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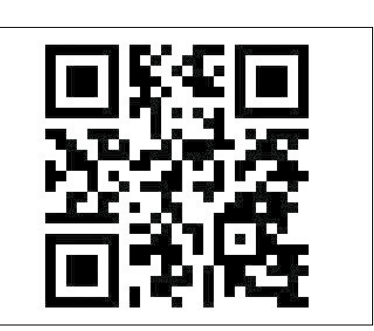
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West Texas VA 'Moving Forward' with in-person appointments

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

The West Texas VA Medical Health Center is moving forward and gearing up to resume in-person appointments beginning Monday. The West Texas VA has implemented a three-part plan that will allow all locations included in the WTVAHC catchment area to open up with the safety of their staff and the veterans they serve at the forefront of the plan.

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic West Texas VA teams, along with VHA, have been monitoring the situation and formulat-

ing a plan. Over the past few weeks in anticipation of the Moving Forward plan, daily meetings have been taking place allowing VA to analyze the number of COVID-19 cases in the community - veterans and non-veterans - and the status of the healthcare systems in the area in order to properly prepare. The WTVAHCS provides care for 33 counties across Texas, along with Lee County in New Mexico.

"We are blessed to be in one of the areas in the country



VA Health Care System Director, said. "The planning for when and how we could get back into the business of serving veterans face to face really began at day one of the pandemic ... we don't want this to interrupt the care that we are providing to our veterans."

According to Cave, Phase One of the Moving Forward plan begins with primary care teams and specialty services booking up to 25 percent of a clinic's capacity. This includes primary

that has fairly low prevalence of this pandemic," Jason Cave, West Texas

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Congressman Jodey Arrington attends Energy Roundtable in Howard County

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

Oil and gas producers from the West Texas Region gathered together this past week for an Energy Roundtable in Howard County. Joining in that conversation was Congressman Jodey Arrington who made a visit to Big Spring to take part in that discussion.

"We are the energy epicenter of the United States," Congressman Jodey Arrington said. "Nobody produces more oil and gas; no one produces more wind energy than West Texas. Ironically and they peacefully co-exist."

In recent months the oil and gas industry has been a focus of attention not only in West Texas, but across the nation. The price war between Saudi Arabia and Russia brought attention to the oil market as their overproduction of oil flooded the market, filled reserve tanks, and drove oil prices to a historic low.

"The oil and gas industry has been hit hard by what I call a one-two punch," Congressman Arrington said. "First of the blows came from the Saudi/Russia trade war and market manipulation, and the second was the demand crisis that came from the COVID-19 and the shutdown of our economy."



Courtesy photo
 Congressman Jodey Arrington joined in on an Energy Roundtable this past week at Red Mesa. Oil and gas producers from West Texas met to voice their concerns and hold discussion regarding the current state of the oil industry and what it will take to bounce back.

Arrington, on behalf of his district - which includes Big Spring and the West Texas region - has been part of the leading voice in Washington on the energy industry and in proposals for support that would allow for a strong rebound from this crisis. Recently, a letter was sent to President Trump outlining some recommendations that would support the industry. According to Arrington, on the top of that list was getting the economy back up and running.

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County Commissioners continue video-conference meetings Monday

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

The Howard County Commissioners will be meeting in regular session Monday at 3:30 p.m. in the Howard County Courthouse, in the third floor courtroom. In accordance with the pandemic relaxed guidelines for open meetings, the public is invited to join the meeting through the video conference link <https://www.facebook.com/Howard-County-Info-Tech-110733893888746/>.

According to the agenda, after a moment is taken for citizen input, the Commissioners will begin the meeting in an Executive Session to discuss personnel consideration with County Treasurer Sharon Adams. Also as part of the items for discussion, as part of the open meeting, Adams will also present the monthly payroll report, monthly treasurer's

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Open Howard College topic of discussion for Howard College Trustees

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

The Howard College Board of Trustees will meet in a hybrid - telephonic meeting as they convene for the June regular meeting on Monday at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Fireplace Room inside the Student Union Building at Howard College in order to allow for safe spacing during the meeting.

The meeting will begin with the call to order and roll to ensure a quorum is present. After the invocation and recognition of guests, the Board of Trustees will move forward with routine items, unfinished business, followed by Communication to the Board.

As part of new business Dr. Cheryl Sparks will provide the COVID-19 response status #3 to the Board and discuss the Open Howard College plan. This report is part of the

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Obituaries

Ernest Sarmiento

Ernest Sarmiento, 49, of Big Spring died Friday, May 29, 2020.



Memorial services were at 10 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Ernest was born Jan. 7, 1971, in Lubbock to Josephine and Melecio Sarmiento. He was a welder and a lifetime resident of Big Spring.

Ernest loved fishing, going to the lake and cooking.

Ernest is survived by his wife: Amy Sarmiento of Big Spring;

three children: Justice Sarmiento of Big Spring, Dominique Sarmiento of Big Spring, and Aurianna Sarmiento of Big Spring; parents: Josephine and Melecio Sarmiento of Big Spring; three sisters: Christina Gonzales and (Abel) of Lubbock, Priscilla Carrillo and (Joe) of Big Spring, and Daniela Sarmiento of Big Spring; one brother: Tony Sarmiento and (Jennifer) of Big Spring; granddaughter: Juliana Sarmiento of Big Spring; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com.

Paid obituary

Elmer Clinton

Elmer Clinton, 91, of Big Spring died Friday, May 29, 2020.

No services are planned at this time.

Elmer was born April 3, 1929 in Forsan. He served in the Army during World War II.

Elmer is survived by his son: Cliff Clinton of Big

Spring; and several grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife: June Clinton; son: Roger Clinton; and two daughters: Linda Titlow and Debora Betzer.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Take Note

• 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

• St. Vincent de Paul will be open the following dates beginning May 2020. Food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

• Maranatha Baptist Academy located at 903 Johnson Street, in Big Spring, Texas, is currently open and taking applications for enrollment for 20-21 School year. We are a faith-based Christian Academy and use the individualized Accelerated Christian Education Curriculum for Kindergarten through 12th grade, out of Hendersonville, Tennessee. July 20, is our startup date and applications will be accepted year-round. Someone will take your call for information at 432-213-1046. Please leave a message and we will get back with you.

• Forsan Elementary has opened virtual pre-registration for 2020-21 school year. Due to COVID-19 pre-registration will be done virtually. Contact Mandy Buske with any questions at 432-457-0091 ext. 203 or by email at abuske@forsan.esc18.net. All pre-registration packets will need to be completed and returned to Mandy Buske via email or fax. A copy of the following items need to be returned with the packet: certified birth certificate, social security card, immunization record, proof of residency for district students only (utility bill), parent driver's license and proof of income (pre-k only). Age requirements are: Pre-K – must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020; Kindergarten – 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020. New transfer students (Kinder - 5th) may apply at this time.

• Pre-registration for CISD Kinder, Pre-K3 & Pre-K4 underway. Due to COVID-19, Coahoma Elementary will be handling Pre-K3, Pre-K4 and Kindergarten registration for the 2020-2021 school year a little differently.

For safety precautions, district officials will only take registration by phone at this time. The phone registration does not guarantee your child will be attending CES for the 2020-2021 school year, but it will give the district a starting point until restrictions are lifted.

Pre-registration by phone will continue through Friday, April 17, from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. To register, please call 432-394-5000, ext 2 and speak to Jessica. Pre-registration is only open for children who live in the district. Transfer requests will not be processed until after June 1.

For CISD Kindergarten and Pre-K requirements, please visit the CISD website: www.coahomaisd.com

• Isaiah 58 while not open during normal business hours; will be open on Mondays from Noon until 2 p.m. until further notice, for the safety of their volunteers and those they serve. The change will take place June 1.

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Spring Economic Development Corporation and Leading EDG understand the serious challenges our country faces as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. In response to this crisis, the Small Business Administration ("SBA") has created new programs geared towards financial relief for affected businesses.

The Economic Injury Disaster Loan ("EIDL"), is currently available, but only by applying directly to the SBA via the online portal: <https://www.sba.gov/disaster/apply-for-disaster-loan/index.html>. It only takes a few minutes to fill out.

Another option, The Paycheck Protection Program, ("PPP"), has been approved by Congress. If you want to apply for the "PPP" loan contact your local lender.

Information changes daily so make sure you are checking the SBA website regularly.

• City of Big Spring announces water office number change. Effective immediately, the temporary phone numbers used to contact the Big Spring Water Office are no longer in effect. Customers can contact the water office at the following phone numbers:

1. Pay online at www.mybigspring.com. Click ONLINE BILL PAY. Pay via the automated phone system by calling 833-227-1752. Payment can be placed in the Drop Box at 305 South Johnson. Staff checks the box daily. Pay over the phone by calling the Water Office directly at the phone numbers listed above. Water Office staff are available to assist customers Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5:00 PM, by phone or in the office located at 305 South Johnson Street.

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

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

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Food pick up info

Big Spring ISD will be providing sacked meals for students while the campuses are closed. Meals will be available at three schools from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. Meals can be picked up at any of the three campuses where they are being handed out, which will be Moss, Marcy and Big Spring Junior High School. At both March and Moss, pick up will be in the bus lane behind the campus. At BSJH, pick up can be made at Door #5 on the east side of campus.

Children in Big Spring ISD can also pick up meals at the following times and locations:

Bus 13-Navajo and Choctaw (9 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.)
Bus 14-Bauer (9 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.)
Bus 15: Larry and McDonald (9 a.m. -10:25 a.m.)
Bus 27: 5th and Abrams (9 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.)
Bus 28: 3rd and Lockhart (9 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.)
Bus 28: Limestone Ridge Apt. (9:40 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.)
Bus 77: Parkway and Hearn (9 a.m. -10 a.m.)
Bus 85: Goliad Elementary (9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.)
Bus 86: 6th and Circle (9 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.)
Bus 90: Southridge RV Park (9 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.)
Bus 96: Albrook and Randolph (9 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.)

From 10 a.m. to 10:55 a.m., you can pick up at:

Bus 13-Barcelona Apartments (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)
Bus 14-Lakeview (10 a.m - 10:30 a.m.)
Bus 14 - Knollwood Apartments (10:35 a.m. -11 a.m.)
Bus 15: Colby and Drew (10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.)
Bus 27: 8th and Lorilla (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)
Bus 28: Roy Anderson Complex (9:50 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.)
Bus 28: 14th and Main Church of Christ (10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.)
Bus 77: Airport and Mobile (10:05 - 10:55 a.m.)
Bus 85: Scott and Macauslan (10:35 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)
Bus 86: Washington Elementary (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)
Bus 90: Oasis and Neill (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)
Bus 96: Anderson School (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)

Student meals will also be available for pickup on the Moss, Marcy and Junior High campuses, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until Noon. Please call, 432-264-3635 if you have any questions

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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care, mental health, dental, ophthalmology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, prosthetics, dietary, audiology, radiology, lab, cardiopulmonary, whole health, and several others.

“As we’ve been watching across our catchment area, the overall prevalence of COVID-19 has remained fairly low for a sustained period of time. That is one of the main points that had to be met in order for us to begin re-opening,” Cave said.

The ability to test and test when needed is another of the key points in re-opening plans across the state and across the VHA system. Testing capabilities have been present at the local West Texas VA for quite some time now and continue to procure additional capabilities. Safety precautions and mitigation factors – face masks, sanitizing stations, screening criteria, physical spacing arrangements, and extra cleaning - are also on the forefront of the plan.

“Tele-health, home care and virtual care modalities have been a big focus for several years before the pandemic hit for VHA; one of the things that we’ve observed is the pandemic gave

a lot of people who may not have given those modalities a try in the past, the extra emphasis they needed to use virtual modalities as a way to maintain social distancing,” Cave said.

In line with federal, state, and local guidance WTVAHCS’s first priority is the safety and well-being of Veterans and staff. During reopening, VA clinics will prioritize in-person appointments of a procedural nature and associated outpatient services, when those services cannot be conducted through tele-health options.

“All the tele-health and virtual measures that were utilized during the pandemic will remain in place, even after the restrictions are lifted. We want to offer a variety of options for veterans to choose what works best for them so that they can have the care they need when and where they want it,” he said.

This Moving Forward plan will continue in two-week increments, increasing the number of in-person appointments by 25 percent for each two-week period, until full capacity is achieved. As the process continues, WTVAHCS will closely monitor all aspects of the delivery of care to ensure a safe environment is maintained for Veterans, staff, and visitors.

“We want to do this in a gradual, safe, phased approach that will allow

us to continue to monitor, along with our team and our community partners, the overall prevalence rate. We are going to be as flexible and agile as possible with this plan,” Cave said.

While the day to day operations may have been altered due to the pandemic, there have been several positive impacts that have come out of this unprecedented time. According to Cave, the leveraging of technology during this time has been another advancement in forming and maintaining connections with veterans in rural areas. Tele-townhalls have offered an opportunity to receive feedback from veterans and those served by West Texas VA. Tele-work is another area that opened up new avenues for employees during this time.

“If we can meet the needs of our veterans using this technology in a different form of healthcare delivery format there is no reason all that needs to be switched back to the way life was - like flipping a switch,” Cave said. “We are really trying to keep the best practices and the positive things that were learned during this, and stay with those going forward.”

As the Move Forward plan kicks off Monday, Cave and the staff at West Texas VA remind the community that there will be added precautions in place, including reduced entry

points at the local facility and screenings that will allow for a safe, orderly, protective environment for all entering the facility. Patience from the community is greatly encouraged and appreciated as things move forward. Those who are able to call ahead and schedule an appointment are encouraged to do so. This will allow the ability to plan and ensure social distancing is maintained at all appointment times. The help of the community is a vital piece in the Moving Forward plan and is much appreciated.

“This pandemic has offered an opportunity – especially for me as a new director at West Texas VA – to work with community leaders in a way that has allowed us to form relationships that may have taken longer to form otherwise,” Cave said. “We all know that with that spirit of service that happens in disasters and catastrophes people come together and you get to see the best in people. The selflessness, the dedication, the honor and commitment to the mission and I have to say some of that has truly been awe-inspiring.”

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ENERGY

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“The first thing we need to do is open the economy across the country and recognize that the risk of COVID are going to be with us for awhile and we have to manage that,” he said. “That’s the new reality.”

As the re-opening begins to progress – Texas will be moving into Phase 3 of reopening on June 12 – the community will need to lean into the process and municipalities at the local, state and national level will need to provide confidence through increased testing, PPE (person protection equipment) and other avenues depending on the area.

“It’s important to have the hospital beds and protective measures, but it’s also about getting people back out into the market places and businesses back online because that will bring demand back and when demand comes back we will start to bring down the supply glut and calibrating supply and demand to that point where the price can stabilize. That will get us back to a point where we can have affordable fuel for the country, but we can also support the jobs – in West Texas - across the energy industry. This part of the process is critical to our country’s economy, recovery, and our national security.”

While the energy market as a whole is important to the recovery of the economy, Arrington stressed the importance of the independent producers.

“If the independent producers aren’t able to survive this economic crisis then the country will suffer long term. They are critical to innovation, to healthy competition in the industry,” he said.

The independent producers, including those in the West Texas region, are one of the balancing forces when it comes to ensuring a monopoly or over dependence doesn’t occur in the market. Through the balance domestic independence is able to not only take root, but sustain. The West Texas region has experience the booms and the busts for decades and have come to understand the balance it brings to the industry.

During the roundtable, those in attendance discussed not only the current state of the market, but also hinderances to getting back up and running. While there have been billions of dollars poured into the economy through the unemployment insurance program – set to expire at the end of July - and the PPP (Payroll Protection Program) some of the efforts have contradicted each other and acted as a barrier from the aide.

“The need for flexibility for the PPP loan was one of the big concerns that was raised. While the funds to help with liquidity are appreciated, the tight window to use them combined with the unemployment insurance program were making it difficult to get people back to work,” he said. “For these independent companies it’s hard to break even right now, even if we were to turn the economy all the way back on it would be hard to be profitable because of the price.”

According to Arrington, one of the recent bills that was passed out of the House was increasing the eight week window to a 24-week window. This will allow a bigger window of opportunity for those funds to be used and provide actual support for the businesses.

“Remove the barriers to employment by not having an unemployment system paying more than what they can make at work; make sure mainstream lending programs are accessible and meaningful for this particular industry where they are:

get the economy back online and open this country up. Do it responsibly, safely, but I am convinced and have total faith in the American people, our communities and business leaders that they will do that.”

While there are several plans to focus on the immediate future for oil and gas, as the economy has seen and those in the oil and gas industry have come to understand, planning for the future is key to success.

“The long term making sure our country, our nations leaders and the next generation of Americans value our conventional fuels and what having an ocean of shale energy has done for this country’s economy, national security and energy independence, and what its done for working families,” Arrington said.

The energy industry has gone through major transformation and advancements over the past decade. The progress in the industry has brought the capability for lower electric bills, gas bills, and other day to day cost of fossil fuels. The reduction of energy poverty through export capabilities in other countries and reduction of air pollutants. Since the Clean Air Act of 1990, which was passed under the leadership of President George H.W. Bush, there has been more than a 70% decline in the six key pollutants while the economy has grown by 30%.

“As we’ve expanded energy production of fossil fuels we’ve seen a precipitous decline in greenhouse gas and other pollutants and that’s a great story,” he said. “The long term challenge is that we need to ensure we are telling that story so we don’t find ourself in a place where folks believe fossil energy is a bad thing.”

He continued, “We can balance stewardship of our natural resources; promote cleaner air and environment and still have an abundance of energy and develop our natural resources on the fossil and conventional side and grow our economy. We’ve done it. We did it not because of government regulation and intervention, but through innovation and competition.”

The Energy Roundtable “I’ve never been around more free-minded market people in any industry than those in oil and gas. These guys are tough, resilient and they know the cycles of boom and bust, up and down, supply and demand. They know those dynamics and have learned how to survive them,” Congressman Arrington said. “Many in that industry will tell me, that natural evolution is a healthy thing and it weeds out the good operators and those who plan for the future. It shows the companies that are here to stay and looking to benefit the economy.”

While the recent oil bust and the pandemic have created a downturn in price and reduction in demand, it has served as an area of opportunity

to re-awaken the focus of reasonably reducing regulations

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that are unnecessary across the board.

“The FDA is moving quicker than they ever have before with testing, treatments and vaccines; more flexibility with telehealth and tele-medicine,” he said. “Community banks made it possible to get the hundreds of billions of dollars - 14 years worth of SBA loans in 14 days - from the PPP assistance to businesses as quickly as we did and it wouldn’t have happened if it was the government doing it. The private sector is one of the heroes in the story that we are going through.”

While the oil and gas downturn is not over, there is a tide shift now that the economy is opening back up. As small businesses and communities begin to open up to 75% capacity in establishments across the nation, barriers are starting to come down.

“There is not a more resilient group of people than West Texans,” Congressman Arrington said. “Our resiliency will serve us well. We need to continue to lean into reopening, get back. We can do it safely and responsibly, but let’s get back to living again. America has had challenges, crises and disasters, but we’ve always been able to rise to the occasion and by the grace of God we’ve been able to overcome and I don’t think this will be any different. We will learn lessons that will make us stronger, healthier as a country as a result of this.”

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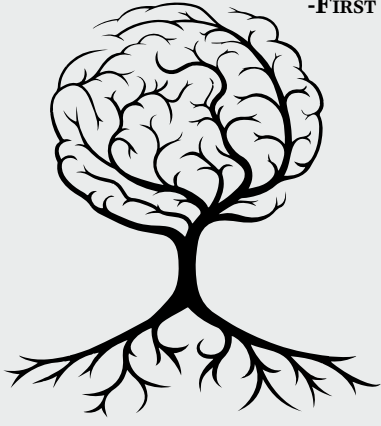
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Corona Yoga

My son Kevin is an Emmy award winning television sports director. He broadcasts games the Rangers, Mavericks and Stars play. He occasionally runs the jumbotron for Dallas Cowboys home games. He is also in demand for college games in various sports all over the country. He even directs wrestling matches. He has had a fabulous career and loves what he does. He had a big part in producing the highlight video for the Atlanta Olympics. He misses broadcasting the games and working with his broadcast crew. I've had the privilege of watching him work. The television crew is in a huge trailer loaded with equipment. Watching the professionals get a game on the air is more fun to watch than the game itself. It is split-second timing, working with as many as 16 cameras all



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

over the playing field.

Since there are no sports right now, Kevin is unemployed. That does not mean he is not busy. Most mornings at 9 o'clock he is on his Facebook page (Kevin Lewis) conducting an hour-long yoga class. He has been studying yoga for 20 years and went through years of training to become a yoga master. He and his wife Jill even had their own yoga studio for a while

I'm slow getting to yoga. Never even thought about it until Kevin started doing it. Even then I didn't pay much attention to it. I was extremely impressed that he was so diligent and dedicated to going through all the classes to become a certified yoga teacher. He has classes at some YMCAs in Dallas.

What caught my attention one day last year when he was showing my wife how yoga was similar to the daily exercises she was doing in a gym. He got on his back and stuck both his legs straight up into the air. His body took on the shape of a perfect letter L. I do work out daily and some of the exercises I do re-

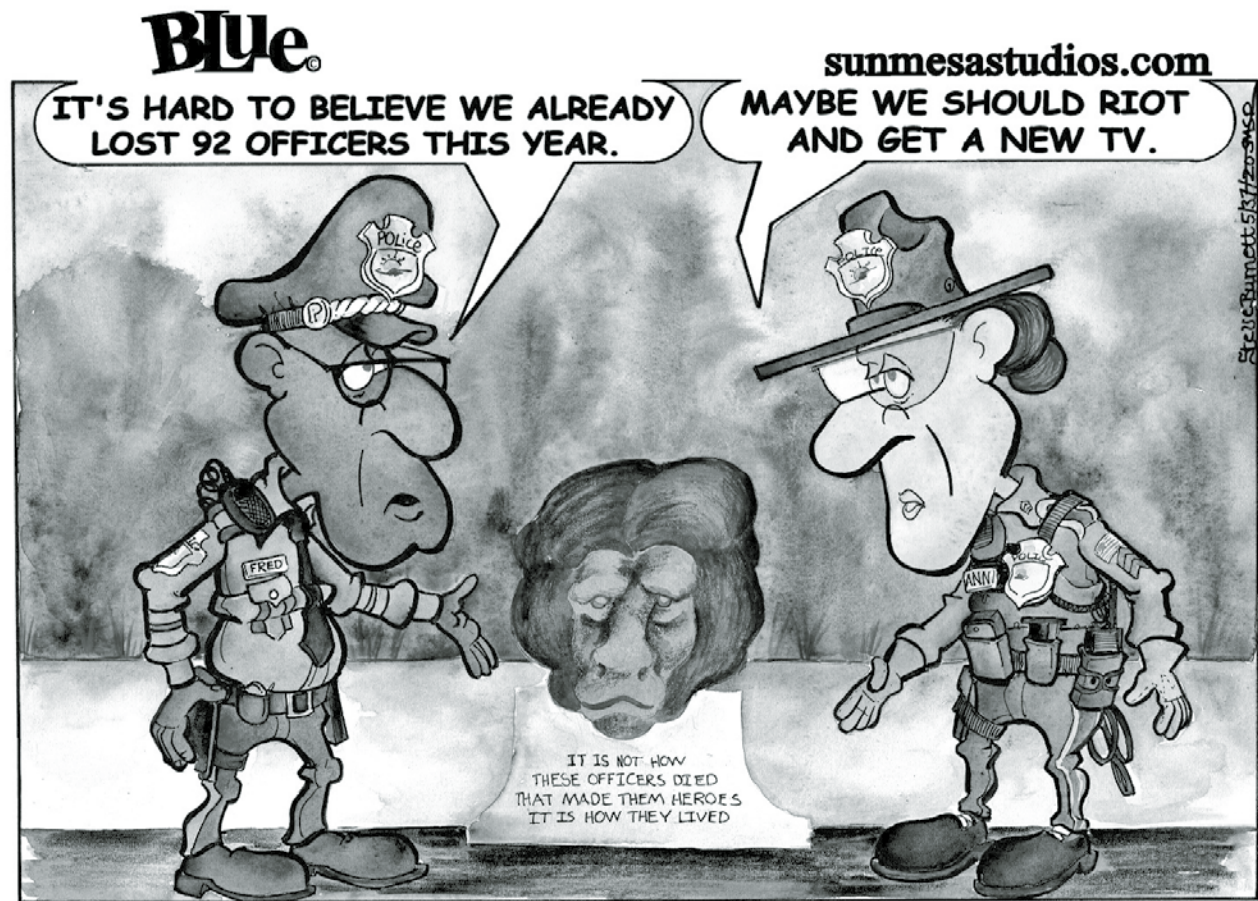
quire me to try to do what Kevin did with perfect ease. I grunt and groan and my body resembles an overturned chair. Kevin's movements are so sooth and fluid it's like watching a ballet.

Yes, I'm doing yoga with him on Facebook. I'm getting better and try to keep up with him. Sometimes I just watch him do what I consider impossible things. I do expect him to levitate during one of these sessions. I have nearly learned to do a crescent lunge from the all four position. That's where your hands and feet are flat on the ground making an inverted letter V, then taking one of your legs to the front of the mat while your upper body is rising up.

A lot of yoga positions are named for animals. I did some Internet research that indicated some of the early yoga practitioners watched animals and tried to imitate some of their movements and at the same time tried to think like the animals they were observing.

Up dog and down dog are yoga positions. I think there should be a lazy dog position. There is a corpse position but that sounds so final.

Namaste.



Behold the onion

Describing the onion as a "lowly vegetable" didn't set well with the late Othal Brand, for 20 years the McAllen, TX, mayor who cleared many hurdles during his 90-year earthly pilgrimage.

His beloved Rio Grande Valley is now a world center for vegetables in general and for onions in particular.

Ever restless and ever persuasive, Brand often lacked patience, his shirt sleeves already rolled halfway up to take on whoever or whatever stood in the way.

Lesser figures might have "let onions be," but Brand always believed these veggies--pointed to regularly as reasons for bad breath and weeping--could be larger, sweeter and longer lasting if scientific minds were challenged.

He made frequent visits to Texas A&M University, where he provided cash for serious research.

Even though he prodded, it took a decade for the development of an onion whose sweetness trumped "bad breath" issues, and longstanding weeping at the chopping block morphed to tears of joy.

Industry leaders say that Brand's efforts unquestionably led to introduction of the Texas Super Sweet 1015 Onion. That's a mouthful, with the numbers indicative of the preferable date for planting, October 15.... Dying at age 90 almost a de-

cade ago, Brand might have had a "say" about use of onions at today's fast food places. Never turning down a challenge, Brand left his mark on "things good" in the Rio Grande Valley and throughout Texas. (Ever optimistic, he made a final "run" to become McAllen's mayor again at age 85, losing in a close race.)

I intend to get personal about most hamburgers made today. They are, as my friend David Gumfory maintains, "typically assembly line productions."

When Burger King introduced its promise to "make it your way" in 1974, I hoped it would restore a "yesterday tradition." It didn't.

My wife wouldn't think of eating onions on a burger if she planned to be in the company of others within the next 72 hours. I feel generally the same way, but for 72 minutes.

We've compromised--a recommended recourse for marriages reaching 54 years and more.

Her approval is granted if I order GRILLED ONIONS on my burger; sometimes she even "dittoes" the order.

So what's my beef? No matter which drive-through I'm in, there's no evidence of onions--in any form--inside my burger.

David, 40-year veteran owner of fast food places, recommends hamburger consumption during daytime hours for best results. "Yell into the speaker, hoping the manager is standing nearby and overhears."

Back in the day, he emphasized to his employees: "Our answer

is 'yes.' Now, what was the question?"

Not until our later elementary years did Dairy Queen come along. They were initially "walk-ins," with orders placed "eyeball to eyeball." With voice, facial expressions and sometimes friendly threats, we typically got EXACTLY what we ordered.

Not so much now. HOWEVER I intend to make some outlandish requests--even in "drive-throughs"--explaining in detail that I want a heap of grilled onions--or maybe a half-dozen onion rings--inside my burger.

Never mind that I may upset the assembly line, or that cars are honking behind me. I want it MY WAY.

Groner Pitts--my late friend who was a "sunny side up" prankster and undertaker in our town--had a "thing" about toast. He liked it burnt.

"Young lady, I want you to tell the cook to burn the toast. I want it black, resembling caked soot on a chimney. I'll send it back if it doesn't come out that way."

When he didn't like the first offerings, the "half-baked" toast was sent back for his chosen charring. And that's what Mayor Brand would have done, too, maybe with even stronger words, just in case they were needed for emphasis. Both were members of the greatest generation, defending us on foreign shores. They are missed; may their kind increase.

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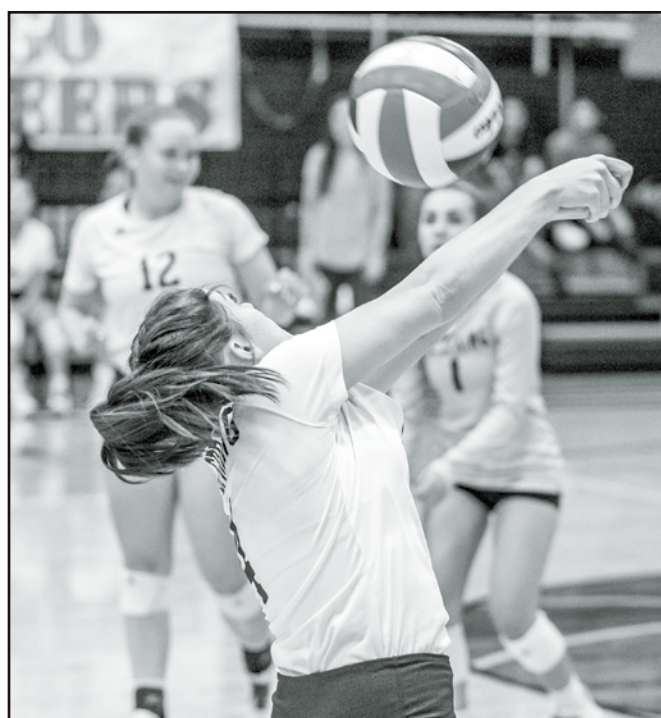
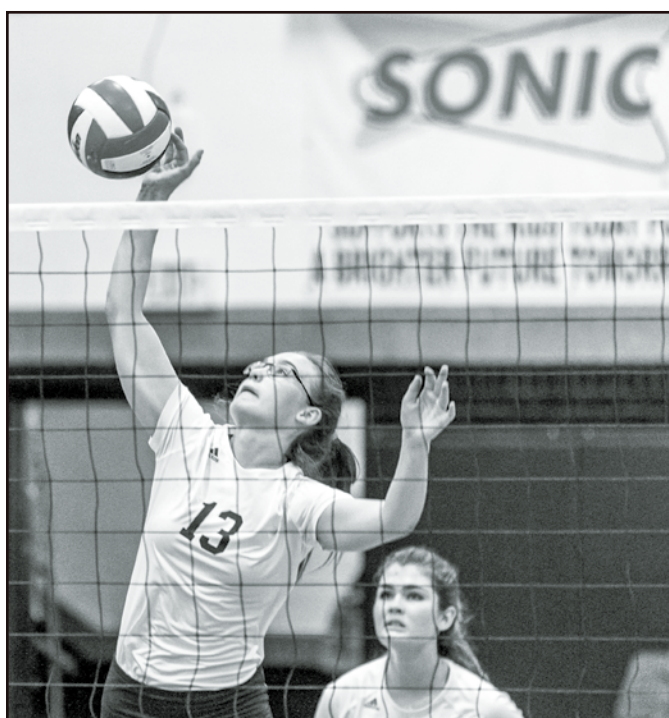
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Big Spring releases 2020 Varsity Volleyball schedule featuring new rivals



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Returning Big Spring Lady Steers Olivia Bancroft (left), Hannah Bell (middle), and Kortney Moore (right) show off their skills on the court during last season.

By SHAWN MORAN
Herald Sports Writer

The 2019 season ended in a disappointing fashion for the Big Spring Lady Steers when they finished with a record of 4-28 and failed to win a game at home the entire season. The 2020 Big Spring Volleyball schedule has been recently released and the coaching staff and players will now be able to focus on the upcoming season and what they can do to make sure it is not a repeat of last year.

Let us take a look at the schedule for the Lady Steers and what they can expect when they face-off against these teams this fall:

August 7: Scrimmage vs. Central (San Angelo Central)

Big Spring will start off their season with a scrimmage against one of the best 6A programs in all of West Texas. The Lady Steers traveled to San Angelo Central last season and lost 2-0 after losing the first set by a score of 25-13 and the second set 25-3.

This type of scrimmage to start of the season will show just how much the Lady Steers have grown since last year and will be a good measuring stick for them moving forward.

August 8: Scrimmage (Home)

The next day, Big Spring will return home to play another scrimmage against an opponent who has yet to be announced. At the start of the next week, the real schedule for the Lady Steers will begin.

August 11: Forsan/Klondike Duel (Home)

An early-season tournament will kick-off the season for the Lady Steers when they will play both Forsan and Klondike on their home court. Big Spring was not matched up against either of these squads last year and therefore will get a fresh look at both of them.

August 14-15: Monahans Tournament (Monahans)

Later in the week, the Lady Steers will travel to Monahans to participate in a two-day tournament with several schools set to be in attendance. Big Spring played against the Monahans Lady Lobos

twice last season and were unable to win one set against the impressive team from the southwest. In the first meeting, Big Spring was outscored 50-15 through the two-set game but the second meeting was closer. Even though Monahans finished winning 3-0, the Lady Steers finished each set with double-digit points scored.

August 18: vs. Seminole/Wink (Wink)

Big Spring will play both Seminole and Wink at an out-of-town mini-tournament. They did not play either team last season but Wink advanced all the way to the Final Four of the 2A State Tournament by winning an astronomical of 40 games. They will be a great challenge for the Lady Steers and will be another barometer for Braswell and her team.

August 21-22: Nita Vannoy Tournament (San Angelo)

The Lady Steers will be participating in another early-season tournament against yet-to-be-announced opponents. Last season they recorded a 2-10 record when they played the game at a neutral site.

August 25: vs. Bronte (Home)

Braswell and her team will face-off with the 2A Bronte Lady Longhorns following a hectic first few weeks of the season. Bronte finished their 2019 season with a 30-13 record and made it through the first four rounds of the playoffs before losing to Water Valley. They will be making the transition to a younger roster and Big Spring will have a chance to capitalize on that in this home matchup.

August 27-29: Fillie Volleyball Festival (Denver City)

The third tournament of Big Spring's season will be played across three days in Denver City. This will also be their last regular season tournament of the season. If Big Spring is in good shape through the first month, they could begin to feel more and more confident in the weeks heading up to the district schedule.

September 1: vs. Colorado City (Colorado City)

The Lady Wolves seem to be an equally skilled team compared to the Lady Steers and the majority of their roster is filled up with underclassmen. This will be Big Spring's last game for one week and a win here could do wonders for the team's momentum and energy going into that week's practices.

September 8: vs. Wall (Wall)

Wall plays at the 3A level and ended last season with a 33-10 record and a third-round playoff exit. The Lady Hawks went 10-1 at home last year and will be hosting the Lady Steers in a midseason matchup. Wall had seven seniors graduate this spring so they will be in somewhat of a transition period to their younger, less-experienced players.

September 12: vs. Jim Ned (Home)

Jim Ned will be another top-notch 3A team for the Big Spring Lady Steers to match-up their skills against. Just like in basketball, the Lady Indians are one of the best teams in the area and will be a very tough matchup for Big Spring.

September 15: vs. Crane (Home)

Big Spring will play one of the schools that they picked up one of their four wins against last season. While traveling to Crane last year, the Lady Steers went in and beat them in four sets (3-1). It will be important for Big Spring to repeat that performance later this year.

September 19: vs. Clyde (Clyde)

In an exact scheduling situation to last year, Big Spring will play Clyde just a few days after facing Crane. After the Lady Steers won the first set last September, they continued to lose the next three sets in heartbreaking and extremely competitive fashion.

September 22: vs. Lamesa (Lamesa)

The Lady Golden Tornadoes defeated the Lady Steers 3-0 last season. This year, Big Spring will have to take the short trip to Lamesa and attempt to erase the bad taste in their mouths from last season's blowout loss.

See VOLLEYBALL, Page 10A

J. Holland Humphries Wins Veritex Bank Byron Nelson Junior Championship

Special to the Herald

DALLAS – J. Holland Humphries of Austin wins the Veritex Bank Byron Nelson Junior Championship after a final round of 1-under-par 70. The 2021 Southern Methodist University commit made historic Lakewood Country Club look easy carding red numbers in all three rounds. This is Humphries' first Legends Junior Tour win which adds to his already decorated junior golf career.

"It means a lot, especially considering how many great players were in the field this year and in the past," Humphries said.

On Thursday, he stood on the first tee box before the final round with a three-shot lead. The combination of an impressive golf game and a confi-

dent mindset made for a perfect duo. His carefree mentality never wavered from start to finish.

Coming into the par-5 ninth, Humphries was 1-under and held a four-shot lead. However, he lost his tee shot left out of bounds, followed by struggles in a greenside bunker leading to a triple bogey. Humphries closed his front nine with a 2-over 38.

"Instead of worrying about where I was the whole time I kind of believed I was going to win," Humphries said. "It didn't really phase me that I made a triple because I still felt like I was in the tournament the whole time."

Humphries was unphased by his triple bogey and continued his steady play on the back nine. The 17-year-old played his final nine holes 3-under,

making six pars and three birdies. His game plan was to play one shot at a time. He posted 12 to play for the tournament and claimed the title by four shots.

Nathan Petronzio of Bee Cave carded five birdies and an eagle on Thursday. The 2020 Southern Methodist University commit's final round of 5-under 66 earned him a solo second finish at 8-under par. Petronzio adds this runner-up finish to a third finish in the 2017 Veritex Bank Byron Nelson Junior Championship.

Austin's Jackson Davenport, a 2020 West Virginia University commit, Cole Sherwood, a 2020 Vanderbilt commit, and 14-year-old Daniel Zou of The Woodlands finished tied third at 6-under-par 207.

Keaton Vo of Austin finished sixth at 5-under-par 208. Andrew Spaulding of Spring finished seventh at 4-under-par 209. Gaven Lane of Argyle finished eighth at 3-under-par 210. Hanseung Chang of Cedar Park finished ninth at 2-under-par 211. Jaivir Pande of Houston, Matthew Watkins of Heath, Jase Summy of Keller and Evan Vo of Austin rounded out the top ten at 1-under-par 212.

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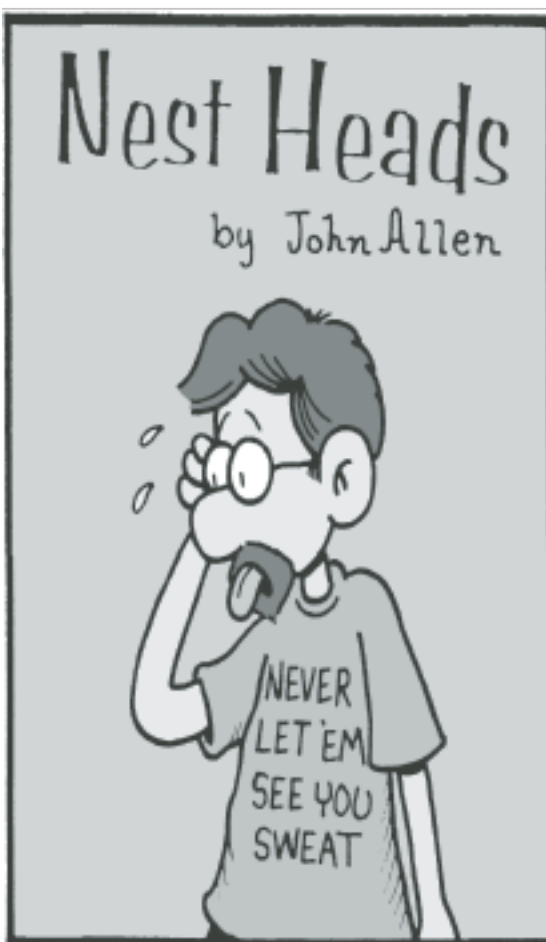
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Sandra Verdin

task: Afra has lost her sight, leaving Nuri to navigate her grief as well as a perilous journey through Turkey and Greece toward an uncertain future in Britain. Nuri is sustained only by the knowledge that waiting for them is his cousin Mustafa, who has started an apiary in Yorkshire and is teaching fellow refugee's beekeeping. As Nuri and Afra travel through a broken world, they must confront not only the pain of their own unspeakable loss but dangers that would overwhelm even the bravest souls. Above all, they must make the difficult journey back to each other a path once so familiar yet rendered foreign by the heartache of displacement.

Alix Chamberlain is a woman who gets what she wants and has made a living, with her confidence-driven brand, showing other women how to do the same in "Such A Fun Age" (F REI K) By Kiley Reid. So she is shocked when her babysitter, Emira Tucker, is confronted while watching the Chamberlains' toddler one night, walking the aisles of their local high-end supermarket. The store's security guard, seeing a young black woman out late with a white child, accuses Emira of kidnapping two-year-old Briar. A small crowd gathers, a bystander films everything, and Emira is furious and humiliated. Alix resolves to make things right. But Emira herself is aimless, broke, and wary of Alix's desire to help. At twenty-five, she is about to lose her health insurance and has no idea what to do with her life. When the video of Emira unearths someone from Alix's past, both women find themselves on a crash course that will upend everything they think they know about themselves, and each other. With empathy and piercing social commentary, Such a Fun Age explores the stickiness of transactional relationships, what it means to make someone "family," and the complicated reality of being a grown up.

Eli Bell's life is complicated in "Boy Swallows Universe" (F DAL T) By Trent Dalton. His father is lost, his mother is in jail, and his stepdad is a heroin dealer. The most steadfast adult in Eli's life is Slim a notorious felon and national record holder

for successful prison escapes who watches over Eli and August, Eli's silent genius of an older brother. They are exiled far from the rest of the world in Darra, a neglected suburb of Brisbane, Australia. This twelve year old boy with an old soul and an adult mind is just trying to follow his heart, learn what it takes to be a good man, and train for a glamorous career in journalism. Life, however insists on throwing obstacles in Eli's path most notably Tytus Broz, Queensland's legendary drug dealer. But the real trouble lies ahead. Eli is about to fall in love, face off against truly bad guys, and fight to save his mother from certain doom all before starting high school.

The folks of Troublesome Creek have to scrap for everything except for books, in "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" (F RIC K) By Kim Michele Richardson. Thanks to Roosevelt's Kentucky Pack Horse Library Project, Troublesome's got its very own traveling librarian, Cussy Mary Carter. Cussy's not only a book woman, however; she's also the last of her kind, her skin a shade of blue unlike most anyone else. Not everyone is keen on Cussy's family or the government's new book program, and along her treacherous route, Cussy faces doubters at every turn. If Cussy wants to bring joy of books to the complex and hardscrabble Kentuckians, she's going to have to confront dangers and prejudice as old as the Appalachians, and suspicion. Inspired by the true blue skinned people of Kentucky and the brave and dedicated Kentucky Pack Horse Library service of the 1930s, and one woman's belief that books can carry us anywhere even back home.

"Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world." - Malala Yousafzai

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report and discuss the annual investment policy for approval.

The County Auditor, Jackie Olson, will also be presenting routine business including invoices, purchase requests and budget amendments. County Clerk Brent Zitterkopf will also present the monthly County Clerk's report.

Commissioners will hear from Road Engineer Brian Klinski regarding roadway maintenance updates.

Commissioner over Pct. 3 Jimmie Long will lead the discussion regarding possible county sales tax in unincorporated areas, county assistance district. Discussion will also be held regarding the power at right of way at Old Howard County Airport property. Commissioner John Cline, over Pct. 4 will bring information pertaining to this discussion.

The community is encouraged to attend the meeting over the live stream.

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HOWARD

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emergency authority that was granted during the pandemic. The plan for summer courses and the fall semester will be part of the report, as well as an update on openings and classes that have taken place since last month's meeting.

Budget preparation will also be one of the main topics of discussion at this month's meeting, as Howard College begins to prepare next year's budget. Included in this discussion will be information regarding enrollment, state budget projections and focus for the upcoming semesters.

Dr. Sparks will also provide a project update to the Board followed by updates at each of the Howard College Campuses, Big Spring, Lamesa, San Angelo and SWCD. A resolution for Permian Basin Association of Pipeliners will be discussed and considered as well as a resolution for Tom Early. In the update surrounding SWCD, there will be information regarding Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities proposal.

The performance measures and outcomes discussion will include faculty retirement resolutions along with accountability measures. The Financial Condition Report will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees along with a presentation on Student Success Indicators.

Two sets of bids will be provided for the mannequins for the San Angelo campus, which are grant funded and the automated A1 Temperature Screening System for the district, which is also grant funded.

Other routine agenda items include:

- Minutes of regular meeting held May 4, 2020
- Financials for April 2020
- Monthly reports of auxiliary services
- Personnel matters
- Internal audit report
- Education Code 51.252/Spring 2020 Report
- Handbook and Catalog Changes
- President's Report to include upcoming activities and recognitions
- Board Education and Development to include legislative and general updates and cyber security awareness training.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **MATTHEW L MOORE**, 44, of 1976 S. La Cienega Blvd, California, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 800 block of E 13th Street; 2000 block of S. Goliad.

- **ACCIDENT MAJOR** was reported at 15th and Owens.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson Road; 400 block of S. Runnels.
- **INTOXICATED SUBJECT** was reported in the 300 block of E. 3rd Street.

Sheriff

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 80 inmates at the time of this report.
- **JONATHAN MATTHEW MATA**, 35, was arrested by BSPD

on a charge of public intoxication.

- **RAY CARL MCGEE JR**, 43, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than one gram.
- **DICKEY WAYNE MILTON**, 53, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of manufacture delivery

controlled substance less than one gram.

- **MATTHEW LOIRN MOORE**, 44, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **THADDEUS ONTARIO STRAUGHTER**, 29, was arrested by HCSO on a charge to fail to identify fugitive from justice.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of Johnson. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of Ridgeroad. No transport was required.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2100 block of S. Main. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

reported in the area of 15th and Owens. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was

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DISTRICT GAMES BEGIN

September 26: vs. Estacado (Home)

Big Spring will open their district schedule against their new district rival Estacado. These two teams met last year and went all the way to five sets. In the game-deciding set, the Lady Matadors were able to just pull away and defeat Big Spring 15-12 (3-2 in sets). They will now take the trip down from Lubbock to play their equally-matched rival twice-a-year.

September 29: vs. Lake View (Lake View)

Braswell and her squad traveled to Lake View last season and left with a 3-0 shutout win. These two teams are district rivals but the Lady Steers seem to have the upper-hand heading into this season.

October 3: vs. Snyder (Home - Pink Out)

Big Spring was shutout across two matches last season by a score of 6-0. It will be the beginning of Breast Cancer Awareness Month so Big Spring is asking all of their students and fans to fill the gym with their pink clothes.

October 6: vs. Levelland (Levelland)

The second new addition to the district is the Levelland Lady Lobos. In their one meeting last season, at a tournament, the Lady Lobos won both sets and outscored Big Spring by a total of 50-29. The Lady Steers will now have to prepare to compete against Levelland twice-a-year.

October 10: vs. Sweetwater (Home)

Big Spring lost both of their meetings to Sweetwater last season by a combined score of 6-1. They will have a chance to redeem themselves this fall when they try again to defeat the Lady Mustangs. Even though they lost both games last year, the gap between the two programs does not seem to be as wide as

those results may make them seem.

October 13: vs. Estacado (Estacado)

Second game of the season against district rival.

October 17: vs. Lake View (Home)

Second game of the season against district rival.

October 20: vs. Snyder (Snyder)

Second game of the season against district rival.

October 24: vs. Levelland (Home - Senior Night)

Second game of the season against district rival and also Senior Night.

October 27: vs. Sweetwater (Sweetwater)

Second game of the season against district rival and also the last game of the regular season.

Compared to years past when the Lady Steers only needed to finish ahead of one other team in the district to qualify for the postseason, they will now need to finish ahead of two teams. It will be exciting to see just how much this young Big Spring team has improved and will continue to improve under the leadership of their second-year coach.

After only managing to win four games last season, these Lady Steers will be looking to push their amount of wins into the double-digits. Big Spring only had three seniors graduate and will be returning 75 percent of their Varsity roster from last season. If those girls are able to progress through the summer, then Big Spring could have a competitive team when school starts back up.

With summer workouts starting on Monday and these girls ready to get back in the gym, the two-month countdown to the first game of the season starts now.

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Former Olympic minister says March is deadline for Tokyo

TOKYO (AP) — Next spring has been set by former Olympic minister Toshikai Endo as a possible deadline for deciding whether the postponed Tokyo Games can go ahead.

"March next year is a time when we face major questions on whether athletes can be selected," Endo was quoted as saying by Japanese broadcaster NHK on Friday. "We have to make a judgment in various ways depending on the situation then."

Endo was speaking at a meeting of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's ruling Liberal Democratic Party.

The Olympics are due to open on July 23, 2021, followed by the Paralympics on Aug. 24. The games had been scheduled for this year but were postponed because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"If the global coronavirus is not over by (next spring), particularly if the situation does not allow for the selection of athletes, (holding the games) would be quite difficult," Endo was quoted as saying by the Japanese newspaper Sankei.



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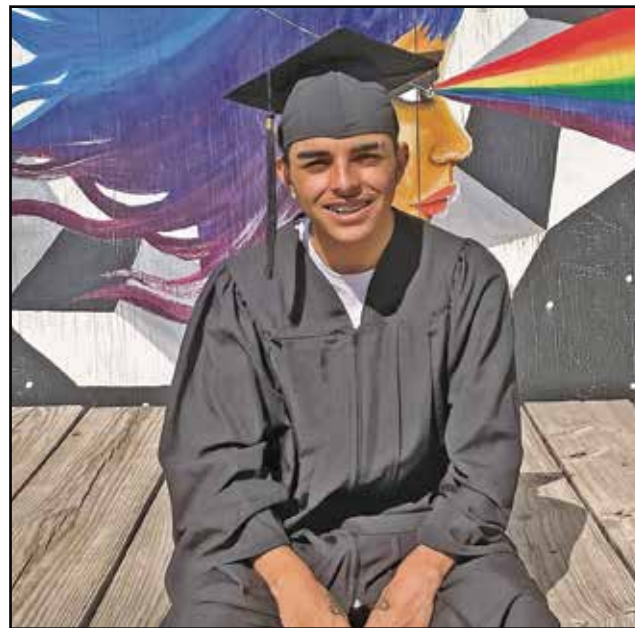
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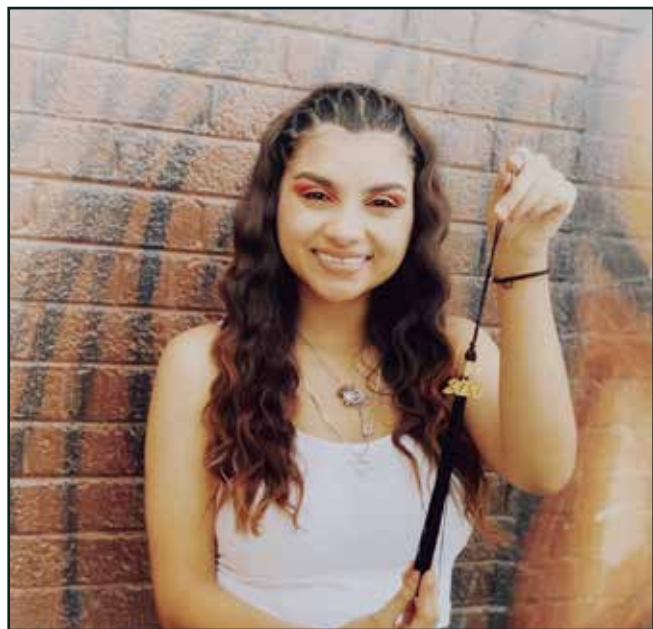
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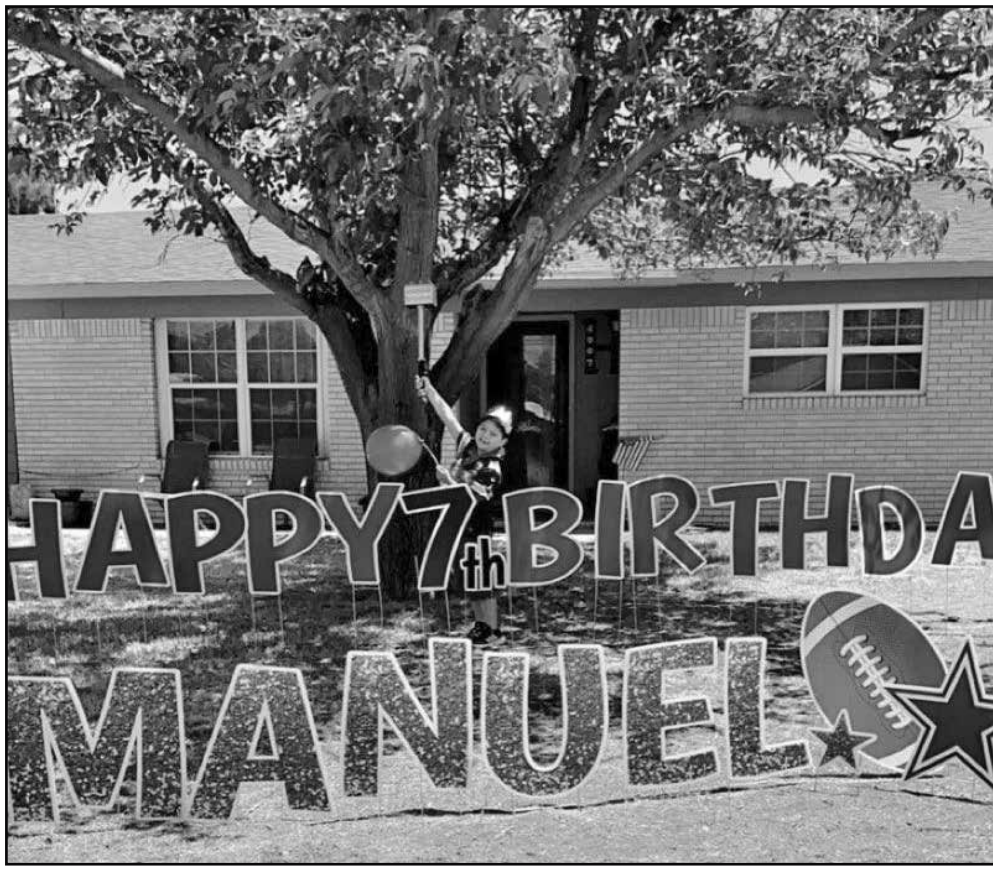
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Community: Special birthday memories during a pandemic



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While the pandemic may have thrown a few changes into birthdays, family celebrations, school and many other daily activities, it did not stop the ability to make memories. Drive-by birthday parades were a popular celebration activity for the youth in the community. Local Howard County resident, 7-year-old Manuel was one of the many who were able to make a unique birthday memory this year.



Highlighting Education TSTC Vocational Nursing student adapts to new learning environment

Special to the Herald

Virdi Crawford admitted she took a “leap of faith” when she began studying Vocational Nursing at Texas State Technical College in late 2019.

What she learned over the past five months is that she was able to adapt to a new learning environment.

“This is an experience that I will never forget,” said Crawford of finishing the spring semester from her home in Abilene. “What this made me realize is how easily I was able to adapt to a stressful situation.”

Crawford said students had to adjust to the new learning environment, but were able to stay connected through online resources.

“It was sad that we could not go to class and talk to each other. Not having the one-on-one with the instructors was also a huge adjustment,” she said. “All of this taught me to roll with the punches.”

The spring semester experience is something Crawford said she will remember after completing the program and getting a job.

“I know there will be days that are work-heavy and I will want to give up,” she said. “But what COVID-19 has taught me to analyze everything and take a deep breath. I will be able to keep going because if we can make it through this, we can make it through work.”

Crawford completed the spring semester from her home while her husband also worked from home. The couple also had to make sure their two children, ages four and seven, were active.

“It was hard to explain to my children that mom and dad needed a little time to get their work done,” she said. “We were able to do it.”

She knew other students were facing the same situation.

“A majority of my classmates are working and have children. They also had to make this adjustment,” she said.

Crawford said the Breckenridge instructors helped with the transition.

“When this first started, we did not know what was going to happen. We did not know if we would have to start the program over,” she said. “The instructors are always there fighting for us and adapted to the new learning environment. It was definitely challenging for them and for us.”

Crawford said working through the spring semester helped her realize she made the right choice to study nursing. She said that other students interested in the field should look at TSTC first.

“TSTC has so many resources available. The doors are always open for the instructors to talk to you,” she said. “Breckenridge may be a small campus, but everyone cares how you are doing.”

For more information on Texas State Technical College, go to tstc.edu.

Permian Basin UWCD announces 2020 Scholarship Recipients

STANTON - For the 7th consecutive year, the Permian Basin UWCD has offered a \$2,000 scholarship opportunity for graduating seniors from each school in the district (Grady, Forsan, Sands & Stanton).

Students are required to write a 1,000 word essay on a chosen topic regarding water conservation. This year’s topic was: Discuss the earth’s global water distribution, the natural water cycle, and how runoff helps to

replenish our aquifers.

Recipients are chosen by a 3 judge panel.

This year’s recipients are as follows:

- Forsan – Jonathon Gabehart
- Grady – Betsaida Rodriguez
- Sands – Bryce Hamlin
- Stanton – Ethan Quaid

The PBUWCD would like to congratulate this year’s recipients and thank all of the students who participated in this year’s essay scholarship contest.

Cat owners should take notice of their pet’s bathroom habits, as some problems can develop into urinary tract disease.

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

COLLEGE STATION, May 22, 2020 – Feline lower urinary tract disease (FLUTD) is a common condition in cats, encompassing many disorders that affect the animal’s bladder or urethra. To avoid FLUTD, it is important that owners keep an eye on the bathroom habits of their furry friend to ensure that they are as happy and healthy as possible.

Dr. Audrey Cook, a professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, weighs in on the symptoms, causes and treatments that owners should know about FLUTD.

FLUTD is syndrome caused by a number of different underlying disorders; therefore, the range of symptoms is broad. Abnormal urination habits, including frequent urination, blood in urine, difficult or painful urination, and frequent “accidents” outside the litterbox may be indicative of a urinary tract disease.

These symptoms may arise from inflammation of the bladder or urethra, the presence of crystals or stones in the bladder, obstruction of the urethra, and more.

“Always seek veterinary care if your cat is straining to urinate but very little or no urine is passed,” Cook said, adding that your veterinarian will likely need to conduct an evaluation to determine the exact cause.

Owners concerned about their cat’s urination habits should consult their veterinarian as soon as possible, as FLUTD may cause more severe problems if left untreated.

“Although many cats with FLUTD will improve within a few days with symptomatic care, cats with this problem can become unable to urinate,” Cook said. “This is a medical emergency and must be addressed as soon as possible.”

Treatment will vary

depending on the underlying cause but might involve medication, dietary changes, or surgical removal of stones.

Male cats are at a higher risk for urinary tract obstruction caused by FLUTD, such as a bladder stones blocking their urinary tract, because their urethras are longer and narrower than those of female cats.

Additionally, this condition has a high rate of recurrence, as some cats are more prone to urinary disorders than others.

It is best practice for cat owners to ensure their pet’s litterbox is kept clean, that there are enough litterboxes for the number of cats in the household (at least one per cat, plus one additional litterbox), and that the cats always have access to fresh water.

Appropriate environmental enrichment may also help prevent FLUTD, since occurrence is higher in cats that are sedentary or obese.

Stress may also play a role in triggering a condition called idiopathic cystitis, a sterile inflammation of the bladder, which is one of the most common causes of abnormal urination in cats.

Although FLUTD may be a stressful experience

for you and your cat, prompt and proper veterinary care can help keep your pet comfortable and happy.

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By CARRIE HARVELL

Herald Contributing Writer

Surviving cancer is not the end of a gruesome story, it is the beginning of a beautiful one.

There is not an agreement as to the correctness of the term “Cancer Survivor”. Some object to it because they feel they are living with cancer. Others say they have put cancer behind them. Still others feel being called a survivor stigmatizes them. Since there is no term better “Cancer Survivor” remains.

Wikipedia defines a cancer survivor as anyone who has been diagnosed with any kind of cancer and is still living. The minute a person is diagnosed with cancer they become a survivor.

Dealing with cancer is different for everyone. One thing everyone shares is the belief that life is different after cancer. Some common reactions that people have after being diagnosed are:

- Appreciating life more.
- More accepting of themselves
- Feeling anxious about their health
- Not sure how to cope after treatment ends

Survivorship has three phases:

- Acute- this begins at diagnosis and goes through to the end of treatment.
- Extended – this starts at the end of initial treatment and goes through the months and years of treatment.
- Permanent – when years have passed since treatment.

Last year 15.5 million people were diagnosed with cancer. The most common ones are:

breast cancer 23%, prostate 21%, colorectal 9%, cervical or ovarian 8%, and melanoma 8%. Currently the survivor rate of common cancers is 92%; 62% for survivors who were diagnosed five years ago, and 47% of survivors are age 70 or older.

Higher survivor rates have been attributed to earlier testing, also major improvements in cancer prevention and treatment. Current treatments are being used in better ways; this allows planned treatment to stay on schedule. Newer treatments such as targeted therapy and immune therapy have fewer side effects.

Everyone should be tested early for cancer since in most cases there are no symptoms. The Ameri-

can Cancer Society recommends the following:

- At age 30 women have a mammogram
- At age 21 women start having Pap Test
- At age 55 X-rays for anyone who smokes or are around heavy smokers.
- At age 50 a colonoscopy
- At age 55 men should have a prostate specific antigen (PSA).

Survivorship means living well during treatment, maintaining good nutrition and staying active. There are many types of feelings commonly experienced before, during and after treatment. When treatment ends there is less contact with health care professionals. Survivors will sometimes feel relief that treatment is over, but uncertain about the future. Some will feel fear that the cancer will return and some are told that there is a great possibility that it will return, possibly in a different area. All will experience some physical and psychological problems that need to be dealt with in different ways. Sometime relationship struggles may develop. Going back to a regular work schedule is very important not only for the finances and in some cases insurance but because a normal routine and life style is important.

While the journey of a cancer survivor can be scary, it is not one that has to be traveled alone, or at least without guidance. In Big Spring alone there are several organizations in the area to help survivors.

Many may not know, but one local business owner has been part of helping cancer patients for years, with the Wig Closet. Merle Norman, located at 1210 S Gregg, is a beauty and accessory boutique with a mission to help ladies feel better and look better from the outside in, which made the addition of the Wig Closet a perfect fit.

Owner Sherry Phillips receives donation of wigs, hats, caps and scarves. She makes these items available for free to any survivor.

“My mother had cancer years ago. There was nothing locally for her and the treatments left her feeling weak and not well enough to travel. Someone donated a wig to her,” Phillips said.

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Texas drilling permits and completions statistics for May 2020

AUSTIN — The Railroad Commission of Texas issued a total of 251 original drilling permits in May 2020 compared to 1,050 in May 2019. The May 2020 total includes 208 permits to drill new oil or gas wells, one to re-enter plugged well bores and 27 for re-completions of existing well bores.

The breakdown of well types for original drilling permits in May 2020 is 59 oil, 22 gas, 159 oil or gas, seven injection, and four other permits.

In May 2020, Commission staff processed 919 oil, 300 gas and 117

injection completions for new drills, re-entries and re-completions, compared to 735 oil, 153 gas, and 40 injection completions in May 2019.

Total well completions processed for 2020 year to date for new drills, re-entries and re-completions are 6,589 compared to 4,173 recorded during the same period in 2019.

Recent Information Technology changes are allowing the Commission to report more detailed data on drilling permits and well completions each month. The information in prior year reports

may not correlate exactly to the same results on the new report. These technological improvements provide more statistics and transparency, and the new report is available on the Commission website at:

<https://www.rrc.texas.gov/oil-gas/research-and-statistics/well-information/monthly-drilling-completion-and-plugging-summaries/>.

According to the data, there have been 122 permits to drill new oil/gas holes in the Midland area, and 388 new oil completions, and 67 new gas completions.

State Sales Tax Revenue totaled \$2.6 billion in May

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today said state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.61 billion in May, 13.2 percent less than in May 2019 and the steepest year-over-year decline since January 2010.

The majority of May sales tax revenue is based on sales made in April and remitted to the agency in May. Widespread social distancing requirements were in place across much of the state throughout April.

“Significant declines in sales tax receipts were evident in all major economic sectors, with the exception of telecommunications services,” Hegar said. “The steepest decline was in collections from oil and gas mining, as energy companies cut well drilling and completion spending following the crash in oil prices.

“The business closures and restrictions and stay-at-home orders due to the COVID-19 pandemic spurred deep drops in collections from restaurants, amusement and recreation services, and physical retail stores. These declines were offset in part by increases from big box retailers and grocery stores that remained open as essential businesses, online retailers and restaurants that could readily pivot to takeout and delivery service.

“With the easing of state and local government social distancing orders beginning in May, business activity in the sectors most affected by measures to curb the pandemic should begin to slowly recover, but operations resuming at reduced capacity will

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Association of Mature American Citizens Growing beards, graduation in COVID-19

A hairy notion

You can bet that there are a lot of men out there who are now sporting "Coronavirus Beards," says the Association of Mature American Citizens. Living in isolation for long periods of time make it easy to put you off your daily personal hygiene routine and among the first to go is shaving. Men have many other reasons for growing their beards, not the least of which is to create an adventurous he-man look. But a new study published in the journal, Integrative Organismal Biology, suggests that the reason men began growing beards in the first place was for protection. Biologists used fake heads made of epoxy composites and found that those with furry faces were able to take a punch better than the bald faced samples. They propose that "the beard may function similar to the long hair of a lion's mane, serving to protect vital areas like the throat and jaw from lethal attacks."

A really early graduation

It's graduation season and although the COVID crisis may have put a damper on the festivities that go along with this rite of passage. But, the celebration still brings a tear to the eyes of moms and dads. But the friends and family of 13-year-old Jack Rico are especially proud of their graduate, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens. No, Jack is not graduating from

grammar school. Nor is he graduating from high school. Instead, this prodigy is the youngest person to graduate from of California college. To be specific, Jack has earned four associate degrees from Fullerton College and he did it in two years. But, he's not done yet. Next stop for this fledgling teenager is the University of Nevada, which has granted him a full scholarship. What does he want to do with his life? "I'm still trying to figure it out, but I just want to focus on learning right now. That's what I love to do," says this boy wonder.

A dog's tale

Spot, the sheep herding mechanical dog, is making a name for himself for his skill and, well, his doggedness, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. This is no shaggy dog story. Spot is for real, the brain-child of Massachusetts-based, Boston Dynamics, and the New Zealand-based software company, Rocos. They got together to show off the practical capabilities of robotics. And, they succeeded in proving that robots can, indeed, easily handle complex responsibilities in a demonstration herding sheep on a New Zealand sheep farm. Someone once said that herding sheep is like herding cats-- a daunting task, at best.

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result in continued reductions in employment, income and activity subject to sales tax for months to come."

Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 57 percent of all tax collections, but the effects of the economic slowdown and low oil prices were evident in other sources of revenue in May 2020. Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes:

motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$265 million, down 38 percent from May 2019 and a modest improvement over April's results;

motor fuel taxes — \$221 million, down 30 percent from May 2019 and the steepest drop since 1989;

natural gas production tax — \$31 million, down 76 percent from May 2019;

oil production tax — \$90 million, the lowest monthly amount since July 2010, down 75 percent from May 2019 and the steepest drop since a 77 percent drop in March 1988;

hotel occupancy tax — \$8 million, down 86 percent from May 2019 and the steepest drop on record in data going back to 1982; and alcoholic beverage taxes — \$28 million, down 76 percent from May 2019 and the steepest drop on record in data going back to 1980.

The Comptroller extended the due date for franchise tax payments this year from May 15 to July 15, meaning that comparisons to May 2019 collections are uninformative. The Comptroller's office detailed other COVID-19 impacts to the Texas economy, including the skyrocketing claims for unemployment benefits, in the most recent edition of Fiscal Notes.

For details on all monthly collections, visit the Comptroller's Monthly State Revenue Watch. For an extensive history of tax policy developments and fees since 1972, visit our updated Sources of Revenue publication.

RECORDS

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Tamara Ruth Whitt, 1909 Morrison, 2526 Fairchild, Big Spring
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd., Apt. #28, Big Spring

Marriage Licenses

Zachary Ray Don Fuentes, 21, and Destiny Ruth Lashay Cox, 19, both of Big Spring.
Karl Erick Dugger, 41, and Leslie Gayle Hurst, 47, both of Odessa.
Jennings Lee Vaughn, 28, and Shayla Kay Martin, 24, both of Coahoma.

District Court Filings

Plaintiff: Howard County Et Al
Defendant: Karan Gilbert
Type of Case: Tax Cases
Date: June 2, 2020

Plaintiff: Howard County Et Al
Defendant: Mary Witkowski
Type of Case: Tax Cases
Date: June 2, 2020

Plaintiff: Howard County Et Al
Defendant: Regency Remodeling LLC
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Date: June 2, 2020

Plaintiff: Howard County Et Al

Defendant: Scott Klarer
Type of Case: Tax Cases
Date: June 2, 2020

Plaintiff: Howard County Et Al
Defendant: Edmundo Prado
Type of Case: Tax Cases
Date: June 2, 2020

Plaintiff: Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC
Defendant: Jocabed Garcia
Type of Case: Contract/Consumer/Comercial/Debt
Date: May 28, 2020

Plaintiff: Rachel Elizaeth Gee
Defendant: DaniBelle O'Shea Gee
Type of Case: Divorce – No children
Date: May 28, 2020

Plaintiff: 21st Mortgage Corporation
Defendant: Matthew D. Ybarra
Type of Case: Contract – Consumer/Commercial/Debt
Date: May 29, 2020

Plaintiff: Michael Phillips
Defendant: State of Texas
Type of Case: Writ of Habeas Corpus
Date: May 28, 2020

Plaintiff: Keith Sanchez
Defendant: State of Texas
Type of Case: Writ of Habeas Corpus
Date: June 1, 2020

Plaintiff: Eric Olivas
Defendant: State of Texas
Type of Case: Writ of Habeas Corpus
Date: June 2, 2020

Plaintiff: Ruben Alvarez
Defendant: Stephanie Galarza
Type of Case: Protective Order – No divorce
Date: June 3, 2020

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Michael Engdahl
Grantee: Anastasio Munoz and Martha Munoz
Property: Lot 1, block 47, College Heights Addition
Date: May 26, 2020

Grantor: Juan Antonio Cantu
Grantee: Santiago CAntu
Property: North 45 ft, Lot No. 10; east 35 ft of South five feet of Lot No. 10; east 35 feet of North 15 of Lot No. 9, all in block No. 16, Boydstun Addition
Date: May 26, 2020

Grantor: Dawn Michelle Moore f/k/a Dawn M. Tubb
Grantee: Mayela Cantu
Property: Being the East 70 feet of Lot No. 2, Block No. 1, Belvue Addition
Date: May 28, 2020

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Liens

Grantor: Triple Play Investments LLC
Grantee: Adan Martinez Jr. and Christina Campos
Property: Being a .5 acre tract out of part of the SW/4 of Sec. 44, block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.
Date: May 26, 2020

Grantor: Charles W. Buzbee and Marian A. Buzbee
Grantee: Abraham Medrano
Property: Tract 1: Lots 5&6, block 3 in Wrights First Addition; Tract 2: Lots 7&8, block 3 in Wrights First Addition
Date: May 5, 2020

Grantor: Kristopher Todd Hise and Ashley Renee Hise
Grantee: Henry Yzaguirre
Property: Being the W/20' of Lot No. 13; all of Lot No. 14 and the E/10' of Lot No. 15, block 10, Edwards Heights
Date: May 27, 2020

Grantor: Big Spring Realty Inc.
Grantee: Amanda M. Alvarado
Property: Being Lot 14, block 6, Douglass Addition
Date: May 28, 2020

Grantor: Big Spring Realty Inc.
Grantee: Christopher D. Arista
Property: Being Lot 27, block 2, Kentwood Unit No. 1
Date: May 29, 2020

Grantor: Roberto Martinez
Grantee: Gilberto Chavez
Property: Being Lot No. 13, block No. 8
Date: May 29, 2020

FIGHT

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One simple, kind gesture started the idea of a "wig closet." The inventory varies by the week and depends solely on donations.

"Most people stay with wigs that are close to the style and color of their normal hair," Phillips said. "We cover Howard, Glasscock and Martin counties."

For more information on donating or getting a wig, hat, cap or scarf contact Mrs. Phillips at 432-267-6161.

Another familiar name associated with the fight against cancer is Relay For Life. Relay for Life is an annual event and the American Cancer Society's signature fundraiser. Many involved with Relay will tell you that being a part of Relay for Life is a way to make a difference, if you are a survivor, a family member or care giver, donating your time, talents, money or support is vital.

Relay for Life provides funding to support cancer patients and their families with resources they need, such as free rides to treatment and doctor visits, free places to stay near hospitals and a live 24/7 help line for answers to questions and for support. It is important for survivors to register with Relay for Life as soon as they receive their diagnoses at 1-800-227-2345. This ensures that the statistics for each area stays current.

Also, survivors are available to talk with new patients, and to check up on their progress. This list is also important for invitations that are sent out for each of the Relay for Life events. The COVID19 pandemic has caused some cancellations or delays for

these events, for more information on Relay for Life contact Beverly Grant at 432-264-7599.

The human spirit is stronger than anything that can happen to it. Courage does not always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says "I'll try again tomorrow."

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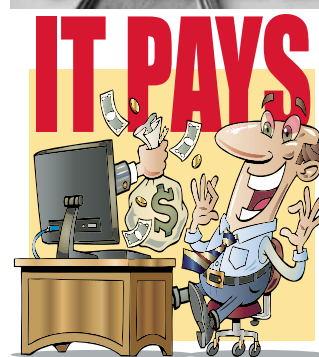
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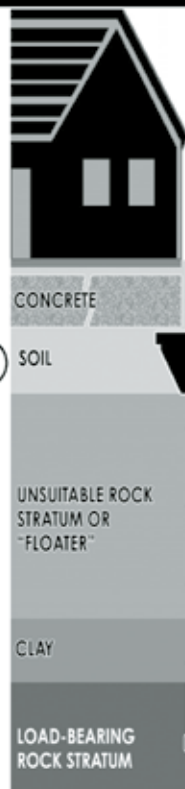
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Call 806-686-2705 to set up an appointment to review the documents.
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310 Nolan Street
Big Spring, TX 79720

Offerors must submit an acceptable Bid Security with their Bids as a guarantee that the Successful Offeror will enter into a contract for the Project with the Owner within 15 days of Notice of Award of the Contract.

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Selected Contractor will be required to pay the prevailing wage rates established for this Project in accordance with the Contract Documents and Tex. Gov't Code Chapter 2258.

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ANSWER: HURRICANES

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Find the hidden words in the puzzle.

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DEPRESSION	HURRICANE	SURGE
EYE	RAIN	TRACK
FORCE	SHELTER	WINDS
U H R H T L K N U L S E		
U A S D C E B O N N D Y		
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Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

ROTMS AHWCT

ANSWER: Storm watch

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HISTORY

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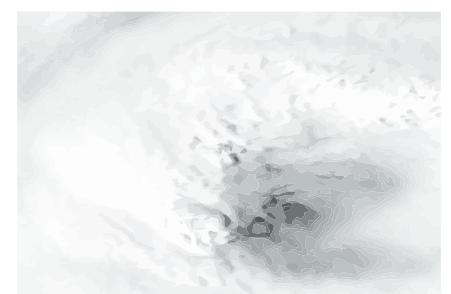
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ANSWER: HURRICANE EYE

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Heads I win, tails you lose

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ K J 7 6 3
♥ 6
♦ 7 5 3
♣ A K J 2

WEST
♠ —
♥ Q 8 7 5 4 2
♦ K Q J 6
♣ 8 5 4

EAST
♠ Q 10 4
♥ K J 9 3
♦ 10 8 2
♣ Q 10 9

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
Opening lead — king of diamonds.

The ideal goal in bridge is to establish a "heads I win, tails you lose" position.

Consider this deal played by Bruce Bell, New Zealand star. He got to four spades and ordinarily would have made the contract easily. However, since East happened to have all three missing spades and the guarded queen of clubs as well, it might seem that the contract was doomed. But Bell made his game anyway, and,

what's more, there was nothing the defenders could do to stop him.

West led the king of diamonds, which Bell allowed to hold. If West had now shifted to a club, declarer, after discovering the 3-0 trump division, could have avoided a second diamond loser by establishing dummy's fourth club.

But West led another diamond at trick two, taken by the ace, and when Bell next cashed the ace of trump, he learned that East had a trump trick coming. It looked as though the contract would now depend on winning a club finesse, but Bell found a way to make 10 tricks without the finesse.

He began by playing the ace of hearts and ruffing a heart in dummy. He then exited with a diamond, won by West with the jack.

West could do no better than return a club, taken with the ace. Bell then played the king and another trump, saddling East with the lead and rendering him helpless. East had no choice but to return a club or yield a ruff-and-discard, either of which gave South the contract.

The endplay developed by Bell was a typical "heads I win, tails you lose" position. No matter how East-West defended, Bell had a countermeasure available that would get him home safely.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.

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Guess Who?

I am an actor born in England on June 1, 1996. I attended the BRIT School for performing arts and technology. Early in my career I was on stage as Billy Elliot. However, my acting web has now grown to include a popular superhero and many other notable roles.

ANSWER: Tom Holland

SUDOKU

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

Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

ANSWER:



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<p>New Locations: Howard County</p> <p>SM Energy Company 227-40164 6301 Holiday Hill Road Midland, TX 79707-0000 Lisa Hunt, Regulatory Analyst survey (432) 848-4833</p>	<p>#1725LS Schrute "E", drill horizontal, API #42- Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, EI: NA 10.40 miles northwest of Big Spring A-574, Section 25, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell</p> <p>Total Depth: 10,200 feet X=719315, Y=254477. Datum: NAD 27 279' FSL, 1020' FEL of 803.74-acre lease 279' FSL, 1020' FEL of the survey #7SB Davis "36-5" (Allocation "G"), drill</p>	<p>7850 N. Sam Houston Pkwy West Suite 300 Houston, TX 77064-0000 (832) 333-2332</p> <p>Neutron Contractor not listed BWPD</p> <p>Yates 1936' San Andres 3508' Clear Fork 5672' Spraberry 6246' feet</p>	<p>Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, EI: 2642' GR 0.83 miles west of Vealmoor A-1563, Section 24, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey Latitude 032.519307, Longitude -101.84305 Total Depth: 6750 feet. PBTD: 6750 feet. Logs: Daily Potential: 161 Bbls 39.0 gravity oil w/ 2,973</p> <p>Pumping. GOR: 546 Spud: 8-19-19. Completed: 1-11-20. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 7040 feet w/ 540 sx. MS tool @ 4501 feet w/ 1,160 sx. 5-1/2" @ 14,282 feet w/ 1,900 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 6040</p> <p>Perfs: 7102-14,139</p>
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<p>Laredo Petroleum, Inc. horizontal, EI: NA 15 W. 6th Street, Suite 900 Tulsa, OK 74119-0000 Jessica DeMarce, Regulatory Analyst A-192, (918) 858-5264</p>	<p>#8SB Davis "36-5" (Allocation "H"), drill Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-40730 11.10 miles northeast of Big Spring Section 33, Block 31, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 9000 feet X=1075369.5, Y=6839958.2. Datum: NAD 83 69' FSL, 1079' FEL of 1,275.4-acre lease 69' FSL, 1079' FEL of the survey</p>	<p>SM Energy Company 6301 Holiday Hill Road 2565' GR Midland, TX 79707-0000 (432) 848-4833 survey</p> <p>Contractor not listed Ray (MWD)</p> <p>2,119 BWPD Yates 1796' Seven Rivers 1897' San Andres 3403' sx. Glorieta 3712' feet Clear Fork 4403' Leonard 4975' Spraberry 6327' Dean 7617'</p>	<p>#4522LS Miyagi "B", API #42-227-40018 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, re-completion, EI: 8.10 miles northwest of Big Spring A-1072, Section 4, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.</p> <p>Latitude and Longitude: NA Total Depth: 7851 feet. PBTD: NA. logs: Gamma Daily Potential: 1,560 Bbls 40.3 gravity oil w/ Gas Lift. GOR: 702 Spud: 3-14-19. Completed: 11-25-19. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 6967 feet w/ 650 sx.; MS tool @ 4504 feet w/ 930 5-1/2" @ 18,015 feet w/ 1,955 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7920</p> <p>Perfs: 8275-17,943</p>
<p>Laredo Petroleum, Inc. horizontal, EI: NA 15 W. 6th Street, Suite 900 Tulsa, OK 74119-0000 Jessica DeMarce, Regulatory Analyst A-192, (918) 858-5264</p>	<p>#8SA Davis "36-5" (Allocation "H"), drill Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-40731 11.10 miles northeast of Big Spring Section 33, Block 31, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 9000 feet X=1072320.9, Y=6839946.4. Datum: NAD 83 69' FSL, 1129' FEL of 1,275.4-acre lease 69' FSL, 1129' FEL of the survey</p>	<p>SM Energy Company 6301 Holiday Hill Road 2565' GR Midland, TX 79707-0000 (432) 848-4833 survey</p> <p>Contractor not listed Ray (MWD)</p> <p>3,662 BWPD Yates 1807' Seven Rivers 1927' San Andres 3276' sx. Glorieta 3783' feet Clear Fork 4394' Leonard 6323' Spraberry 6323'</p>	<p>#4522LS Miyagi "B", API #42-227-40019 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, re-completion, EI: 8.10 miles northwest of Big Spring A-1072, Section 4, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.</p> <p>Latitude and Longitude: NA Total Depth: 7456 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Gamma Daily Potential: 1,029 Bbls 40.3 gravity oil w/ Gas Lift. GOR: 1129 Spud: 3-12-19. Completed: 2-01-20. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 6367 feet w/ 545 sx.; MS tool @ 4525 feet w/ 965 5-1/2" @ 17,478 feet w/ 1,995 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 6686</p> <p>Perfs: 7763-17,404</p>
<p>Birch Operations, Inc. EI: NA 2 Houston Center, Suite 1400 999 Fannin Street Houston, TX 77010-0000 Leah Moon Becton, Reg. Analyst (832) 701-1776, Ext. 125</p>	<p>#3LS Monty The Aztec "42-43 C", drill horizontal, Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39952 3.40 miles southeast of Knott A-1714, Section 42, Block 33, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 8100 feet 1907' FNL, 1951' FEL of 440-acre lease 1907' FNL, 1951' FEL of the survey</p>	<p>SM Energy Company 6301 Holiday Hill Road 2565' GR Midland, TX 79707-0000 (432) 848-4833 survey</p> <p>Contractor not listed Ray (MWD)</p> <p>5,164 BWPD Yates 1809' Seven Rivers 1932' San Andres 3306' Glorieta 3653' Clear Fork 4376' Leonard 4978' Spraberry 6305' Dean 7600'</p>	<p>#4543WA Miyagi "C", API #42-227-40020 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, re-completion, EI: 8.10 miles northwest of Big Spring A-1072, Section 4, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.</p> <p>Latitude and Longitude: NA Total Depth: 7917 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Gamma Daily Potential: 1,181 Bbls 40.3 gravity oil w/ Gas Lift. GOR: 734 Spud: 3-25-19. Completed: 12-01-19. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 7110 feet w/ 685 sx. MS tool @ 4481 feet w/ 1,345 sx. 5-1/2" @ 17,974 feet w/ 1,935 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7918 feet Perfs: 8233-17,901</p>
<p>CrownQuest Operating, LLC P.O. Box 53310 Midland, TX 79710-0000 Ann Ritchie, Agent (432) 684-6381</p> <p>Datum: NAD 83</p>	<p>#13HB Monterrey Oak "F", drill horizontal, EI: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-40075 11 miles northwest of Big Spring A-387, Section 5, Block 34, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 10,500 feet Latitude 032.172626, Longitude -101.395860. 329' FNL, 266' FWL of 646.3-acre lease 320' FNL, 2380' FEL of the survey</p>	<p>SM Energy Company 6301 Holiday Hill Road 2565' GR Midland, TX 79707-0000 (432) 848-4833 survey</p> <p>Contractor not listed Ray (MWD)</p> <p>1,564 BWPD Yates 1896' Seven Rivers 2035' San Andres 3342' Glorieta 4179' Clear Fork 4585' Spraberry 6470'</p> <p>There are no New Gas Completions this week.</p>	<p>#4544WA Miyagi "D", API #42-227-40021 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, re-completion, EI: 8.10 miles northwest of Big Spring A-1072, Section 4, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.</p> <p>Latitude and Longitude: NA Total Depth: 7823 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Gamma Daily Potential: 1,512 Bbls 40.3 gravity oil w/ Gas Lift. GOR: 720 Spud: 3-16-19. Completed: 12-16-19. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 7102 feet w/ 845 sx. MS tool @ 4520 feet w/ 1,575 sx. 5-1/2" @ 17,996 feet w/ 2,230 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7899 feet Perfs: 8284-17,924</p>
<p>CrownQuest Operating, LLC P.O. Box 53310 GR Midland, TX 79710-0000 (432) 684-6381</p> <p>Contractor not listed</p> <p>Yates 1780' BWPD San Andres 3488' Glorieta 4256' Clear Fork 5046' sx. Spraberry 6338' feet Dean 7582' Wolfcamp 7694'</p>	<p>#5HA Tobosa "D", API #42-227-39788 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, EI: 2468' 8.70 miles northwest of Big Spring A-405, Section 3, Block 34, T&P RR Co. survey Latitude and Longitude: NA Total Depth: 7881 feet. PBTD: NA Logs: Radial Cement Gamma Ray/CCL Daily Potential: 787 Bbls 39.0 gravity oil w/ 1,906</p> <p>Pumping. GOR: 703 Spud: 3-27-19. Completed: 10-14-19. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 7951 feet w/ 850 sx.; MS tool @ 4461 feet w/ 600 5-1/2" @ 15,985 feet w/ 1,900 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7300</p> <p>Perfs: 8341-15,818</p>	<p>Birch Operations, Inc. 39946 2 Houston Center, Suite 1400 GR 909 Fannin Street Houston, TX 77010-0000 (832) 701-1776</p> <p>Contractor not listed</p> <p>BWPD Yates 1896' Seven Rivers 2035' San Andres 3342' Glorieta 4179' Clear Fork 4585' Spraberry 6470'</p> <p>There are no Dry Holes this week.</p>	<p>#4544WA Miyagi "D", API #42-227-40021 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, re-completion, EI: 8.10 miles northwest of Big Spring A-1072, Section 4, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.</p> <p>Latitude and Longitude: NA Total Depth: 7823 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Gamma Daily Potential: 1,512 Bbls 40.3 gravity oil w/ Gas Lift. GOR: 720 Spud: 3-16-19. Completed: 12-16-19. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 7102 feet w/ 845 sx. MS tool @ 4520 feet w/ 1,575 sx. 5-1/2" @ 17,996 feet w/ 2,230 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7899 feet Perfs: 8284-17,924</p>
<p>Birch Operations, Inc. 39955 2 Houston Center, Suite 1400 GR 909 Fannin Street Houston, TX 77010-0000 (832) 701-1776</p> <p>Contractor not listed</p> <p>1,303 BWP Yates 1891' Seven Rivers 2029' San Andres 3322' sx. Glorieta 4198' feet Clear Fork 4571' Spraberry 6453' Dean 7726' Wolfcamp 7850'</p>	<p>#5WB Monty The Aztec "42-43 E", API #42-227- Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, EI: 2538' 3.45 miles southeast of Knott A-1714, Section 42, Block 33, T&P RR Co. survey Latitude and Longitude: NA Total Depth: 8262 feet. PBTD: 8262 feet. Logs: Gamma Ray (MWD) Daily Potential: 1,091 Bbls 40.6 gravity oil w/ Pumping. GOR: 1308 Spud: 1-24-19. Completed: 12-16-19. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 7442 feet w/ 495 sx.; MS tool @ 5037 feet w/ 915 5-1/2" @ 16,901 feet w/ 2,305 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7238</p> <p>Perfs: 8974-16,755</p>	<p>Birch Operations, Inc. 39946 2 Houston Center, Suite 1400 GR 909 Fannin Street Houston, TX 77010-0000 (832) 701-1776</p> <p>Contractor not listed</p> <p>BWPD Yates 1896' Seven Rivers 2035' San Andres 3342' Glorieta 4179' Clear Fork 4585' Spraberry 6470'</p> <p>There are no New Gas Completions this week.</p>	<p>#1LS Monty The Aztec "42-43 A", API #42-227- Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, EI: 2538' 3.40 miles southeast of Knott A-1714, Section 42, Block 33, T&P RR Co. survey Latitude and Longitude: NA Total Depth: 7466 feet. PBTD: 7466 feet. Logs: Gamma Ray (MWD) Daily Potential: 793 Bbls 40.6 gravity oil w/ 2,534 Pumping. GOR: 648 Spud: 2-26-19. Completed: 12-31-19. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 6833 feet w/ 450 sx. MS tool @ 3914 feet w/ 1,145 sx. 5-1/2" @ 15,877 feet w/ 1,780 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 6560 feet Perfs: 7909-15,775</p>
<p>Diamondback E&P, LLC 500 W. Texas Ave., Suite 1200 GR Midland, TX 79701-4203 (432) 245-6033 survey</p> <p>Contractor not listed RCBL</p>	<p>#2WA Lilly "49" Unit, API #42-227-39339 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, EI: 2512' 14.40 miles northwest of Big Spring A-593, Section 49, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell</p> <p>Latitude and Longitude: NA Total Depth: 8197 feet. PBTD: 8183 feet. Log: Daily Potential: 1,272 Bbls 37.5 gravity oil w/ 833</p> <p>Pumping. GOR: 966 Spud: 2-12-18. Completed: 11-21-18. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 7580 feet w/ 1,251 sx. MS tool @ 4635 feet w/ 1,655 sx. 5-1/2" @ 19,065 feet w/ 3,390 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7588 feet Perfs: 8618-18,946</p>	<p>SM Energy Company 6301 Holiday Hill Road 2565' GR Midland, TX 79707-0000 (432) 848-4833 survey</p> <p>Contractor not listed Ray (MWD)</p> <p>5,164 BWPD Yates 1809' Seven Rivers 1932' San Andres 3306' Glorieta 3653' Clear Fork 4376' Leonard 4978' Spraberry 6305' Dean 7600'</p>	<p>#4544WA Miyagi "D", API #42-227-40021 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, re-completion, EI: 8.10 miles northwest of Big Spring A-1072, Section 4, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.</p> <p>Latitude and Longitude: NA Total Depth: 7823 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Gamma Daily Potential: 1,512 Bbls 40.3 gravity oil w/ Gas Lift. GOR: 734 Spud: 3-25-19. Completed: 12-01-19. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 7110 feet w/ 685 sx. MS tool @ 4481 feet w/ 1,345 sx. 5-1/2" @ 17,974 feet w/ 1,935 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7918 feet Perfs: 8233-17,901</p>
<p>Surge Operating, LLC</p>	<p>#1MH Williams Unit "A 24-13", API #42-227-40243</p>	<p>SM Energy Company 6301 Holiday Hill Road 2565' GR Midland, TX 79707-0000 (432) 848-4833 survey</p> <p>Contractor not listed Ray (MWD)</p> <p>5,164 BWPD Yates 1809' Seven Rivers 1932' San Andres 3306' Glorieta 3653' Clear Fork 4376' Leonard 4978' Spraberry 6305' Dean 7600'</p>	<p>#4544WA Miyagi "D", API #42-227-40021 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, re-completion, EI: 8.10 miles northwest of Big Spring A-1072, Section 4, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.</p> <p>Latitude and Longitude: NA Total Depth: 7823 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Gamma Daily Potential: 1,512 Bbls 40.3 gravity oil w/ Gas Lift. GOR: 734 Spud: 3-25-19. Completed: 12-01-19. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 7110 feet w/ 685 sx. MS tool @ 4481 feet w/ 1,345 sx. 5-1/2" @ 17,974 feet w/ 1,935 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7918 feet Perfs: 8233-17,901</p>

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