The public is invited to attend a TOWN HALL meeting held by Congressional Steve Pearce beginning at 9 a.m. Aug. 5 at the Western Heritage Cowboy Museum, 1 20th Street, Circle, in Hobbs.

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Price Change

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Man arrested for allegedly spending $1,300 on stolen debit card

**CHRISTIAN BETANCOURT**

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The victim, a man from Eunice, reported that his debit card was stolen while he was in a local retail store. The victim stated that he noticed the card was missing while he was purchasing a new pair of shoes.

Detectives on July 23 in the personal and business services industries.

Rafferty, however, said he has learned from the experience.

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Eunice has already started discussing the possible issues and challenges facing the city for the upcoming year.

The city council and city staff have been working on identifying the key issues and challenges facing the city. These issues include:

- **Economic Development**
  - The city is working on attracting new businesses to the area.
  - The city is looking at ways to increase tourism.

- **Transportation**
  - The city is working on improving its transportation system.
  - The city is looking at ways to improve its roads and sidewalks.

- **Infrastructure**
  - The city is working on improving its infrastructure.
  - The city is looking at ways to improve its water and sewer systems.

- **Safety**
  - The city is working on improving its safety.
  - The city is looking at ways to improve its police and fire services.

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I don’t believe that it is the program itself,” Hayes said. “I think it is the way we have marketed and presented the program and we feel that it is a strong program.”

Hayes said because of his experience in the medical field, he believes that he can help others.

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