I spoke to Congressman Cuellar’s office today about creating a larger continuous vaccination program in Atascosa County and they hooked me up with some important folks from TDSHS (Texas Department of State Health Services). I hope to have a conference call with them next week. We desperately need an effort like this if we are to get out of this COVID mess. I know other counties and the whole state needs it too, but my concern is Atascosa County. That is what you pay me to do. We had a great clinic put on this past Tuesday by TDSHS with 550 shots administered. And it is wonderful, but we need much more. By the way, if you are over 65 or have an underlying medical condition and need a vaccination, call my office at 830-769-3093 and we will put you on a wait list and include you at the top of the next clinic we can get scheduled. We just don’t know when. We had one day’s notice to schedule the one we held on Tuesday. I also need to thank Cowboy Fellowship for providing the location. What a great public service this is by Cowboy Fellowship!

Don’t forget, if you need to apply for the new business assistance money from the new Congressional COVID funds go to https://www.sba.gov/document/sba-form-2483-ppp-first-draw-borrower-application-form.

I want to congratulate the Pleasanton Express for their award as a 100-year continuing business in Atascosa County. I cannot remember when we did not depend on the Pleasanton Express to keep us current on local “goingson.” I do remember when their masthead on the Front Page used to use the slogan, “Covers Atascosa County Like the Dew” and I ALWAYS thought that was “cool country” for a smalltown south Texas newspaper. Especially for one that claims to be the “Birthplace of the Cowboy.”

Be safe and hang on. The end of COVID is coming, but we need your help. Thanks for listening.