show was held this past week. The show began with 41 rabbits being shown on Tuesday. The lamb and goat show followed on Wednesday with 18 lambs and 33 goats shown. The barrows were the focus of the show on Thursday with 100 pigs featured. The week concluded with the steer showing on Friday, with 10 steers.

There will be a BBQ and auction Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Coahoma cafeteria and gym. There are 72 sale slots available. "Showing livestock teaches leadership, responsibility and important qualities that aren't found in other functions. During these challenging times, it gives these kids a breath of fresh air and a break from the chaos going on around them," Matt Woodall, President of the Howard County Jr Livestock Association, said.

The Howard County Junior Livestock Show Showmanship Awards 2021 are as follows:

Grand Champion Rabbit – Jackson Allen

Reserve Grand Champion Rabbit – Brody Wright

Grand Champion Lamb – Brelyn Tubb  
Reserve Grand Champion Lamb – Cooper Chapman

Grand Champion Goat – Cooper Chapman  
Reserve Grand Champion Goat – Kolt Redden

Grand Champion Wether Doe – Cooper Chapman  
Reserve Grand Champion Wether Doe – Kolt Redden

Grand Champion Barrow – Julia Cox  
Reserve Grand Champion Barrow – Madlyn Nichols

Grand Champion Steer – Aubree Blissard  
Reserve Grand Champion Steer – Seth Brooks

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The Howard County Junior Livestock Show continued this year with safety precautions in place. Pictured above is Grand Champion Rabbit winner Jackson Allen with his award banner after the winners had been announced.

## Sports Briefs

### NBA fines Irving \$50,000 for health, safety violations

NEW YORK (AP) — Kyrie Irving's absence from the Brooklyn Nets has cost him nearly \$1 million.

The NBA fined the point guard \$50,000 on Friday for violating its health and safety protocols, and said he could return to team activities Saturday.

The league added that he would forfeit his salary for each game he misses during a five-day quarantine period that would end Saturday if he continues to test negative for the coronavirus. He's already missed two, which means he has lost more than \$900,000 of his \$33.5 million salary.

Irving has missed the last five games while away from the Nets for personal reasons. He was seen in a video on social media during his absence at an indoor family party while not wearing a mask.

The league's protocols prohibit attending indoor social gatherings of 15 or more people or entering bars, lounges, clubs or similar establishments.

Irving is the second player to be fined for that. The other is his new teammate, James Harden.

The Nets have not explained the reasons for Irving's absence, leaving it to him to do when he returns. Their next game is Saturday against Orlando, though coach Steve Nash said Friday he had no update about when Irving would rejoin the team.

"Without a doubt, the organization's disappointed with not having any

one of our players, in this particular case Kyrie, not amongst us, not in the trenches with us and so forth," general manager Sean Marks said Thursday during a news conference to discuss the trade for Harden.

"So I don't want to speculate and say why he's out and so forth. I've had conversations with him and I'll continue to have conversations and we look forward to him being back in the gym, where he will address this," he said.

In December, Irving was fined \$25,000 by the NBA for not speaking to the media during preseason.

### Brewers reach 1-year deals with Josh Hader, Brandon Woodruff

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Milwaukee Brewers avoided going to arbitration with pitchers Josh Hader and Brandon Woodruff by agreeing to one-year contracts with the former All-Stars.

Hader signed for \$6,675,000 while Woodruff agreed to a \$3,275,000 deal. The Brewers don't have any arbitration cases.

Last year, Hader lost an arbitration case that resulted in a \$4.1 million salary, which was pro-rated to \$1,518,519 in the pandemic shortened season. Hader said after his arbitration case last year that he believed the system is outdated and doesn't account for the fact that high-leverage relievers now occasionally pitch earlier in games.

Hader, who turns 27 on April 7, has

been one of the game's top relievers over the last few seasons and made the NL All-Star team in 2018 and 2019.

The left-hander was 1-2 with a career-high 3.79 ERA in 21 games last year, but six of the eight runs he allowed came in just two appearances. He had an NL-leading 13 saves while striking out 31 and allowing just eight hits in 13 innings.

In his four-year career, Hader has a 2.54 ERA with 62 saves and 380 strikeouts in just 223 2/3 innings.

Woodruff, who turns 28 on Feb. 10, went 3-5 with a 3.05 ERA and 91 strikeouts in 73 2/3 innings last season. The right-hander tied for the NL lead in starts and ranked fourth in the NL in innings pitched.

Woodruff had a 2020 salary of \$633,100 that was pro-rated to \$234,481 due to the shortened season.

That came after a 2019 season in which he made the NL All-Star team but missed nearly two months with a left oblique strain. Woodruff went 11-3 with a 3.62 ERA in 22 starts that season.

### Bellinger agrees to \$16.1M, 1-year contract with Dodgers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dodgers star Cody Bellinger agreed to a \$16.1 million, one-year contract Friday with the World Series champions that avoided salary arbitration.

The Los Angeles outfielder and first baseman was the 2019 MVP and 2017 NL Rookie of the Year. He hit a career-low .239 with 12 homers and 30 RBIs in the shortened season, down

from a .305 average with 47 homers and 115 RBIs, all career bests.

He slumped to a .136 average (3 for 22) with one homer and three RBIs in the World Series against Tampa Bay as the Dodgers won their first title since 1988.

A two-time All Star, Bellinger earned \$4,259,259 in prorated pay last year from an \$11.5 million salary.

He is eligible for free agency after the 2023 season.

### Marco Andretti to step back from full-time IndyCar racing

Marco Andretti will not run the full IndyCar schedule this season as the third-generation driver reprioritizes his racing career.

Andretti will compete in the Indianapolis 500, the historic race his family has notoriously won just once, and assist Andretti Autosport with preseason testing and development. He will be in a car next week testing in Sebring, Florida.

Beyond that, his schedule is open.

"Marco and I have discussed this at length. I support and respect his decision to take a focus on other areas of life, and maybe even other forms of motorsport," team owner Michael Andretti said Friday of his son.

Andretti followed his grandfather, father and cousins into IndyCar racing but has never found the same success as his famed family. Mario Andretti, his grandfather, ranks second on IndyCar's all-time win list with 52 victories including the 1969 Indy 500.

## Despite pandemic, Great Texas Birding Classic saw record participation in 2020

AUSTIN — For the first time, the 24th annual Great Texas Birding Classic (GTBC) took place in fall instead of spring last year after having been postponed due to the public health crisis. The postponement allowed event organizers to further plan and implement health and safety measures. Despite postponement, the event garnered a record 138 teams registered, with a total of 650 participants across the state.

Money raised through 2020 team registrations and sponsorships made it possible for the GTBC to award \$34,000 in Conservation Grants, bringing the 24-year tournament total to \$1,027,000 in on-the-ground habitat acquisition, restoration and enhancement projects.

"It is truly remarkable and gratifying to top the \$1 million mark after 24 years of work," said Shelly Plante, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department nature tourism manager, who has been involved with the event since 1998. "From the beginning, we wanted a way to not only encourage birding in friendly competition, but to also raise money to restore and protect natural habitat for birds and people."

Birding in October presented birders with different weather and challenges never experienced dur-

ing the usual spring event. Participants were able to see birds as they migrate south and count different species not as often seen during the spring season. Unfortunately, birding during the fall also meant that participants had to contend with four different hurricane events on or near the Texas coast.

"We spent several hours watching Bald Eagles work to rebuild their nest that was cut in half after Hurricane Delta," said Christina Lokey, a member of the Upper Texas Coast Big Sit! team in Beaumont.

A total of 357 species were identified by all 138 teams. A complete list of final tournament results can be found on the GTBC website. The GTBC is made possible by sponsorship and registration fees and donations from event sponsors including Toyota, Texas Ornithological Society, Swarovski Optik, N.A., and awards ceremony sponsor, Audubon Texas.

For the first time, participants were able to compete in two new categories, the "Dispersed Flock"

team and the "Intact Flock" team. "Dispersed Flock" teams consisted of team members located anywhere in Texas. Families and friends were able to team up and compete from wherever they are quarantining together through the "Intact Flock" category.

Teams could choose from a variety of tournament categories including the Expanded Big Sit!, the State Park Tournament or Sunrise to Noon Tournament, ideal for teams who wanted a laid back day without much traveling, the Regional and Statewide Big Day Tournaments, perfect for those who were unable to participate together and who wanted to bird for most or all of a 24-hour period in their area, and the Human-Powered Tournament, allowing participants to bird by bike, foot, kayak or other non-motorized form of transportation.

"Part of the fun was the text stream all day long, checking to see what folks had, making jokes, and sharing photos of the nice areas we birded," said Lynn Thompson, a member of the Heart of Texas East Adult Regional Big Day and the Dispersed Flock team, the Masked Boobies.



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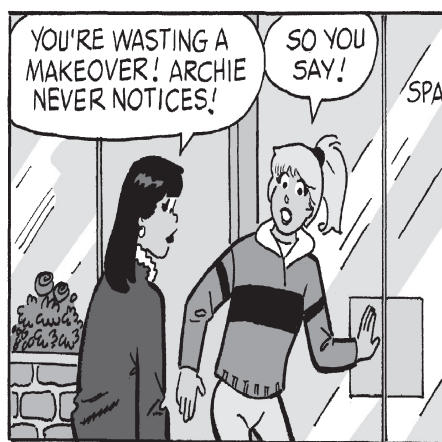
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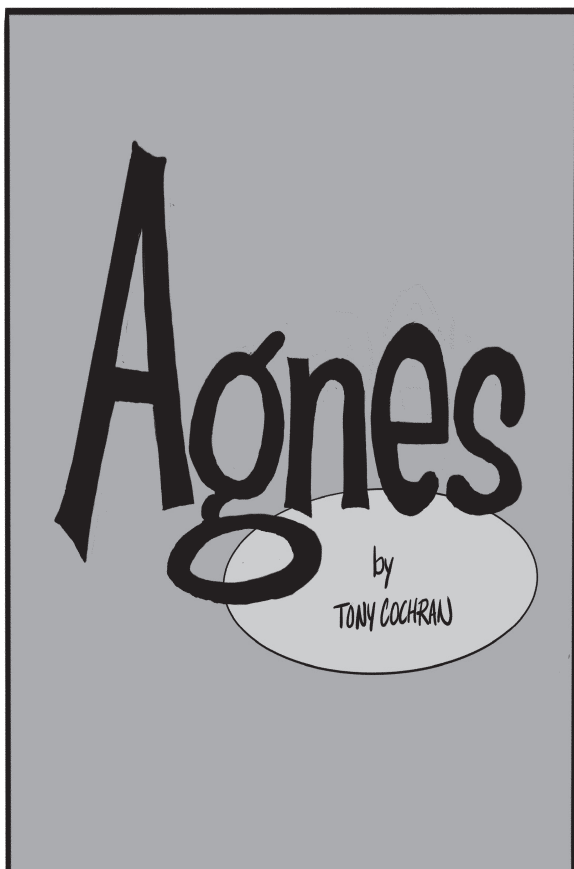
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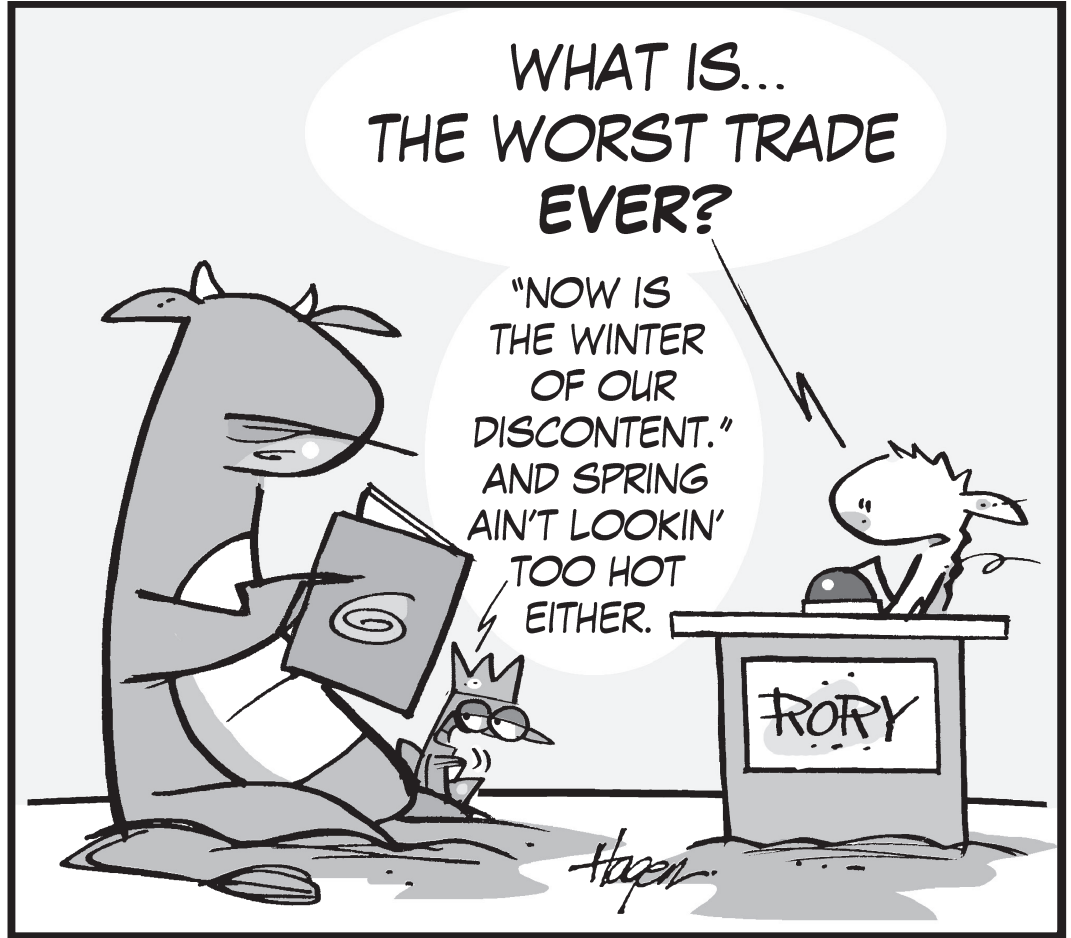
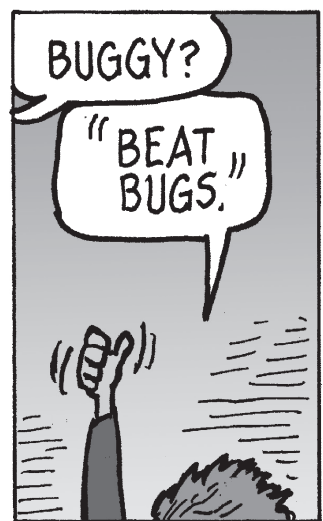
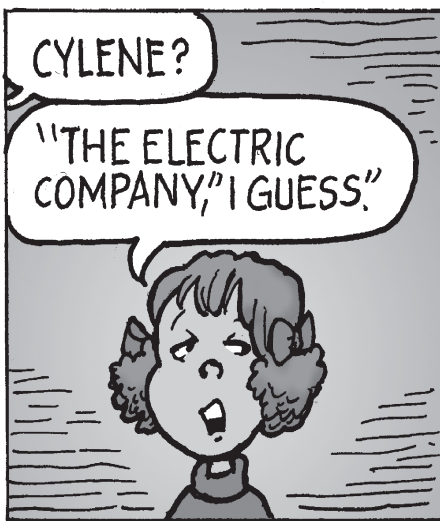
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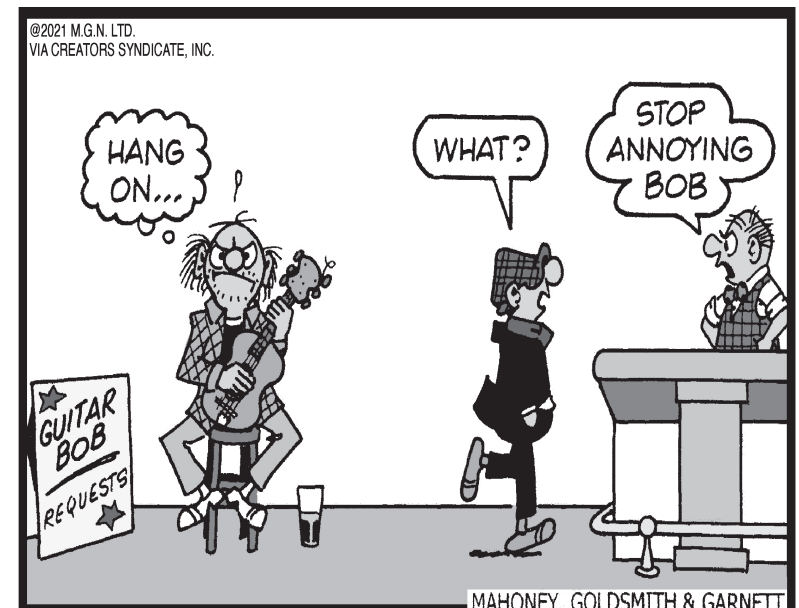
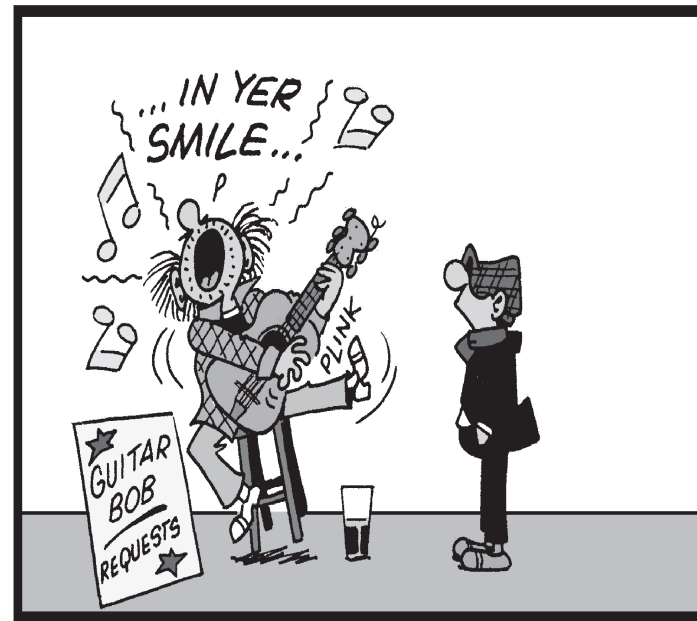
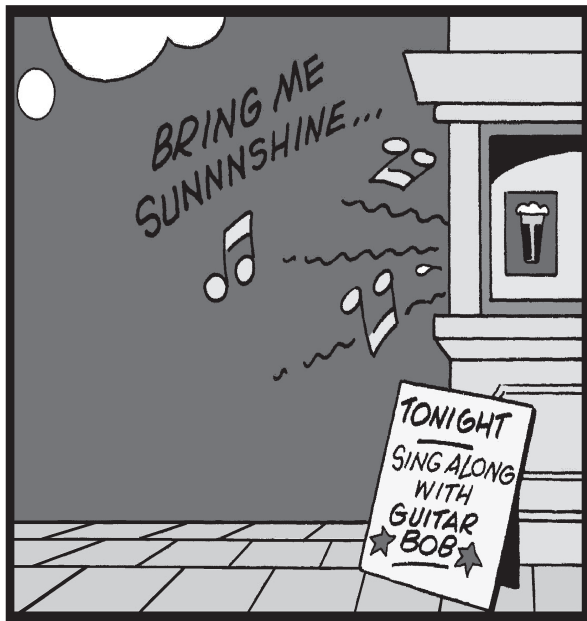
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# Big Spring Economic Development 2021

By **MARK WILLIS**

Executive Director at BSEDC

I think the vast majority of us are more than happy to see 2020 in our rearview mirror, but what of 2021? Here at the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation we believe this coming year holds great promise.

The pandemic, coupled with the uncertainty of the election, has created an economic climate that has resulted in most businesses basically sheltering in place for the last six to nine months. However, with the development of effect vaccines and distribution of them expected to be fairly comprehensive by mid-year there is good reason to expect that the second half of 2021 will see a resurgence in many business sectors. The change could be dramatic when the pandemic is behind us in the third quarter of the year, but the key is to be included in business planning that will be done in the first two quarters and most specifically in the second quarter when business plans begin to be translated into action.

In Big Spring's case, the City is positioning itself well to compete. Given the City's demographics, physical location and recent infrastructure invest-

ments, the EDC believes there will be significant opportunity in 2021. While the EDC will pursue all prospects that meet the City's criteria (a future column topic), the recruitment process will likely focus on warehouse and distribution.

The completion of the Highway 87 reliever route and the two access roads off of that route into the City's air/industrial park, turn out to be about as well timed as could be hoped for. While those investments (access roads) by the EDC predates this staff member and most of the present Board, the foresight demonstrated by past leadership was impressive and illustrates just how important longer-term planning/anticipation is to economic success.

Today the staff and Board's focus is on ensuring those investments are marketed to take full advantage. To that end, the EDC is in the process of reconstructing its web site, updating marketing materials and planning various recruitment strategies to reach decision makers for targeted businesses. Half of the challenge involved with business recruitment is simply making sure your location is recognized as a potential location for a project. In addition, the City, County and even the school systems will be asked to consider some actions

that, if adopted, will enhance Big Spring's ability to compete for projects. Included among these are the potential downtown Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone that will aid in long-term development in the center of town and likely an exploration of adoption of Freeport Exemptions (city, county and school system) that would make the City more attractive to distribution centers. How the Freeport Exemptions work will likely be a topic for the February column.

With preparations complete, staff expect to spend a great deal of time in the second quarter on the road attempting to ensure Big Spring is invited to make proposals for appropriate projects. The EDC has joined additional specific business sector organizations that will provide better access to decision makers, and has strengthened its ties with regional and state marketing organizations to take advantage of marketing opportunities the EDC could not afford to pursue alone.

In short, the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation is expecting 2021 to be a time of recovery and expansion. The staff and Board of Directors wish you a Happy New Year and pledge to do our best to help make it so.

## BBB Tip: Combating scam calls

Special to the Herald

The steady rise of scam calls throughout the country has led to financial losses and identify theft among consumers. According to data from the 2019 BBB Scam Tracker Risk Report and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), scammers used phone calls to target individuals more than any other method of contact. While most individuals disregarded these calls, those who fell victim lost an average of \$1,000. In 2020, BBB Scam Tracker received more than 2,000 reports of scam calls from Texans, who lost an average of over \$6,000.

Scammers often utilize computerized autodialers to send recorded messages to targets. These messages claim to be from various sources, including government agencies, local utility companies or political organizations. The recordings may ask you to disclose your Social Security number, financial information or other personal identifiers.

Some robocalls, such as informational messages from doctors' offices and pharmacies, are legal, but consumers should still exercise caution. Although scam calls have been a persistent problem over the years, there are ways you can combat them. Consider these tips from your Better Business Bureau before picking up the phone:

Hang up. The best way to avoid scam calls is to refrain from answering unknown numbers. If you do answer a robocall, hang up immediately. The message may direct you to enter a number to speak to a representative or be removed from the call list, but interacting with the call only shows the scammer your number is active.

Don't trust caller ID. Caller ID can be spoofed to suggest the call is coming from businesses, government agencies or even your friends or family. Although a number may appear familiar, answer cautiously or let the call go to voicemail. If it is important, the caller will leave a message.

Block and report. If an unwanted caller is contacting you, block the number and add your phone number to the National Do Not Call Registry at DoNotCall.gov. You can also report the num-

ber to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), FTC, BBB Scam Tracker and the attorney general's office. For more tips on avoiding scam calls, visit us at BBB.org.



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# Marking history in the Cactus Room



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This week Howard College made another mark in its history with a ribbon cutting for the newly finished Cactus Room. Trustees of the Howard College Board, Howard College staff, Chamber of Commerce members, and City officials all gathered together to celebrate the unveiling of the room. President Cheryl Sparks noted the hard work of each individual who worked on the renovation during the presentation. Pictured above and at middle right is the refinished and stained woodwork that features a south plains horizon and sunset. Pictured at the bottom of the page and in the background of other photos is a handpainted timeline of Howard College's history from the beginning of its fruition to today, along with photos to compliment each historical moment.



**HOWARD COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT**

The Howard County Junior College District was created by a county-wide vote on November 17, 1945. Robert T. Piner, Dr. P. W. Malone, Mrs. J. E. Brigham, L. H. Thomas, A. J. Stallings, Leroy Echols and Otis Grafa were elected on that same ballot to serve as a Board of Trustees with Robert Piner as president.

On September 12, 1951, the college moved to its current location in Big Spring which included the new construction plus some temporary structures for a student union building and shops. On August 30, the trustees adopted a resolution admitting "all qualified applicants regardless of race, creed, or color."

In 1972, Howard College began offering classes in Lamesa, located 45 miles north of Big Spring, at the request of its citizens. A building provided by Dawson County has been used since that time.

In 1978, the college offered its first courses in San Angelo, located 27 miles south of Big Spring, utilizing space provided at Goodfellow Air Force Base.

The Texas Legislature passed House Bill 202 in 1988, mandating that the state provide funding for community colleges. In 1989, the Texas Legislature merged funding for higher education and community colleges into one program, the Texas Higher Education System. Howard College was one of the first community colleges to receive this funding.

In 1988, Howard College applied for the Red (2012) award for the construction of a multi-purpose facility for the college and community. The facility was named the County Center Coliseum, affectionately known as "The Dumbly."

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The college was first housed in the hospital unit of the former Big Spring Army Air Force Bombardier School. The first class was held on September 30, 1946, with a fall enrollment of 148 students.

A new student union building was built in 1958 thanks to a generous donation from the Dora Roberts Foundation. Dormitories for men and women as well as some mechanical buildings were constructed in 1962 through the use of revenue bonds.

On June 18, 1975, voters approved a bond in the amount of \$1,500,000 for the construction of a multi-purpose facility for the college and community. The facility was named the County Center Coliseum, affectionately known as "The Dumbly."

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# Howard County Lunch Menus

## Big Spring ISD

### Anderson

Monday: No school.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon sugar donut, cereal and string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, popcorn chicken salad with flatbread, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Berry french toast bites, cereal and string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, taco nacho salad, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

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

## Elementary Breakfast

Monday: No school

Tuesday: Pancake and sausage wrap, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk.

Wednesday: Cinnamon Toast Crunch pastry, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk.

Thursday: Cinnamon sugar donut, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk.

Friday: Coco puff pastry, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk.

## Elementary Lunch

Monday: No school

Tuesday: Cheeseburger, American sub sandwich, fruit and vegetable, milk.

Wednesday: Chicken nuggets with roll, yogurt, cheese and crackers, fruit and vegetable, milk.

Thursday: Hot dog with chips, turkey and cheese sandwich, fruit and vegetable, milk, Carnival cookie.

Friday: Tony's Cheese pizza wege, yogurt, cheese and crackers, fruit and vegetable, milk.

## High School Breakfast

Monday: Monday

Tuesday: Cinnamon Sugar Donut, pancake bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

Wednesday: Mini cinnamon rolls, waffle bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Trix cereal bowl, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

Thursday: Blueberry bagel, pancake bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

Friday: Chocolate filled crescent, waffle bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Coco Puffs cereal bowl, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

## High School Lunch

Monday: No school

Tuesday: Cheese sticks with sauce, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables.

Wednesday: BBQ pork sandwich, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables.

Thursday: Chicken fried steak, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables.

Friday: Big steer, burger/walking taco, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza.

## Intermediate Breakfast

Monday: No school

Tuesday: Cinnamon Sugar Donut, yogurt and elf graham.

Wednesday: Berry French toast, yogurt and elf graham.

Thursday: Coco Puff Pastry, yogurt and elf graham.

Friday: Strawberry cream cheese bagel bites, yogurt and elf graham.

## Intermediate Lunch

Monday: No school

Tuesday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or popcorn chicken, assorted juice and milk.

Wednesday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or beef nachos, assorted juice and milk.

Thursday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or lasagna, assorted juice and milk.

Friday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or corn dog, assorted juice and milk.

## Junior High Breakfast

Monday: No school

Tuesday: Cinnamon sugar donut, yogurt and elf graham.

Wednesday: Berry french toast bites, yogurt and elf graham.

Thursday: Coco puff pastry, yogurt and elf graham.

Friday: Strawberry cream cheese bagel bites, yogurt and elf graham.

## Junior High Lunch

Monday: No school

Tuesday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or popcorn chicken, assorted juice and milk.

Wednesday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or beef nachos, assorted juice and milk.

Thursday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or lasagna, assorted juice and milk.

Friday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or corn dog, assorted juice and milk.

## Kentwood Breakfast

Monday: Blueberry muffin, fruit, 1% milk.

Tuesday: Pancake wrap, fruit, 1% milk.

Wednesday: Cinnamon sugar donut, fruit, 1% milk.

Thursday: Apple frudel, fruit, 1% milk.

Friday: Fudge poppart, fruit, 1% milk.

## Moss Elementary Lunch

Monday: Chicken nuggets with smile fries, fruit and, 1% milk.

Tuesday: Pasta with sauce and roll, fruit and vegetable, 1% milk.

Wednesday: Hamburger on a bun, fruit and vegetable, 1% milk.

Thursday: Chicken sandwich, fruit and vegetable, 1% milk.

Friday: Cheese pizza wedge, fruit and vegetable, 1% milk.

## Coahoma K-12 Breakfast

Monday: No holiday

Tuesday: Breakfast burrito with hash brown, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.

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

Thursday: Stuffed bagel with sausage or pancakes with sausage, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.

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

## Coahoma K-8 Lunch

Monday: No school

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

Wednesday: Boneless chicken wings or Texas chili with cornbread or taco salad, celery sticks, carrots, peaches, pudding, milk.

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

Friday: Popcorn chicken with roll or sloppy joes, vegetable medley, potatoes, pears, dessert, milk.

## Coahoma 9-12 Lunch

Monday: No school.

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

Wednesday: Boneless chicken wings or Texas chili with cornbread or taco salad, chips, celery sticks, carrots, peaches, pudding, milk.

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

Friday: Popcorn chicken with roll or sloppy joes, vegetable medley, potatoes, pears, dessert, milk.

## Forsan Elementary

Breakfast:

Monday: No school

Tuesday: Cereal bars, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk.

Wednesday: Honey buns fresh fruit, fruit juice

and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast pizza, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk.

Friday: Mini powdered donuts, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk.

## Breakfast (Junior High/HS)

Monday: No school

Tuesday: Sausage kolache with cheese stick or cereal, apple slices, fruit juice and milk.

Wednesday: Chicken and waffles or cereal, mandarin oranges, fruit juice and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast pizza or cereal, strawberry cup, fruit juice and milk.

Friday: Mini powdered donuts with bacon or cereal, applesauce cup, fruit juice and milk.

## Lunch

Monday: No school

Tuesday: Chicken sandwich or popcorn chicken with roll (elementary), buffalo popcorn chicken bowl with roll or turkey and cheese sub, fries, savory, green beans, strawberries and bananas, fresh fruit and milk.

Wednesday: Pizza or crispy chicken salad or PB&J sandwich, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, strawberry cup, fresh fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Steak fingers or mini corn dogs (elementary) General Tso's Asian bowl (JH/HS) or turkey and cheese sub, mashed potatoes, baby carrots, fruity gelatin, fresh fruit and milk.

Friday: Garlic french bread pizza or nachos with ground beef or PB&J sandwich, corn, ranch style beans, applesauce cup, fresh fruit and milk.

## Sands

Monday: Sun butter and jelly sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk variety. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, broccoli, sweet potato fries, mixed fruit, milk variety.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon pull a-parts, cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Country fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, bell peppers, roll, fruit cup, milk variety.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Muffin, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Meat and cheese chalupas, Spanish rice, salsa, sliced cucumbers, refried beans, rosy applesauce, milk variety.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Pizza choice, garden salad, baby carrots, pineapple tidbits, milk variety.

Friday: Breakfast: Pancake wrap, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Fish sticks, mac and cheese, coleslaw, savory green beans, orange smiles, cookie, milk variety.

## Senior Center

Monday: Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce and tomato, macaroni salad, baked chips, fruit cup, milk

Tuesday: Chili dog, onion cheese relish, baked beans, oven potatoes, oranges, milk.

Wednesday: Loaded baked potato, bacon bits, butter, sour cream, corn on the cob, green salad, ranch, muffin, milk.

Thursday: Hamburger steak with gravy, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, chocolate pudding, biscuit, milk.

Friday: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, broccoli, rice krispy treat, bread, milk.

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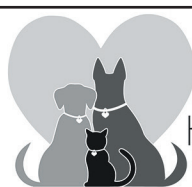
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## Chamber of Commerce happenings ...



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**Pictured above: This past week, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce celebrated the unveiling of the Howard College Cactus Room with a ribbon cutting. Trustees of the Howard College Board, Howard College staff and Chamber members were on hand to see the newly renovated Cactus Room and celebrate its completion. Pictured below: Shonda Folsom celebrated the 5 year anniversary of her firm serving Big Spring and the surrounding communities. A ribbon cutting was also held for the celebration with Folsom's family on hand, along with Chamber Ambassadors.**



## Highlighting Howard Co. Business *One sign at a time - JB Graphics*

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**

Managing Editor

Some people look and look for a sign, but when it comes to finding just the right sign for your business in Howard County, one local family is ready to serve you with their unique skill and design. JB Graphics & Sign Co. - owned by James Boudreau - has been serving Big Spring and Howard County for the past 5 years.

JB Graphics & Sign Co. offers a wide range of design and install. The company began in a small shop located in Downtown Big Spring in the old Dahmer Building and has since expanded to the new location at 110 Johnson Street. The company focuses on fabricating signs, custom woodwork, aluminum fab, banner printing and vehicle wraps. With the move to the new facility, fabrication and vehicle wraps can be done in the same space.

Since the company began numerous local businesses have reached out and commissioned new signage, on all platforms.

"The reward of seeing our work, years later, standing proud where we installed it is one of the things that keep us going," James Boudreau said.

While there may be several options for sign design companies and banner distributors, JB Graphics offers hometown service and a few specific design capabilities. According to Boudreau, they have CNC Router Capabilities that gives their products a clean professional finish.

"When we build anything, we build it to last in our harsh West Texas weather," he said. "We use

premium vinyls and paints, and we stand behind all of our products."

He continued, "That is the beauty of our industry... anyone who needs a new sign for their business can benefit from our company. Whether you're looking for your kids name carved in some wood, or advertisements on your company vehicle we can help you."

As the company has expanded over the years, so

have the services offered. In addition to the vinyl signs and custom design, JB Graphics can also help with cabinets. Through the use of the cabinet program, they are able to prepare kitchen cabinets cut and ready to assemble.

"We have a very broad spectrum of skills that can benefit almost anyone," he said.

As a new year rolls in and business continues to expand, the company is looking to reach a capacity to add an additional full-time fabricator. The pandemic that swept across the nation has impacted almost every small business across the

country, including JB Graphics, but it has not shut them down.

"We had a couple of scary months, but we adjusted, and we are pushing to make 2021 our best year," Boudreau said.



Courtesy photo

**JB Graphics & Sign Co. is now serving Howard County and surrounding areas from 110 Johnson Street. Visit their Facebook page or stop in to see the possibilities offered when it comes to sign design.**

See **JB**, Page 4B

## 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  
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Krista A. Dickson, 6917 Todd, Sachse  
Jimmy Dodson, 405 31st St., Snyder  
Ben Doherty, 5019 McKinney St. No. 105, Dallas  
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Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder  
Selena Bethani Enriquez-King, 100 E Parker, Midland  
Joanna Esparza, 501 S.Tackitt Seymour, Texas  
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Leza Faulkner, 1102 South Water, Burnet  
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Alexander Fernandez, 404 Cypress, Colorado City  
Juana Fierro, 406 N. W. 5th St., Big Spring  
Tracy D. Flores, 2401 Russell Ave., Abilene  
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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.  
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Ann Hashem, 120 Airbase Rd. 15-5, Big Spring  
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Rafael Lemus, 1804 Mittel, Big Spring  
Jesse Paul Lopez, 101 Scurry St., Big Spring  
Ruben Lopez Jr., 107 Milburn St., Snyder, Texas  
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Michael Robinson, 801 Anne St., Big Spring  
Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Rd., Big Spring  
Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar, P.O. Box 173, Colorado City  
Polly Ann Rusk, 4201 W Hwy 80, Big Spring  
Elizabeth Salazar, 1808 Hearn, Big Spring, Texas  
Shane Skaggs, 1 Courtney Place, Apt. 301, Big Spring  
Derrick Dewayne Smith, 703 West 16th, San Angelo, Texas  
Leon Torres, 1500 Lincoln, Big Spring  
Michael Ray Watson, 1503 Tucson Rd., Big Spring  
Tamara Ruth Whitt, 1909 Morrison, 2526 Fairchild, Big Spring  
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd., Apt. #28, Big Spring

**Marriage Licenses:**

Jonathan Wade Davis, 40, and Rachel Leann Gordon, 40, both of Snyder.  
Eddie Rodriguez, 44, and Geneva Martinez, 44, both of Big Spring.  
Alexander Webster Brigham, 31, and Jessica Ray Lewis, 34, both of Big Spring.  
Chance William McMurray, 20, and Naomi Rae White, 19, both of Big Spring.  
Chris Veliotis, 27, and Brandy Rachelle Wilson, 27, both of Big Spring.  
Caleb Bradley Daniels, 24, and Mylia Joi Black, 29, both of Rockford, Illinois.

**County Court Rulings**

(Note: The State of Texas is listed as the prosecutor in all County Court Rulings.)

Defendant: Steve Lopez  
Offense: Criminal mischief/impair/inter/divert public water  
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$270 court costs, \$50 reimbursement fee; time served.

Defendant: Mark Chavera  
Offense: Possession of marijuana  
Sentence: \$250 fine, \$270 court costs, \$10 reimbursement fee; time served.

Defendant: Mark Chavera  
Offense: Terroristic threat place person in fear  
Sentence: \$250 fine, \$270 court costs, \$10 reimbursement fee; time served.

Defendant: Christopher McKiernan  
Offense: Criminal trespass

Sentence: \$250 fine, \$270 court costs, \$10 reimbursement fee; one time payment.

**Warranty Deeds**

Grantor: Dorrace J. Smith Estate  
grantor's  
Grantee: Robert E. Burleson  
Property: Being the surface estate only of 1102 E. 5th Acres 0.321, lot 4-5, block 17, Boydston 100x140 307 in the City of Big Spring as further described on the proper map  
Date: December 23, 2020

Grantor: Dorrace J. Smith Estate  
grantor's  
Grantee: Randi Jo Hair  
Property: Being the surface estate only of 511 Goliad. Acres 0.161, lot 7, block 50, Original town 50x140 0770 in the City of Big Spring as further described on the proper map or plat.  
Date: December 23, 2020

Grantor: Crystal Sturm Wagoner  
Grantee: Wagoner Land and Cattle, LLC  
Property: Being a 4.69 acre tract of Section 4, block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas described by metes and bounds.  
Date: December 23, 2020

Grantor: Lisa Michelle Majors, independent executrix of the Estate of Jesse Terrell Majors, deceased  
Grantee: Lisa Michelle Majors, Theresa Ann Majors, Charlotte Ellen Majors, Jesse Terrell Majors II, and Janice Majors Bastin  
Property: Lot No. 8, in block No. 27, in Monticello Addition No. 7, an addition to the city of Big Spring in Howard County, Texas according to proper play thereof filed in office of County Clerk of Howard County, Texas on July 25, 1958.  
Date: December 29, 2020

Grantor: Anjelica Bowers fka Angelica Hernandez  
Grantee: Jose Hernandez  
Property: Being all of Lot No. 2, in block No. 3, Wasson Place Addition, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the proper map or plat of record in Envelope 104/A, plat records of Howard County, Texas.  
Date: December 28, 2020

Grantor: David S. Mitchell  
Grantee: Stephen Fowler  
Property: Tract 1: ¼ acre out of Sec-

tion 45, block 31, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, being more particularly described in Volume 133, Page 626, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas; Tract 2: 70 yards by 17 ½ yards out of Section 45, block 31, Township 1-North, T&P Ry Co. Survey Being more particularly described in volume 185, Page 319, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas.  
Date: December 28, 2020

Grantor: Brandon T. Thomas, a single man  
Grantee: Billy Starr and Christina Menchaca  
Property: Being all of Lot No. 16, in block No. 2, Monticello Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the map or plat of record in Envelope 72/B, Plat Records of Howard County, Texas  
Date: December 30, 2020

Grantor: DFW REI, LLC  
Grantee: Billy Starr and Christina Menchaca  
Property: Being all of Lots No. 4 and 5, in block No. 13, Brennand Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, according to the map or plat of record in Envelope 12/A, Plat Records of Howard County, Texas  
Date: December 28, 2020

**Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien**

Grantor: Blanton Investments LLC  
Grantee: S Brothers Waste Services Inc.  
Property: Being a 11.0 acre tract of land out of the NE/4 of Sec. 27, block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas described by metes and bounds.  
Date: December 17, 2020

Grantor: Keith Allen Smith  
Grantee: KBAB Properties LLC  
Property: Being all of Lot No 2 in block No. 8, North Belvue Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the corrected map or plat of record in Envelope 78/A, Plat Records of Howard County, Texas.  
Date: December 29, 2020

Grantor: Jose Hernandez  
Grantee: Kathy L. Silva  
Property: Being all of Lot No. 2, in block No. 3 Wasson Place Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the proper map or plat of records in Envelope 104/A, Plat Records of Howard County, Texas.  
Date: December 29, 2020

Grantor: Terry Huit  
Grantee: Jacob Gardner and Reina M.D. Gardner  
Property: Being a 10.0 acre tract out of tract 2-A a 13.0 acre tract out of the SE/4 of Section 105, block 29, W & N.W. RR Co. Survey Howard County, Texas.  
Date: December 29, 2020

Grantor: Vernon Nathaniel Johnson and Jacqueline L. Johnson, a married couple  
Grantee: Vaishali Patel and Bakulbhai Patel  
Property: Being all of Lot No. 4, in block No. 1, Coronado Gardens, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the proper map or plat of record in Envelope 172/A, Plat Records in the office of the County Clerk, Howard County, Texas.  
Date: December 28, 2020

Grantor: Douglas L. Senn and Vicki C. Senn, a married couple  
Grantee: Mark Hernandez

See **RECORDS2**, 9B

**JB**

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Notice of Public Sale Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code Reliable Self Storage which is located at 1908 Wasson Rd., Big Spring, Tx 79720, will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a Landlord's Lien. Sale will be held at 10 am on Saturday, February 6, 2021 at Reliable Self Storage 1908 Wasson Rd., Big Spring, Tx 79720. Property being sold includes contents in spaces of following tenants:

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- #241 Linda Branch
- #308 Olga Leal
- #312 Sean Helton
- #544 James Pratt

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#548 Donovan Salinas  
#250 Jackie Winters  
#602 Byron Foster  
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#249 James Griego  
#405 Diara Johnson  
#225 Barry Murphy  
#317 Linda Huckabee  
#802 Israel Valdez  
#711 Michael Avila  
#801 Kerry Fletcher  
#303 Bob Emerson

#10771

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Ramona Harris, Deceased, were issued on January 12, 2021, in Cause No. P-15099, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Clay Harris and Lee Harris.

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

c/o: **Robert D. Miller**  
**Attorney at Law**  
**608 Scurry**  
**Big Spring, TX 79720**

**DATED** the 12 day of January, 2021.

/s/ **Robert D. Miller**  
Robert D. Miller  
Attorney for Clay Harris and Lee Harris  
State Bar No.: 14108500  
608 Scurry  
Big Spring, TX 79720  
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#10772

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 029-2020 WHICH ADOP-TED THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 BY INCREASING THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO BE USED FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 BY INCREASING THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET BY ACCEPTING A DONATION TO BE USED FOR ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE EMS DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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### Legals

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Date/Time: Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., for the following:

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

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#### RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37  
Case No. 0327968  
DATE OF ISSUANCE:  
Jan 8, 2021  
Status/Permit No. 864997  
NOTICE OF PROTEST  
DEADLINE: 5:00 PM,  
Jan 29, 2021  
Address: Railroad  
Commission of Texas  
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit  
P. O. Box 12967  
Austin, Texas 78711-2967  
Fax: (512) 463-6780  
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**Legals**

Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 25, Bk. 34 T3N, T&P RR CO Survey, A-531, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 6.77 miles NW direction from KNOTT, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at (512)463-6751. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848.

**IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Jan 29, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.**

**THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION**  
The location and identity of the well is as shown below:  
FIELD: SPRABERRY

**Legals**

(TREND AREA)  
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Lease/Unit Name : CHAPARRAL UNIT A1  
Lease/Unit Well No. : 15SH  
Lease/Unit Acres : 582.6  
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : null

Lease Lines : 101.0 F South L, 660.0 F East L  
Survey Lines : 1219.0 F North L, 660.0 F East L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1  
Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines: 101.0 F SOUTH L 660.0 F EAST L

Terminus Location  
BH County: BORDEN  
Section: 13 Block: 34 T3N  
Abstract: 452  
Survey: T&P RR CO  
Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L 660.0 F EAST L  
Survey Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L 660.0 F EAST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 8900 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Ryan Emery, at (281)5895200.

#10761  
**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION**

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37  
Case No. 0327969  
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jan 8, 2021  
Status/Permit No. 864998  
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jan 29, 2021  
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas  
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit  
P. O. Box 12967  
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**Legals**

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Lease/Unit Acres : 582.6  
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : null

Lease Lines : 151.0 F South L, 760.0 F East L  
Survey Lines : 1169.0 F North L, 760.0 F East L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

**Legals**

Lateral: TH1  
Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines: 151.0 F SOUTH L 760.0 F EAST L  
Terminus Location  
BH County: BORDEN  
Section: 13 Block: 34 T3N  
Abstract: 452  
Survey: T&P RR CO  
Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L 660.0 F EAST L  
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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37  
Case No. 0327967  
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Status/Permit No. 864996  
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jan 29, 2021  
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ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit  
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Austin, Texas 78711-2967  
Fax: (512) 463-6780  
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**The valiant die but once**

South dealer.  
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**NORTH**  
♠ A Q 6  
♥ 7 2  
♦ K J 5 4 3  
♣ Q 8 4  
**WEST**  
♠ 10 9 8  
♥ K J 8 5 4 3  
♦ 8 7  
♣ 6 5  
**EAST**  
♠ J 7 4 3 2  
♥ A 6  
♦ 10 9 6 2  
♣ 10 9  
**SOUTH**  
♠ K 5  
♥ Q 10 9  
♦ A Q  
♣ A K J 7 3 2  
The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♦ Pass  
3 NT  
Opening lead — five of hearts.

cards, his three-notrump rebid was surely the most attractive choice. Three notrump would be the winning bid in the overwhelming majority of hands. Had North held, say, the jack of hearts instead of the K-J of diamonds and queen of spades — a much weaker hand — nine tricks would have been certain. Or if the opponents' hearts had been divided differently, the notrump game would easily have been made. It may be argued that South should have bid three clubs instead of three notrump, and five clubs might then have been reached. The trouble with this contention is that three clubs is merely invitational, and a laydown game might be missed if North passed. At the other table, the bidding started exactly the same way. But the North player at this table obviously valued his hand much more highly than the first North, because he raised South's three notrump directly to six notrump. The six-notrump bid paid off very handsomely. West thought it was too dangerous to lead a heart from the K-J against such strong bidding, so he opted for the "safe" lead of the ten of spades. South then had no trouble collecting all the tricks to bring his team a net gain of 1,670 points on the deal.

This deal occurred in a team-of-four match, but what happened at the two tables could just as easily have taken place in a rubber-bridge game. At one table, the bidding went as shown. East won the heart lead with the ace and returned a heart, and the defense quickly ran off six heart tricks — down two despite North-South's combined 31 high-card points. It is hard to blame South for the sad outcome. Looking at only his 13

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.  
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



Cosmic Status Check

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** As you swing toward bliss, you're well aware of the nature of pendulums. Don't worry, there's no fire in heaven's opposite, only stagnation, which you've already proven you can handle.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Of all the assets you could leverage, the ones most worth dealing in are the assets that others lack. Note what's being exchanged, and pay even more attention to what's missing that you could readily offer.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You didn't set out to imbue a detail with significance, but it's happened. The meaningless symbol is now meaningful, despite all intentions, and should be treated as such to avoid communicating the wrong message.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** The venture itself matters far less than the way it feels to be in an environment and engage

with the group. The thrills and connections that come with an activity are what will keep you coming back for more.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** The formerly agreed-upon deal has fallen prey to what project managers call "scope creep." Adjustments made now will avoid resentments formed later.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You enjoy embellishments as much as the next person, but the truth really matters to you today. You prefer to tell it, seek it and accept it. As a result, you'll get about as much truth as you want.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** The game changes. What used to be a key element will take a supporting role, and then gradually fade back until it's a relic. Someday, it will become cool again. But for now, forge ahead.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You can contain your feelings however you choose to,

but it will be a lot easier to do it after you've already gotten to know their shape, size and intensity. This is best done by feeling them.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Should you hop on the bus or stay on the curb? If you hop on the bus, then you'll learn new tools, get frustrated, feel out of place and, ultimately, go places.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** The focus is on compensation, remuneration, justice, payback or possibly revenge. In the case of that last one, a stylish and in-your-face version of success will be most effective.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** While you can definitely appreciate subtle, poetic value, there's something

to be said for a good, old-fashioned, easily measured indicator that you're getting more of what you want. Today's numbers will please you.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Your senses take in much more than your mind will let into your consciousness, and appropriately so. The overwhelmed are not effective. Ask your mind to let in more, and you'll eliminate a blind spot.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 17).** Happiness isn't found so much as created.

This will be a year of making things. Some of those "things" are relationships. You used to think bonds grew naturally, but now you'll take a more active role, seeing relationships as opportunities for delight, fun, mystery, drama and meaningful belonging. Virgo and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 30, 36, 16 and 25.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** The involvement of Uranus in two situations will highlight the disruptive power of feedback. There's a limit to how much honest feedback people can take. It may seem counterintuitive, but the bigger the ego, the less criticism it can handle.

Do not confuse character with ego. Character is like an iceberg. It's massive, solid and unmovable. The Titanic will sink before the iceberg even notices it's been hit. Most of the iceberg mass (around 90%) is under the waterline. Those with big character do not usually need to show off. The 10% that peo-

ple see is impressive enough. When critics shoot arrows into character, very little happens. It's possible the arrow could chip into the ice, but more than likely it bounces off and falls into the water

Ego, on the other hand, is an inflatable. It's made big by the hot air of its owner's breath. It's pumped up with talk and can be brought down with the slightest pinhole of truth. When critics shoot arrows into an ego, the ego-owner huffs and puffs to compensate. The ego looks everywhere for more hot air attachments -- any blower will do.

The solar journey into Aquarius urges us to build character. It's accomplished by doing the right thing, which is sometimes the hard thing and always the responsible thing.

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Newsday Crossword

THEMELESS SATURDAY by Lester Ruff Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 Become less valuable
- 7 Certain camera support
- 13 Swimmer to stay away from
- 14 Celebratory sort
- 16 Where Juneau is
- 18 What was watched on '50s TV
- 19 Lose its excitement
- 20 What T-shirts usually cover
- 21 Handheld device
- 23 Spam, essentially
- 25 Threshold
- 26 Soda fountain stuff
- 28 Trip up
- 30 Analog timer part
- 31 Fret about
- 33 Litterbug, for instance
- 35 Mo. metropolis
- 36 Pro conditioners
- 41 Fighting mood
- 42 Long, long ago
- 43 "Sure, now that you've told me!"
- 44 Former Volvo alternative
- 46 Stat for a server
- 48 What many bowling pins are made of
- 52 Wears down
- 54 Abundant
- 56 Inconclusive endings
- 57 Very, very soon
- 59 Not a figment
- 61 Inner space
- 62 Rush job
- 65 Hardest to handle
- 66 Alphabetically last birthstones
- 67 Feel like fighting
- 68 Wants in the worst way
- DOWN**
- 1 California's "Garlic Capital of the World"
- 2 Loud speaker
- 3 CSI franchise regulars
- 4 Preparing potatoes, perhaps
- 5 Roy Lichtenstein "impactful" pop-art painting
- 6 Traditional pizza place
- 7 Server in some restaurants
- 8 Soda that sounds short
- 9 Co-ruler with Peter the Great
- 10 Wrote
- 11 Where "leprechauns" came from
- 12 Hand off
- 13 Negotiation successes
- 15 Flips things
- 17 Oldest moon walker (at 47)
- 22 Decoy, for instance
- 24 Soapstone, mostly
- 27 Far from acceptable
- 29 Acceptable
- 32 Lloyd Webber attainment of 2019
- 34 Wizard with wicked witches
- 36 Papal, in Michelangelo's day
- 37 They've got a lot to pick up
- 38 It's behind you while behind the wheel
- 39 Adornment
- 40 Informal exchange
- 45 Closest one
- 47 Using one's hanky, perhaps
- 49 One often walking in the park
- 50 Profits from experience
- 51 Annual awards on ABC
- 53 Exodus commemoration
- 55 Anagram of AY, ELI
- 58 A for-instance
- 60 Former capital of Italy
- 63 CPA spreadsheet column
- 64 Tape holder of the past

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Every Christmas, I get invited to a gathering so I won't have to be alone. While I try to converse with guests, since I don't have kids or grandkids to talk about, I wind up alone at the party anyway. No one wants to talk about books or world events.

Counselors tell me to volunteer or get involved in groups. When I moved back to the town I grew up in and tried to get involved, I was told, "You're not from here; that's not how we do things." After 25 years, I am still not welcome. Their social groups were

Answer to previous puzzle

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Annie's Mailbox

The Fast Lane to Happiness

Dear Annie: I recently had to go to a big-box store to purchase something that I couldn't get online. The checkout lines on the grocery side of the store were six people deep, but if you looked beyond, to the other side of the store, there were no lines. I've been trying to teach family and friends this lesson -- to look beyond themselves -- for some time.

of kindness. If needed, rewrite it so that only a positive statement is left.

Look beyond the closest checkout line. Look beyond yourself. Others will appreciate it.

Finally, Annie, I want to thank you for including the words "I am sorry for what you are going through" in a lot of your responses. Being able to express that is a genuine trait few possess. -- Wishing for True Friends

Dear Wishing for True Friends: You make a good point about "looking beyond," but please, don't be so hard on yourself or others. Seeing counselors helps enormously. Try not to take it all so seriously. Make a special effort to reach out and offer friendship to new people. You might find, similar to your observation at the big-box store, a faster lane to health and happiness.

formed long ago, and new members are not welcome. They can't see beyond.

Everyone has been writing gratitude journals all year -- things they are thankful for, such as children, grandchildren, work and health. It's hard to listen to what they are thankful for, as I have health issues, which makes it hard for me to get out, and I am alone most of the time. They are so focused on things they are going through or thankful for that they don't see beyond. They don't see what others go through every day. Look beyond your world. What are others going through?

There is a second part of gratitude, which is to show gratitude to others. For 2021, thank others. Get away from social media, and make this the year you send that handwritten note or phone call to thank someone, even if it is for something that person helped you with years ago. Don't include statements about you. Make it only about the other person's act

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# Brigade Camps: Learning About Nature

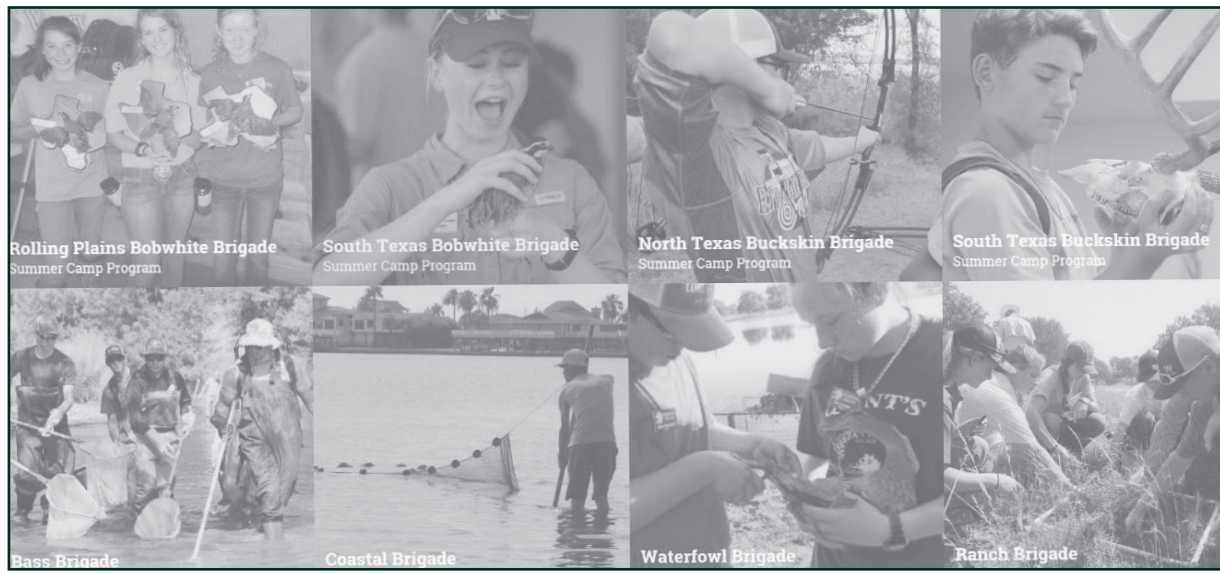
By **JUDY TERELETSKY**

Howard SWCD District Clerk  
After the year 2020, we are all looking forward to some normalcy. However, if you still would like an exciting challenge for your high-achieving children, look no further than the Texas Brigade Camps.

Texas Brigades is a non-profit organization designed to educate and empower adolescents with leadership skills and knowledge in wildlife, fisheries and land stewardship to become conservation ambassadors for a sustained natural resource legacy. They provide a combination of educational programs including popular 5-day summer camps, advanced Wildlife Intensive Leadership Development (W.I.L.D.) program, and a single day program called Texas Brigades Experiences.

Texas has lost 2.2 million acres of native landscapes due to population growth and urbanization. Home to seven of the 15 fastest growing cities in the United States, Texas' population has increased over 48% in the last decade alone. With this mass urbanization, less than 1% of Texans are landowners and there is an increasing lack of connection to nature for city youth. The majority of landowners are aging and transferring land to others, the demographic shift to cities, and young losing the connection to the land, all require engaging and educating a new generation of conservation leaders to ensure the natural resources and native landscapes our economy depends on are protected.

Dr. Dale Rollins, retired Extension Wildlife Specialist with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, developed the idea of Texas Brigade camps. He envisioned them as a way to expand conservation educational efforts by developing wildlife ambassadors. Started in 1993, Bobwhite Brigade was



**Pictured above are the different opportunities available through the Brigade Camps and the numerous areas encompassed through this outreach program.**

a youth camp focused on the ecology of bobwhite quail. In the 28 years since, it has expanded to include additional programming in pursuit of furthering wildlife and natural resource conservation education, strengthening leadership development, and reaching a more diverse background of Texas' youth. The Texas Brigades Summer Camps model has been used to develop programs in five other states through the collaboration with Quail Unlimited.

Texas Brigades provides educational programming and leadership development to over 300 youths each year with participants from over 1,000 communities across the state of Texas. Participants leave with a connection to the land, informed and ready to make conservation a life-long passion. The Rolling Plains (held at Rising Star, Tx June 4-8,

which are taught at all brigade camps.

In Garwood, Texas, nestled in the wetlands and flooded timbers of the Big Woods on the Trinity River (July 14-18), participants in the Waterfowl Brigade study aquatic vegetation, importance of wet land ecosystems, waterfowl biology and flock dynamics, land and water stewardship, natural

See **CAMP**, Page 10B

## RECORDS2

Continued from 4B

Property: Being a 0.48 acre tract of land more or less, out of the SE/4 of Section 43, block 31, T-1-N, T&P Ry Co. Surveys, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds.

Date: December 28, 2020

Grantor: John Nathan Kennemur, as his sole and separate property (does not consist of community property)

Grantee: Tyler Garza and Vanessa Aguirre

Property: Being all of Lot 11, block 2, Hayden Addition, according to the amended plat of record in envelope 50/A, Plat Records in the office of the County Clerk of Howard County, Texas

Date: December 30, 2020

Grantor: Danny Fryar and Billie Fryar

Grantee: Joe Bob Alexander

Property: Being a 37.512

acre tract more or less

out of a 40.0 acre tract

out of the NW/4 of Section

37, block 35, T-1-S, T&P

Ry Co. Survey Howard

County, Texas described

by metes and bounds.

Date: December 30, 2020

Grantor: Nathan Nalley

and Dawnia Nalley

Grantee: Matthew McAdams

Property: Lot 3, block 10,

Suburban Heights, an

addition to the City of Big

Spring, Howard County,

Texas according to the

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of the Plat Records of

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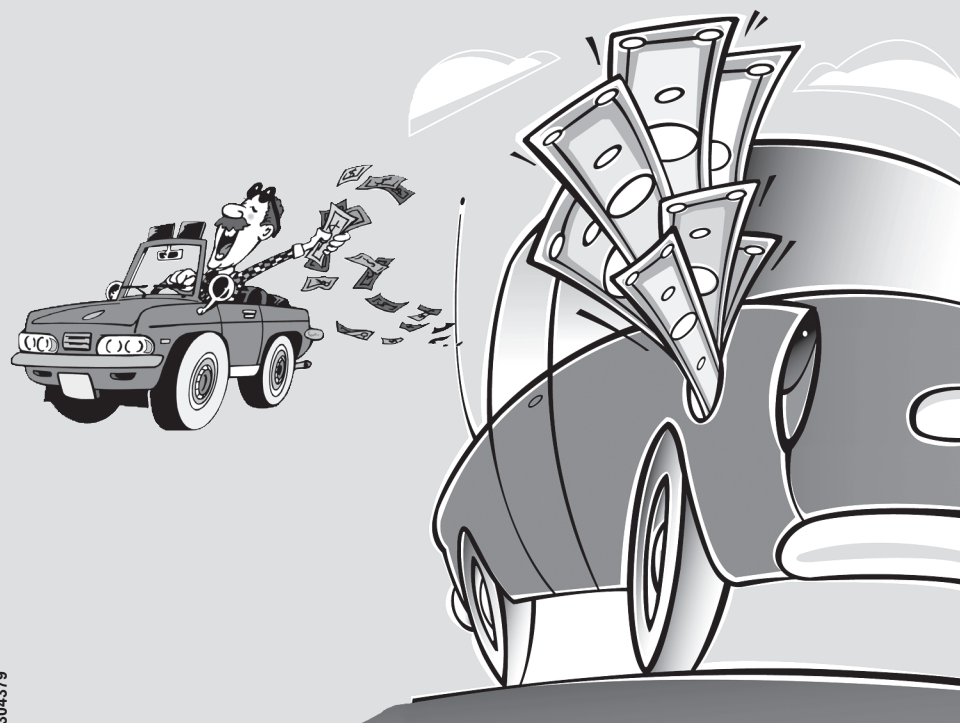
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# State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$2.9 Billion in December

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today said state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.86 billion in December, 5 percent less than in December 2019. The majority of December sales tax revenue is based on sales made in November and remitted to the agency in December. "December sales tax collections continued recent trends, with receipts from most major economic sectors significantly down from a year ago," Hegar said. "Retail trade was the principal exception, with the strongest gains coming from online general merchandisers, building materials and home improvement stores, warehouse clubs and supercenters and sporting goods and hobby stores. "Collections from discount retailers also were up, while collections from department stores, clothing stores and other specialty retailers generally were down. Receipts from the wholesale trade sector also were slightly up, due to strength in sales by building materials vendors. Historically low interest rates and pandemic-motivated behavior changes continue to spur a boom in single-family housing starts and home renovations. "Receipts from restaurants, entertainment venues and personal service and tourism-related businesses continue to be depressed. Receipts from oil- and gas-related sectors also were lower year over year as drilling activity remained subdued."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in December 2020 was down 5 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 59 percent of all tax collections. The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic continued to be evident in some sources of revenue in December 2020.

Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes:  
 motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$439 million, up 2.7 percent from December 2019;  
 motor fuel taxes — \$278 million, down 10.6 percent from December 2019;  
 oil production tax — \$197 million, down 45.5 percent from December 2019;  
 natural gas production tax — \$86 million, down 25 percent from December 2019;  
 hotel occupancy tax — \$26 million, down 48.5 percent from December 2019; and  
 alcoholic beverage taxes — \$84 million, down 28.5 percent from December 2019.

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resource management, and how to identify waterfowl using all your senses. There are also activities involving photography, journaling, and painting. Hunting skills, safety and ethics are covered along with the leadership life skills.

Bass Brigade is designed to educate about aquatic ecosystems and natural resource management. For five days at the Warren Ranch in Santa Anna, July 7-11, youth study botany (terrestrial and aquatic plants), biology, river, pond, and lake management, water quality and quantity strategies, and land and water stewardship. There are also activities involving photography, journaling, art, fishing skills, safety, and ethics along with the leadership life skills.

From July 19-23 at Santa Anna, livestock production and land stewardship are the concentration of study. More and more students graduate from high school without any exposure to production agriculture. The purpose of Ranch Brigade is to select 24 of the brightest and best high school students from across the state so that they can become ambassadors of land stewardship and livestock production in their respective communities. The select group of students will spend five days of intensive training to develop leadership skills and learn the truth about livestock production; from low stress livestock handling demonstrations, understanding grassland management and nutrition, and livestock marketing. Participants will then give presentations in their communities and in turn be rewarded through scholarships and future ranch experiences.

Also presenting to their communities after completion of camp experi-

ences are 30 of Texas' best and brightest students wishing to learn about our coastal areas. Coastal Brigade attendees become ambassadors of land stewardship and coastal resources after learning through hands on activities covering fish identification, salt-water species collection techniques, water quality, habitat management, angling, boater safety, ethics, and more in Galveston July 27th through the 31st.

Both North (Santa Anna, July 25-Aug 9) and South (Sinton, June 13-17) Texas Buckskin Brigade camps offer participants an in-depth view of Texas' deer. The committees select the students who will participate in intensive training to develop and in-depth understanding of one of the most sought-after trophies in Texas. Buckskin Brigade will teach participants deer anatomy and biology, habitat and nutrition requirements, rattling, scoring and survey methods, as well as rifle and archery basics, and hunting/firearm safety.

What are the qualifications for Brigade Camps? Students must be between the ages of 13 and 17 and willing to present three educational programs in their home communities after camp completion. Camp tuition is \$500 for the 5 days and it covers all meals, lodging and supplies. Don't let the cost stop you from applying because Texas Brigades will help you locate sponsors to help with the cost. To apply, go online to [www.texasbrigades.org](http://www.texasbrigades.org) and you should receive a confirmation e-mail within 24 hours. You can also contact the offices by phoning 210-556-1391 or e-mailing [camps@texasbrigades.org](mailto:camps@texasbrigades.org). Selected applicants are notified by April 15th, first deposit is due May 1 with full tuition for June camps due May 15th and July camps June 15th. So, if your children love the Texas outdoors, check into the Texas Brigade Camps!

# GasBuddy update for Texas

Texas gas prices have risen 6.2 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.00/g today, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 15.2 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 27.1 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$1.59/g today while the most expensive is \$2.79/g, a difference of \$1.20/g. The lowest price in the state today is \$1.59/g while the highest is \$2.79/g, a difference of \$1.20/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 4.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.31/g today. The national average is up 14.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 27.4 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

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

January 11, 2020: \$2.27/g (U.S. Average: \$2.59/g)  
 January 11, 2019: \$1.92/g (U.S. Average: \$2.25/g)  
 January 11, 2018: \$2.26/g (U.S. Average: \$2.52/g)  
 January 11, 2017: \$2.15/g (U.S. Average: \$2.35/g)  
 January 11, 2016: \$1.73/g (U.S. Average: \$1.96/g)  
 January 11, 2015: \$1.89/g (U.S. Average: \$2.12/g)

January 11, 2014: \$3.10/g (U.S. Average: \$3.31/g)  
 January 11, 2013: \$3.18/g (U.S. Average: \$3.31/g)  
 January 11, 2012: \$3.21/g (U.S. Average: \$3.37/g)  
 January 11, 2011: \$2.91/g (U.S. Average: \$3.08/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:  
 Midland Odessa- \$2.19/g, up 12.7 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.06/g.

San Antonio- \$1.89/g, up 8.7 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.81/g.

Austin- \$1.95/g, up 5.6 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.89/g.

"With oil's meteoric rally continuing, motorists continue to face gas prices that continue to advance. With a barrel of crude oil now at its highest level in nearly a year, there's no where for gas prices to go but up," said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "In a normal year, this is the time we tend to see gas prices struggle, and according to Pay with GasBuddy data, gasoline demand is indeed seeing seasonal struggles, but that has not tempered the appetite of the market as many remain bullish over the continued rollout of a vaccine. How long we may be on this road relies on continued reduction in new COVID cases, but we may for the coming weeks seeing gas prices continuing their climb."

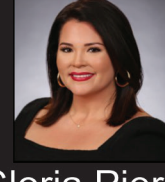
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