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Man shot in domestic dispute

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A Vernon man was shot in the leg on Monday morning. The incident allegedly occurred during a domestic disturbance in the 3600 block of Paradise Street.

At 10:27 a.m., Police dispatch received a call of a disturbance and possible shots fired from a residence. Police Chief Randy Agan said that upon arrival officers found a 26-year-old Asian

male had been shot below the knee with a small caliber round.

The subject was transported to Wichita Falls with a non-life-threatening injury. No one else was injured in the incident.

“A firearm and spent shell casings were recovered at the scene,” Chief Agan said.

The case is under investigation and possible charges are pending, Chief Agan added.

Girl steals car, hits police cruiser

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A 15-year-old Vernon girl was arrested Monday afternoon after she allegedly stole a car and led police on a chase, that included striking a police vehicle. The juvenile was charged with theft of a motor vehicle, over \$20,000; evading arrest; and aggravated assault on a public servant.

Vernon Police Capt. Wayne Hodges stated that at 1:10 p.m., emergency dispatch received a 911 call that a vehicle had been stolen in the 1900 block of Lamar. The vehicle owner saw the vehicle leaving and went in pursuit. Capt.

Hodges said it appeared to have been a crime of opportunity, who saw the unattended vehicle and jumped in.

Vernon police joined the pursuit at around Texas and Hillcrest.

“At one point, a patrol car was struck,” Capt. Hodges said.

He said the police car was beside the stolen vehicle when it was hit. The stolen vehicle blew a tire, and continued to flee on a bald rim, towards U.S. 287, at a slow speed before eventually coming to a stop.

No injuries were reported. The juvenile was turned over to the Juvenile Probation Office.

Covid child-victim taken suddenly

Wilbarger County near top in national vaccination rate, Family Pharmacy plans more shots

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As of Monday, 1,572 residents of Wilbarger County had received a first dose and 589 were fully vaccinated. The county's eligible population above the age of 16 is 10,374. Wilbarger County currently ranks as the 39th most vaccinated County in the United States – with a new daily covid case average of 2.2 per thousand. There have been 1,775 cases in the county, with 9 active and 47 fatalities.

Family Pharmacy is scheduled to receive 300 doses of Moderna this week and DSHS Vernon is scheduled to receive 100 doses of Moderna this week.

Family Pharmacy will distribute all of its doses on Wednesday to people that have previously pre-registered. Pharmacist Terry Spears said that last week they divided their allotment and gave

150 doses on Wednesday and 150 on Thursday.

“We quickly realized last week that we could handle 300 in one day so that is what we are going to do this week,” Spears said.

Spears said the sign-up process, and then notifying people that there has been a dose available has been time consuming, so they are changing things up when they receive their next allotment of doses, possibly next week, or the week after.

“Here's what we are going to do going forward, when we have more vaccine available, we will post it on our website,” Spears said, explaining that there will be slots, 15 minutes each. “People will be able to sign-up for one of those slots, and when that slot is full it will close. Kind of like signing up to take a class.”

Spears recommended checking the website

each day, <https://www.familypharmacyvernon.com> Click the link for the Vaccine Scheduler.

Spears said that he has seen few complications from the vaccine, and they have all been minor. “Mainly we've seen some fever, achiness, tenderness at the injection site for some. But all in all it has been good,” he said.

Also this week, Hardeman County Clinic is scheduled to receive 200 doses of Moderna this week. Foard County Clinic scheduled to receive 200 doses of Moderna this week.

TRAGIC DEATH

Vernon has been at the center on state and national news with reports of the death of a 9-year-old from Covid (see obituary on page 2).

Central Elementary 3rd grader J.J. Boatman was rushed to the emergency room on Jan. 25 after he told his mom he was hav-



J.J. Boatman

ing difficulty breathing.

“He was just running around and playing earlier that day, and by the nighttime, he was yelling and crying to his mom that he couldn't breathe. His mom went over, and his face was blue already and his lips were blue,” Gabriel Ayala, Boatman's uncle, told Fort Worth TV station KTVT.

Jason Boatman, J.J.'s

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Vernon loses phone service after AT&T line cut

Phone service in Vernon was out for several days after a contractor for another utility doing work in Vernon cut the main AT&T line in town on Thursday.

The cut affected both residential and commercial hard-line customers.

The Vernon Police Department was one of those affected -- reporting at 11:17 a.m. that they had lost 911 service.

Vernon City Manager Marty Mangum reported City Hall service was



restored Monday morning. Some customers on Monday reported receiving phone calls meant for

other local businesses as the connections appeared to still be jumbled.

There were still 35 outages

in Vernon reported Tuesday afternoon. All phone service was expected to be restored Tuesday night.

Relay for Life planning meeting set

A Relay for Life planning meeting will be held at 6 p.m., Monday, Feb. 8, at Wilbarger Auditorium to register cancer survivors and caregivers and discuss plans for the 2021 Relay for Life.

Relay for Life Survivor Dinner and Walk will be held on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at Wilbarger Auditorium. Those planning to attend the meal should RSVP by Feb. 28 to Marilyn Schoppa at

940-886-6006.

The event will include a barbecue meal by Cody's Cowpunchers which will be free to survivors and caregivers and \$5 for all others. United Supermarket will provide the cake.

There will be a guest speaker and silent auction, survivors' lap, caregivers' lap and team lap, and a luminary ceremony.

Schoppa can also be reached at schoppam1966@yahoo.com.

Free food distribution set here Saturday

Boys & Girls Clubs of Texas have partnered with Save the Children and are helping to get food to families.

The Boys & Girls Club of Vernon will be taking part by inviting families and individuals from Wilbarger County to attend a drive-up distribution featuring free fresh food boxes as part of the Farmers

to Families program.

This Saturday, Feb. 6, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. a drive up distribution of a free box packed with fresh fruits, vegetables, meat, milk and dairy products will be given out.

The distribution point will be the auditorium parking lot across from the local club.

More than 25,000 food boxes are

being distributed weekly at a variety of community pick-up points in rural communities across Kentucky, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas.

Distributions will continue through Oct. 31, with the potential for continuation based on a program extension authorized by USDA.

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NEWS POINTS

Crime Stoppers board to meet

Crime Stoppers board meeting will be held at 12 noon, Thursday, Feb. 11 in the Westerner Room of Wilbarger Auditorium.

American Legion meeting to be held

The American Legion will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 9. The meal will be at 6:30 p.m., followed by a regular meeting at 7 p.m.

Murder suspect killed in Baylor County

Chase Coats, 34, a suspect in a shooting in Lubbock was killed Friday in Baylor County as officers tried to arrest him.

DPS trooper Dan Buesing said the suspect shot at law enforcement officials, and they returned fire, killing him.

Buesing said no officers were injured but there was some property damaged.

Baylor County sheriff's deputies spotted Coats' vehicle and tried to stop him when Coats reportedly shot at them. Coats was

killed during the ensuing gun battle.

The Lubbock Sheriff's Office found Russell Coats, 56, dead inside a rural residence in Lubbock County on Friday night from gunshot wounds. An investigation discovered Russell Coats was killed by his son, Chase. The Texas Rangers are investigating

Candidate for HD68's daughter killed

A runoff date for the House District 68 seat, vacated by Drew Springer has not been set. Republicans David Spiller and Craig Carter are headed to a runoff in the special election.

This past Sunday evening, members of Craig Carter's family were killed in a fatal, hit and run car accident. Lux, Carter's four-year-old daughter, and Rose Morgan, Craig's mother-in-law died on the scene of the accident while his son, Rex, was transported to Cook Children's Hospital where he remains in critical condition. The individual who fled the

scene was later apprehended by law enforcement in Northlake.

Carter released the following statement regarding this tragic event: “This is an extremely difficult time for my family. Leigha and I are absolutely devastated at the loss of our daughter, Lux, and our mother Rose. While our faith tells us that both Lux and Rose are watching over our family from Heaven, it is no less painful knowing that we will not be able to embrace them again. We continue to pray for our son, Rex, who remains in critical condition, and ask that you continue to keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Leigha and I wish to express our deepest gratitude to those first responders who arrived on the scene and did everything possible for our family -- your efforts will always be appreciated.”

A GoFundMe page for medical expenses has been created: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-texas-rex-carter-with-medical-treatment>

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up. James 4:10

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