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Johan L. Neufeld, 22, of Seminole and Maria K. Peters, 20, of Stanton.

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State of Texas vs. Jesus Manuel Moncayo, driving while intoxicated.

State of Texas vs. Ernest Guzman, theft by check.

State of Texas vs. Johnathan Jon Suniga, criminal trespass.

State of Texas vs. Daniel Kelly, theft by check.

State of Texas vs. Felipe Hernandez Ortega, possession of marijuana.

Gaines County Court Action

State of Texas vs. Irene Martinez, theft by check, order of dismissal, justice might be best served.

'State of Texas vs. Angel Eduardo Contreras, revocation of probation, plea of guilty, sentenced to 30 days in Gaines County Jail.

State of Texas vs. Rolando Ramirez, driving while intoxicated, plea of guilty, sentenced to 180 days in Gaines County Jail, $500 fine, court costs, one year community supervision, 50 hours community service and must attend and complete a 15 hour DWI education program within 181 days and pay for said program.

State of Texas vs. Marcos Able Delgado, possession of marijuana, plea of guilty, sentenced to one day in Gaines County Jail, $300 fine and court costs.

State of Texas vs. Ramon Nieto Juarez, driving while intoxicated -- second offense, plea of guilty, sentenced to 180 days in Gaines County jail, $500 fine, court costs, one year community supervision and must attend and complete a 45-day DWI intervention program within 181 days and pay for said program.

State of Texas vs. Jose Alfredo Gonzales Cruz, driving while intoxicated, plea of guilty, sentenced to 180 days in Gaines County Jail, $500 fine, court costs, one year community supervision, 50 hours community service and must attend and complete a 15 hour DWI education program within 181 days and pay for said program.

State of Texas vs. Isidoro Solis Zubiate, driving while intoxicated, plea of guilty, sentenced to 180 days in Gaines County Jail, $500 fine, court costs, one year community supervision, and complete a 15 hour DWI education program within 181 days and pay for said program.

State of Texas vs. Joseph Robert Stevicks, driving while intoxicated, plea of guilty, sentenced to 180 days in Gaines County Jail, $750 fine, court costs, one year community supervision, and must attend and complete a 15 hour DWI education program within 181 days and pay for said program.

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David Kirk and Jill Kirk vs. Devon Energy Corp., suit of damages.

IMOMO: Candra Dee Gomez and Julian Gomez, suit of divorce.

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Jennifer Blanco vs. Rashaun Rijal, personal injury/auto.

IMOMO: Robbie Louise Belkings and Alonzo Belkings, suit of divorce.

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Rosemary Cortez vs. State of Texas, application for writ of habeas corpus, order dismissing request.

State of Texas vs. Luisa Martinez, six applications for writ of habeas corpus seeking bail reduction, writ granted, bond set at $12,500 for each request.

James Mickey Cochran, application for writ of habeas corpus, writ granted, PR bond set at $50,000.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Jacob Banman, suit of debt, order of dismissal.

State of Texas vs. Eric D. Foster, prohibited substance in a correctional facility, plea of guilty, sentenced to five years in Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice System, but suspended and placed on three years community supervision, $1,000 fine, $140 restitution and 250 hours of community service.

State of Texas vs. Juan Dyck Reimer, driving while intoxicated with two or more previous convictions, plea of guilty, sentenced to 10 years TDCJ, but suspended and placed on 10 years community supervision, $1,000 fine, court costs, 200 hours community service, 10 days in Gaines County Jail, interlock system to be installed. Sentence to begin in substance abuse facility.

State of Texas vs. Andrea Castillo Johnson, aggravated assault, plea of guilty, sentenced to five years deferred adjudication, $500 fine, court costs, 100 hours community service; defendant to seek a mental health evaluation and comply with recommendation.

State of Texas vs. Ruben Castro Cardoza, driving while intoxicated with two or more prior convictions, plea of guilty, sentenced to 10 years in TDCJ, but suspended and placed 10 years community supervision, $1,000 fine, 300 hours community service, interlock system with camera, two year suspension of driver's license upon completion of SAFEP.

State of Texas vs. Oscar Ceraldo Contreras, possession of marijuana, plea of guilty, sentenced to two years state jail, but suspended and placed on four years community supervision, $1,00o fine, court costs and $140 restitution to DPS, six month driver's license suspension.

State of Texas vs. Jeffresy Grado, possession of marijuana, plea of guilty, sentenced to five years deferred adjudication, $1,000 fine, court costs, 250 hours community service and $140 restitution.

State of Texas vs. Wallace Lynn Langley, possession of a controlled substance -- methamphetamine, plea of guilty, sentenced to five years TDCJ, $1,500 fine, $140 restitution to Texas DPS, court costs.

State of Texas vs. Valentin Chavez Uballe, driving while intoxicated with two or more prior convictions, plea of guilty, sentenced to six years TDCJ, $1,000 fine, court costs, two years driver's license suspension.

State of Texas vs. Sandra Gail Cobb, possession of a controlled substance -- methamphetamine, plea of guilty, sentenced to two years state jail, but suspended and placed on four years community supervision, $1,000 fine, court costs, $140 restitution to DPS and 250 hours community service.

State of Texas vs. Benjamin Louis Ortega, possession of a controlled substance -- cocaine, plea of guilty, sentenced to six years TDCJ, $1,000 fine, court costs and $140 restitution.

State of Texas vs. Shawn A. Soloman, possession of a controlled substance -- methamphetamine, plea of guilty, sentenced to two years state jail, but suspended and placed on four years community supervision, $1,000 fine, $140 restitution and 250 hours community service.

State of Texas vs. Rosemary Cortez, evading arrest/driving while intoxicated with child passenger, plea of guilty on count 1, sentenced to five years TDCJ, but suspended and placed on five years community supervision, $750 fine and 200 hours community service; plea of guilty to count 2, sentenced to two years TDCJ, but suspended and placed on five years community supervision, $750 fine, court costs, 100 hours community service; sentence to begin at CRTC, one year driver's license suspension upon release, interlock with camera to be installed in vehicle.

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Gaines Schools Earn Average FAST Ratings

AUSTIN -- Texas Comptroller Susan Combs, late last week, updated the Financial Allocation Study for Texas (FAST) with new ratings measuring academic progress and cost-effective operations in school districts and charter schools across Texas.

FAST ratings are updated annually using the most recent data from the Texas Education Agency.

The 2012 FAST ratings were assigned to 1,136 school districts and charter schools.

Based on the FAST formula, school districts and campuses receive ratings from one to five stars, in half-star increments.

A district that achieves the highest rating of five stars ranks among the top 20 percent of all Texas school districts in academic progress, while keeping expenditures among the lowest 20 percent of fiscally comparable districts.

Forty-five districts received the highest rating of five stars, according to FAST information for all Texas public school districts, campuses and charter schools.

Gaines County's three public school districts, were not among those 45 Texas districts that received the five-star rating.

According to FAST figures, Loop ISD received a RAST rating of three stars on the five star system, while Seminole ISD was rated with 2 1/2 stars and Seagraves ISD with two stars.

"This is the second annual update to our groundbreaking FAST study released in 2010," Combs said. "Educators and the public can use the FAST online tool to compare their districts with similar districts around the state using indicators ranging from dropout rates to transportation spending. This year we included some new items to help give parents and taxpayers further insight."

The new additions to the FAST website include the following:

• Information on each district's outstanding debt and annual debt service by total, amount per student and amount per district resident.

• Additional college readiness indicators by school district, including the percentage of students who pass each section of the state's college readiness standards.

The website also offers examples of "Smart Practices" used by Texas school districts to achieve greater efficiency and enhance student performance. Smart Practices can be emulated by other districts and are intended to spark new solutions to the cost of delivering a quality education.

The 2009 Texas Legislature mandated that the Comptroller create a method to fairly compare the state's diverse school districts. When comparing district and campus spending, the FAST methodology groups districts and campuses into sets of "fiscal peers" that operate in similar cost environments, including regional wages, district size and student characteristics.

News Briefs

Area Agency on Aging to Host Assistance Day

Gaines County residents 60-years of age and older, who need assistance with Medicare, Medicaid, Medicare Part D or other governmental benefits, can receive free assistance this coming Wednesday and on Wednesday, Oct. 3.

From 1 to 3 p.m., at the Seminole Senior Citizens Center, members representatives with the Area Agency on Aging will be on hand to assist local residents with governmental benefit programs.

The Seminole Senior Citizens Center is located at the intersection of N.W. 5th St. and N.W. Ave. E, just north of the Gaines Civic Building.

Appointments are available between the 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. time frame, however, walk-ins are also welcomed. Also, Spanish speaking representatives will be on hand to assist.

The program is funded by the Texas Dept. of Aging and Disability Services.

For more information about the assistance program, contact the Seminole Senior Citizens Center at (432) 758-4020 or Rynetta Williams, Benefits Counselor, at 1 800-491-4636.

The Area Agency on Aging is a division of the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission.

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