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County OKs hazard pay

By Irene Van Winkle
West Kerr Current

Hazardous duty pay and the new Public Defender's Office dominated talks Tuesday morning at the Kerr County Commissioners Court meeting, and word came of the annual hazardous waste collection coming up.

Commenting before the meeting, while all court members noted they had had some good rain recently, Pct. 4 Commissioner Don Harris was the only one reluctant to lift the burn ban in Precinct 4. Stating that although Hunt had two inches of rain, he said, "In Precinct 4, it's a little different. I rely on all four fire chiefs, and they weren't quite ready. People should know that even if it was ideal in Hunt to burn, a few hills away, it was not."

County Judge Rob Kelly gave an update on the Capital Improvements Committee, noting that the two-story 550 Earl Garrett site that will house the Public Defender's Office needs much work to comply with ADA (handicapped) regulations, including the installation of an elevator and other remodeling. Regarding the Ingram offices, Kelly added that the court does not want to shut the West Kerr County annex and will try to negotiate with the property owner, or find an alternate location.

He said some people have expressed interest in purchasing available county property such as the maintenance department location, which is expensive.

"If we were to sell it, it would offset a lot of expenses," he said, and that the animal control facility, which needed more room, might also be sold. There also is property on Ranchero Road the county might sell.

The court revisited the issue of hazardous duty pay for certain employees, noting that sheriff's and jail personnel, as law enforcement, were eligible to receive extra hazardous pay as discussed earlier, up to \$5 an hour. However, constables, just like other elected officials, were not eligible to receive it.

The revised policy, he said, "is our best recommendation."

In order to receive Corona virus relief funds, the county's pay policy included a list of conditions. To be eligible for hazardous pay, individuals must work in public safety (such as law enforcement), public health and human services in certain capacities.

One condition notes that the duties must be "above and beyond regular duties due to Covid-19."

Another said that such pay "is only applicable for the time frame in which the job being performed is substantially dedicated to Covid-19 related duties."

"They must have a causal connection to Covid," Kelly said.

The phrase was modified to include having direct exposure to the virus and responding to a health emergency.

Kerr County must also keep files with supporting documentation showing the hazardous duty or physical hardship for each employee

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Photo by Graham Winchester/Blue Moon Studio

Leaping buck

Graham Winchester of Blue Moon Studio in Hunt captured this striking image of a deer leaping over a fence between two American flags at sunrise last Monday morning in Hunt.

Rio 10 theaters reopening

By Irene Van Winkle
West Kerr Current

After nearly six long months, Rio 10 Cinema in Kerrville finally opened its doors in late August, and has announced plans to continue ramping up its offerings.

Sid Hall, president of Rio Entertainment in Beeville, Texas, told the West Kerr Current, "Covid had us on lockdown for almost six months, since we closed March 18. For two months, we were not allowed to open at all, and then on May 1, they said we could."

"However, the restrictions were too onerous and we knew we couldn't make any money. So we waited until things got a little better, and in June, the restrictions were not



Photo by Irene Van Winkle

Rio 10 Theater in Kerrville recently opened to the public for limited film screenings. This Friday, it will add more films to its roster and will operate seven days a week. Vendors will have snacks. Covid-19 virus safety rules will apply and everyone will be required to wear a mask.

as tight," he said. Although they thought the time to reopen might be getting nearer, part of the problem was that Hollywood studios did not have many films available to distribute.

"They were shut down, or just went to streaming services

and held off their releases," Hall said. Eventually, some content began to come through.

On Friday afternoon, Aug. 28, Rio 10 opened its doors with a few films, playing at limited times three days a week, as patrons began to

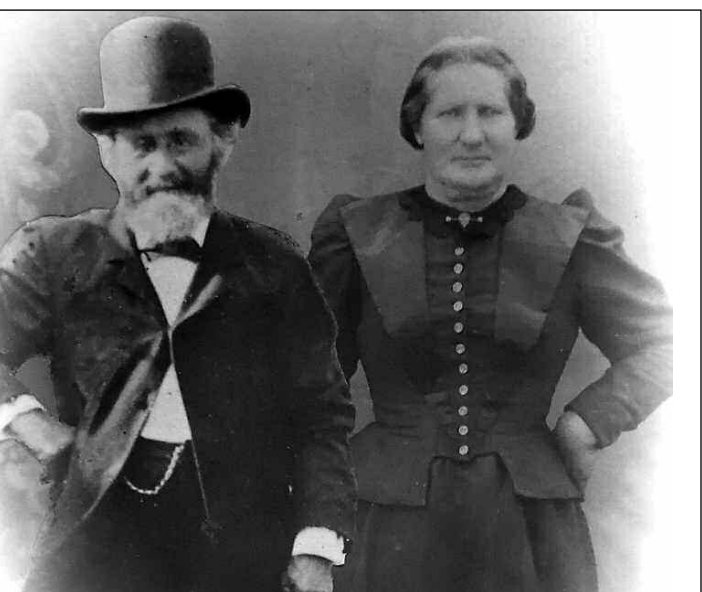
trickle in. They repeated the schedule during the Labor Day weekend.

"There were only 390 theaters opened out of 4,400 nationwide," Hall said.

Now, more are opening,

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Brandenbergers built stable life with constant endeavor



Two immigrants, Gottlieb Brandenberger (1825-1899) of Switzerland, at left, and Maria Bierschwale (1835-1913), an orphan from Germany, wed and settled in the Hill Country hamlet of Hilda, formerly called Beaver Creek, near Mason, Texas. They survived many hardships and left a substantial legacy for their large family.

EDITOR'S NOTE — This is the 510th of a series of articles marking Kerr County's 2006 sesquicentennial.

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West Kerr Current

Life in the undeveloped pioneer Texas Hill Country was a mixed blessing for many settlers, and their circumstances started out uncertain at best.

The tiny town of Hilda — formerly known as Beaver Creek — is no longer a community, but it thrived for a number of years. It is a short drive from the town of Mason.

Its early residents include the Brandenberger family, whose immigrant ancestors wove themselves into the fabric of the Hill Country, marrying into some of its early notable families.

Kenneth Brandenberger is one of four brothers born to Herman Dayton and Nila

Bode Brandenberger. He and his wife, Pat (who has eminent ancestry as well), live near Llano but they consider Hilda as the family root.

Kenneth's early Texas ancestor, Rudolph "Gottlieb" Brandenberger (1825-1899), was born in Bern, Switzerland, and is listed by profession as a saddler. His father, Heinrich, was first married to Elizabeth Rieben, but his second wife, Catherine (1791-1861), was Gottlieb's mother.

An early history of the family noted they had settled in Zug, Switzerland in 1435, with three branches there by the 16th Century. They were occupied as aldermen, craftsmen of all kinds, musicians, historians, professors and senators.

There were very early Brandenbergers in Germany in the 13th Century. In fact, a footnote states that a Ludwig von Brandenberger wrote the peace treaty between Austria and the Swiss in 1353.

Family lore states that a Jakob Brandenberger and his brother Heinrich, who lived in Canton Zurich, had their

names painted on seats 7 and 8 in the church of Wildberg.

The family coat of arms is "inside a golden border in red, a silver rose on a natural three-leaf stem; on the helmet with red cover, the silver rose-branch between two golden bull horns."

Centuries later, along came Gottlieb, who had five siblings: Johannes, Jacob, Maria, Anna and Friedrich "Fritz" (1823-1897). Gottlieb sailed on a ship to the United States, landing in New Orleans in 1848. He went to Evansville, Ind. where apparently some of his kin had relocated, but then he and brother Fritz decided to seek their fortunes in California during the heyday of the famous gold rush. This venture, which did not prove successful, however turned into a money maker when the brothers began selling hogs to the prospectors.

The brothers left California in 1852, and split up for a time. Fritz returned to Evansville, where he married Ursula

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Ingram police report



Sunday, August 30

4 a.m. — A business alarm was activated in the 200 block of Carolyn St. Everything was secure.

5:40 p.m. — An officer observed a man trying to jump into traffic in the 2900 block of Junction Hwy. The man was arrested for public intoxication.

8:18 p.m. — A verbal disturbance over child custody issues was reported in the 200 block of Washington St. There was not an offense and the people involved separated.

Monday, August 31

9:51 a.m. — An alarm was activated in the 100 block of Sandalwood.

1:45 p.m. — An officer assisted the Kerrville Police Department in looking for a black Ford F-350 in the 1100 block of Junction Hwy. The truck was not located.

5:04 p.m. — An issue between a tenant and landlord was reported in the 100 block of Dieringer St. The tenant wanted more time to vacate the property. The person was advised that it was a civil issue and to contact the Police Department if the

landlord returned and was disruptive.

Tuesday, September 1

4:12 p.m. — An officer investigated suspicious activity at the middle school. There was not any criminal activity.

Wednesday, September 2

1:07 a.m. — An officer noticed an unoccupied car parked in the 100 block of Point Theatre Rd. The officer patrolled the area and didn't find any criminal activity or locate the owner.

7:56 a.m. — An officer noticed a disabled car on the roadway in the 100 block of Hwy. 39 and assisted the driver with pushing it to a nearby parking lot.

9:48 a.m. — A officer assisted with traffic control at a major traffic accident in the 2200 block of Goat Creek Rd.

No time — A Child Protective Services referral was received at the Police Department.

West Kerr Community Calendar

Friday, September 11

Warrior football — Vs. Harper, here; 7:30 p.m.
Lady Warrior volleyball — vs. Gateway, there; F-JVV, 5,6:15

Saturday, September 12

Texas Gun & Knife Show — Vendors and food, Hill Country Youth Event Center, Saturday 9-5, Sunday 10-4.

Monday, September 14

Salvation Army Open Golf Tournament — Not too late to play as a team or individual or to sponsor. Benefits the Boys & Girls Club of Kerrville; Contact Molly Putnam, 315-5759 or molly.putnam@uss.salvationarmy.org; Riverhill Country Club, check-in at 11:30 a.m., shotgun at 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 15

Lady Warrior volleyball — vs. Bandera, there; F-JVV, 5,6:15

Thursday, September 17

Public Forum for Kerrville City Council candidates — Sponsored by the Kerr County Patriots; questions from the public will be allowed, Dietert Senior Center, 6-8 p.m.

Friday, September 18

Warrior football — vs. Center Point, there; 7:30 p.m.
Lady Warrior volleyball — vs. Wimberley, here; F-JVV, 4:30,5:30

Tuesday, September 22

Lady Warrior volleyball — Bye

West Kerr Weather

Rainfall

Source: Ingram observer for National Weather Service. Observations taken 8 a.m. to 8 a.m. at HCYR.

Tuesday, September 1 - Tuesday, September 8

Tuesday 9/1	0.00 in.	Saturday 9/5	0.21 in.
Wednesday 9/2	0.04 in.	Sunday 9/6	0.14 in.
Thursday 9/3	Trace	Monday 9/7	0.00 in.
Friday 9/4	0.32 in.	Tuesday 9/8	Trace
September 2020	0.71 in.	Total for 2014	19.12 in.
Total for 2020(to date)	21.98 in.	Total for 2013	24.75 in.
Total for 2019	27.66 in.	Total for 2012	22.73 in.
Total for 2018	37.40 in.	Total for 2011	11.63 in.
Total for 2017	24.85 in.	Total for 2010	27.24 in.
Total for 2016	36.04 in.	Avg. annual rainfall	31.65 in.
Total for 2015	37.27 in.		

Burn ban in effect in Pct. 4; lifted in Pcts. 1, 2, 3



Since conditions change frequently, for latest updates call Pct. 4 Commissioner Don Harris at 792-2215 or the sheriff's office at 896-1216. The Burn Ban Hotline is 315-BURN (2876).

Everything was secure.

3:15 p.m. — A report was made that a man and woman were involved in a disturbance at the Yogi Bear RV Park and had left the scene. The two were located at A&A Tire and given a courtesy ride by KPD.

4:47 p.m. — A report was made that a reckless driver was hitting cars and attempt-

ing to hit pedestrians in the 100 block of Blue Ridge. The Kerr County Sheriff's Office detained the person.

5:18 p.m. — A business alarm was activated in the 3300 block of Junction Hwy. Everything was secure.

10:03 p.m. — A report of threats was made in the 600 block of Main St.

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Thursday, September 3

9:34 p.m. — A woman in the 200 block of Old Ingram Loop reported that a woman was trying to open her front door. An officer located the woman and assisted her back to her Air BNB which was nearby.

Friday, September 4

12:23 a.m. — An officer observed a woman in the 100 block of Old Ingram Loop who was about to drive away from her residence while intoxicated. The officer knew she was intoxicated because he had dealt with her hours earlier. The woman was arrested for public intoxication. During the arrest she attempted to run away and was apprehended and taken to jail.

1:30 p.m. — A report was made that a mother picking

her kids up from the elementary school was being disruptive.

No time — An open 911 line in the 200 block of Stablewood Springs Rd. turned out to be an accidental dial.

10:40 p.m. — A disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Ingram Hills Rd.

Saturday, September 5

10:30 a.m. — An open 911 line in the 100 block of Mineola St. turned out to be an accidental dial.

2:38 p.m. — A business alarm was activated in the 200 block of Carolyn St.

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Alarms

9-2-20, 9:02 a.m., motor vehicle accident, 2211 Goat Creek Rd.

9-3-20, 12:30 a.m., landing zone for medical helicopter, Ingram Heli-pad.

9-6-20, 1:57 p.m., burn ban violation, 700 block of Hwy. 39.

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Crider's champions

End of season rodeo winners from Crider's Rodeo and Dancehall in Hunt received buckles Saturday night. Pictured from left, are Barrel Racing Champion Morgan Derby, rodeo producer Rusty Bruinsma, Tim Sheets and Megan Bruinsma, rodeo co-producer. Other winners were Jayden Doss, junior bullriding champion; Kinlee Jeffers, mutton busting champion; Logan Webb, bullfighter appreciation and Torque Hamilton, mini bullriding champion. Not pictured are Team Roping Champions Tristan Sivells, header, and Todd Hooker, heeler.



Courtesy photos

Ingram ISD Staff Members of Year

Ingram Independent School District has named its staff members of the year. At left is Kenneth Mulkey, Ingram Tom Moore High School coach and teacher. At right is Etta Blankenship, ITM campus secretary, the Support Staff Member of the Year.

VA encouraging veterans to obtain flu vaccinations

South Texas Veterans Health Care System is encouraging enrolled veterans to obtain their influenza vaccinations at VA facilities cross South Texas.

An annual flu vaccine is recommended for the following groups of veterans: (1) persons at high risk for flu-related complications including persons aged 50 years old and greater, (2) persons of any age with chronic medical illnesses, such as asthma, diabetes, or heart disease and (3) persons who live with or care for persons at high risk; (4) anyone who lives in community living centers (nursing homes), (5) women who will be pregnant during the flu season.

Influenza vaccine is also recommended for anyone else who wants to reduce their chances of getting influenza.

Enrolled veterans may obtain their influenza vac-

ination at any of the following drive-through locations listed below. No appointment necessary; ID cards and face masks required.

Locally, vaccinations will be available at the Kerrville VA Medical Center, 3600 Memorial Blvd., Kerrville, Sept. 8-Oct. 29, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

They also are available at Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans Hospital and VA clinics across South Texas.

Beginning Sept. 1, enrolled Veterans with VA healthcare can choose from more than 60,000 community locations to obtain their no-cost flu shot. Veterans may visit www.va.gov/communitycare/flushot.asp to find a current in-network location. Veterans must present their government-issued ID to receive a no-cost flu shot at an in-network location.



Photo by Mary Bradley

Addition coming

From left, Stephanie Miller, owner of Perfect Surroundings, local resident Blythe Thomas, and Maurine Dickey, visiting from Dallas and owner of Dickey's Barbecue Pit, enjoy the storewide sale at Perfect Surroundings. Patrons received up to 75 percent savings over a three-day sale. Located on Old Ingram Loop, Miller is making room for something new on Old Ingram Loop. Perfect Surroundings, a boutique, and the Wishing Well, a B&B, will soon be adding a welcome addition to the mix.

Death notices

On Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2020, **Florence Hutcherson**, of Kerrville, loving wife and mother, passed away unexpectedly but peacefully at the age of 86 with her husband R.W. by her side. Funeral arrangements are by Grimes Funeral Chapels.

Virginia DeLeon, 71, of Kerrville, Texas passed from this life on Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2020 in San Antonio. Funeral arrangements are by Kerrville Funeral Home.

Tariton Edwin "Speedy" Switzer, 73, of Mountain Home, Texas passed from this life on Sept. 2, 2020 at a local hospital. Funeral arrangements are by Kerrville Funeral Home.

Clara Ayala Cantu, 83, of Kerrville, passed from this life on Sept. 2, 2020 at her residence. Funeral arrangements are by Kerrville Funeral Home.

Vera Held, 88, of Kerrville,

Texas passed from this life on Sept. 5, 2020 in Kerrville. Funeral arrangements are by Kerrville Funeral Home.

Patricia Ruth Scheirton, age 80, of Kerrville, passed away Sunday, Sept. 6, 2020 in a local hospital. Funeral arrangements are by Grimes Funeral Chapels.

William Russell Wilson, age 59, of Kerrville, passed away Sunday, Sept. 6, 2020 in a local hospital. Funeral arrangements are by Grimes Funeral Chapels.

Max Dunks, age 85, of Kerrville, passed away Monday, Sept. 7, 2020 at his residence. Funeral arrangements are by Grimes Funeral Chapels.

Donna Kay Lenard, age 59, of Kerrville, passed away Monday, Sept. 7, 2020 at her residence. Funeral arrangements are by Grimes Funeral Chapels.



Upper Guadalupe River Authority Weekly News

Irrigation Practices Talk and EduScape Tour

Join us for a webinar on September 15th at 1 p.m. to hear from Travis Pflughaupt of Beyond Irrigation. Travis is a licensed landscape irrigator and will discuss irrigation best management practices essential to preserve water supplies and protect water quality. The presentation is free of charge and a virtual tour of the UGRA EduScape will follow the talk. This award-winning demonstration garden features over 1,000 native and adapted plants, rain gardens, rainwater collection and pervious walkways.

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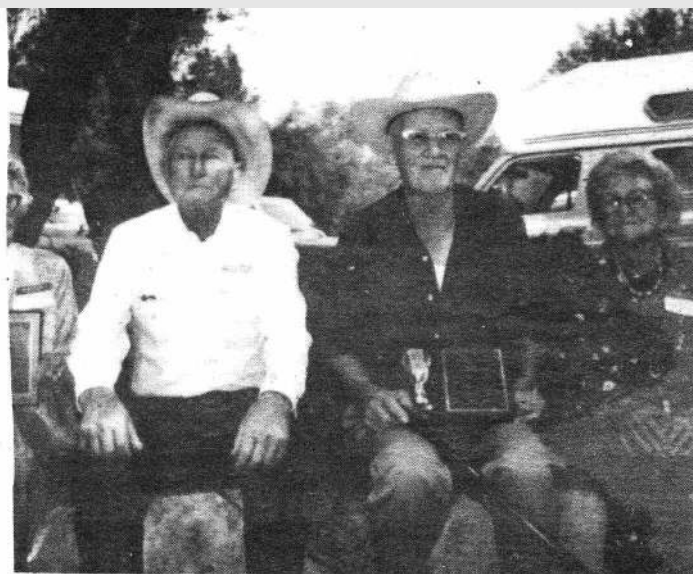
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September 2, 1982

Tax rolls finally approved; Ingram tax rate increase predicted

The Central Appraisal District Board of Review certified the 1982 tax rolls Monday morning thereby easing the minds of several taxing entities concerned over the delay produced by the lengthy citizens' protest hearings, and by challenges from the Ingram Independent School District and the Kerrville School District.

Chief Appraiser Doris Smith told Ingram assessor-collector Ann Stapp that the computer print-out rolls would be available to the taxing units in two weeks. Stapp's office will then begin the process of calculating the 1982 effective tax rate.

Mrs. Stapp filed a petition of challenge giving her the right to protest any inequitable Ingram parcels whose values had not been disputed by the property owner. Last Friday her questioning induced the board of review to grant the addition of some \$56,000 in personal property to the VIA cable assessment. The board did not act on Stapp's other objections concerning the personal property values for the Shelton ranch near Mountain Home nor Ingram State Bank. These were put



Oldtimers attending the Hunt School Reunion were Loyd Merritt, 89, who attended an area school Grapecreek on the North Fork and Aubry Taylor, 85, of Hunt School and Audrey Crider, 86, who attended Pebble School on the South Fork.

on the review board's agenda for future consideration.

Ingram property values which were raised for 1982, but which have been contested, will be rolled back to the 1981 values. The review board has assigned these specific parcels for a re-examination before the 1983 appraisal.

Stapp is still unsatisfied with this most recent review board maneuver because "the inequities still remain."

Although Ingram's 1982 approved school budget was figured using the 1981 actual tax collection of \$435,520, Mrs. Stapp predicts that the present effective tax rate of 69 cents per \$100 will go up.

Mrs. Stapp explained that because the amount of col-

lections in 1981 included delinquent taxes from 1979 and 1980, and because of the large number of agricultural exemptions granted this year, she believes the district effective tax rate will have to rise to meet the budget demands. Stapp ventured to say her informal estimates would put the new effective rate at 73 cents per \$100.

Ingram school trustee Fred Eubanks has estimated that the new effective tax rate could go as high as 79 cents per \$100. It was upon this probability that the tax rate would increase that Eubanks and fellow board members Edith Fuhn and Jake Stephens based their opposing votes against the 1982 school budget.

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King Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Place for pampering
- 4 Bedouins
- 9 Gasoline stat
- 12 Samovar
- 13 Actress Zellweger
- 14 A billion years
- 15 Update
- 17 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)
- 18 Young fellow
- 19 Shun
- 21 Feast alternative
- 24 — land (spaced-out site)
- 25 Eggs
- 26 Attempt
- 28 Paul or Lloyd of baseball lore
- 31 Gear teeth
- 33 Collection
- 35 Go off the board
- 36 Central
- 38 Turf
- 40 Londoner's last letter
- 41 Reverberate
- 43 Hourglasses, e.g.
- 45 Common condiment (Var.)
- 47 Historic period
- 48 Boxing legend
- 49 Spellbind

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- 54 Namely (Abbr.)
- 55 Cook with radiant heat
- 56 Cacophony
- 57 Chowd down
- 58 Impudent
- 59 Choose
- 9 Replace personnel with robots
- 10 Pontiff
- 11 Chew like chipmunks
- 16 Inventor Whitney
- 20 Dressed
- 21 Central points
- 22 Shakes-peare's river
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- 27 Indeed
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- 34 Re clan emblems
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- 42 "The Phantom of the —"
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- 51 Altar affirmative
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- 2 In favor of
- 3 Moreover
- 4 Extreme
- 5 Furnishes
- 6 Blackbird
- 7 Gem facet
- 8 Playground fixture

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Golf tournament Saturday benefits Dementia Care

Due to Covid-19, the Dietert Center will continue to be closed to the general public until further notice. We will still continue to service our Meals on Wheels clients, Personal Alert Link units, Call Reassurance and our Medical Lending program.


We have started a few classes and activities and the reception has been great. My feeling of gratitude this week is for the sweet, caring, loving participants who have weathered this storm with us so graciously.

Unfortunately, some classes are not starting yet, but you can still sign up, cross your fingers, and we will let you know if they are a go or on hold for a little while longer.

Social distancing is required for all activities and classes. Give us a call at 792-4044 for more information or sign up online at www.dietertcenter.org or www.clubed.net.

Our "Round to Remember" Golf Tournament is this weekend ... Saturday the 12th to be exact. We will be at

Dietert Center



Brenda Thompson

Riverhill Country Club and we hope to see you there. Thank you Schreiner University for sponsoring a great box lunch to get the players started and our Beverage Cart sponsors, Republic Services and Embrace Hospice for making sure your cold beverages are available as well. Special thanks to Matt and Jennifer at Riverhill for helping us provide a great tournament.

We have sponsorship opportunities still available and room for individual players or teams of four as well. If you are a golfer, don't stay cooped up right now as we will be following CDC guidelines and some fresh air will do everybody some good. I'll report next week on all the fun.

This tournament benefits our Dementia Care

Advocates program which provides much needed educational trainings and support groups for those experiencing cognitive changes along with their loved ones and caregivers.

Our program coordinator, Peggy Pilkenton, RN provides the curriculum and facilitates the small group classes so that everyone can have a better understanding of what dementia is.

So many lives are affected by a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or other related dementias. The more we learn, the better prepared we are to cope personally or lend a hand and heart of support to another.

The Dietert Center is committed to making sure that these classes and support groups continue, especially during this pandemic. It is needed now, more than ever.

If you would like to support the tournament or our Dementia Care Advocates program by sponsorship or contribution, please check out the event information on our website

www.dietertcenter.org or give

Tara LaMontia a call at 792-4044 Ext. 240. Help us keep this wonderful program going strong so that we are able to continue supporting those in our community who are living through this difficult chapter of life.

Our drive-thru Friendship Café has been going great the past couple of weeks. We will continue to offer this service until we are able to open up our dining room. If you are 60 years or older, stop by Monday-Friday 11:30-12:30 to pick up a meal. If you

have paperwork already completed or wish to complete it for us, the meal is free. A donation is always graciously accepted as well. If you don't have time to complete the paperwork, the meal is \$8.

The menu for next week is: Wednesday-Country Fried Steak, Thursday-Shepherd's Pie, Friday-Stuffed Bell Pepper Casserole, Monday-Peppered Beef Tips, and Tuesday-Citrus Baked Chicken. Yum yum!

about our Personal Alert Link program, Medical Lending needs or the Call Reassurance program, just give us a call.

If you, or someone you know (age 60-plus) needs meals delivered, please call Bethanie Miller, MOW coordinator at 896-8117 for more information. The personal contact from our MOW volunteers is an added plus to the great food.

Please call us at 792-4044 if you have any questions or need additional information.

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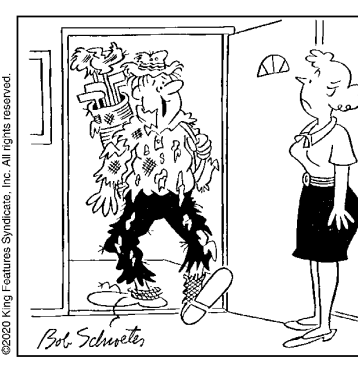
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Wedding redux

As weddings fell victim to the corona virus, **Laura and Bill Greenwood** had to cancel their daughter's wedding originally scheduled for April 18.

Leeann Greenwood and Spencer Radcliffe, son of **JoAnn and Randy Radcliffe**, went to the courthouse in Houston to wed in March.

Leeann, who has been a bridesmaid in 16 weddings, was determined to have her moment in the dress. The couple planned a party with a vow renewal for Sept. 5 at **Blackhawk Country Club** in **Sugarland, Texas**. Just family and the bridal party. The happy couple will reside in their native Houston.

Katherine Kelley, daughter of **Nancy and Jay Kelley**, is scheduled to wed in Houston in October. To stick with their date, they have made major modifications to plans. When the venue guidelines call for a smaller affair, the answer becomes easier — just family and the bridal party. **Katherine** and her fiancé, **Austin Jackson**, flew in last weekend from San Diego to get their Texas license to wed at the Kerr County offices, with **Katherine** in her custom boots for the wedding. **Nancy Kelley** said, "The Kerr County marriage license is a work of art and Terry Raney at the courthouse was a delight to meet with."

A wedding taking place today commands many accommodations that couples and their wedding planners would not have imagined only six months ago. For a smaller wedding, the beauty will be in the details. Expect to see more intimate weddings, smaller guest lists more formal seated dinners focusing on toasts and special



Photo by Karen Taylor

Guadalupe Ranch Estates workers work in the Texas Department of Transportation **Adopt-a-Highway** program, from left, **Jeff Marth, Linda Parks, Gerry Wolf, Phillip Czar, Jerry Kolath, Diana Czar, Marvin**

Gohlke, Becky Wolf, Park Smith (behind Becky), LouAnne Smith, Michele Hoelscher, Bob Taylor, Alec Hoelscher. Not pictured: **Karen Taylor (photographer), Jeanne and Larry Aertker.**

West Kerr Whispers

Denise Cartwright

dances. Even toasts have changed to pre-poured champagne with glass covers or champagne splits with a wrapped straw. There are two rescheduled weddings in Hunt the first weekend of October.

West Kerr pride for **Philip Stacy** who was appointed as a new board member for **Habitat for Humanity Texas**. Philip serves as the executive director for **Kerr County Habitat for Humanity**. Stacy taught in Kerrville schools for 10 years before beginning a career in banking in 1999. He served as senior vice-president for **Union State Bank** and **Guadalupe National Bank** before joining Habitat for Humanity in 2015. As a 2001 graduate of the Kerr County Leadership program, Philip stays involved with our community. Philip Stacy will join 11 other board members from across the state.

Cheers to **Jason Robinett**, who celebrates 25 years of employment at **General Rental Center** in **Ingram**. **Owner Courtney McDonald** says Jason started there when he was 18. When asked how they celebrated,



Hey Beloved Photography

Leeann Greenwood wed **Spencer Radcliffe** at **Blackhawk Country Club** in **Sugarland, Texas**.

she replied, "We had lots of food and customers coming by the shop."

Citizens Work Together to Battle Litter

Residents of **Guadalupe Ranch Estates** met to pick up trash on the stretch of 1340 from Mo-Ranch to Wagon Wheel Crossing. **Karen Taylor, president of the Guadalupe Ranch Estates HOA**, says this, "As president of GRE, I am always proud of the time our community spends keeping

our part of 1340 clean. The **Texas Department of Transportation Adopt-a-Highway** program had been put on hold since March when the Corona virus hit. They have just recently reopened and GRE residents were anxious to get into action."

Gerry Wolf reports, "We

collected about 24 bags of trash, part of a tire and part of a grill. We were able to accomplish the clean up in a little under two hours with all the help. We coordinated with the restart of the **TxDot Adopt-A-Highway** program. They provide the big trash bags and safety vests for the event, and will do the trash

pick-up early next week.

Currently, in **West Kerr County**, all highways have been adopted except one stretch along **Hwy. 27**. With our summer season winding down, there is so much trash to pick up along our highways. Citizens give of their time to keep our community looking so pristine and inviting. The sense of accomplishment and civic pride keeps volunteers coming back to help. Notice the blue signs and who adopted in your area to be a volunteer.

Seen in town for Labor Day — **Lisa and David Stone, Laura and Bruce Crawford, Catherine and Richard Zdunckewicz, Julie and Casey Doherty, Paul Golibart, Jennifer Bowen, Allie and Jay Kelley, Jr., Sid McClendon, Brian Startzman and Jack Staub.**

Save the Date Exhibit through September 18 — **HCAF Annual Juried Show, "Point of View"** at the **Duncan McAshan Gallery** at **The Hill Country Arts Foundation, Ingram**

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7:00 p.m. 4 yrs.-5th grade
Del Way, Pastor

Church of Christ
610 Hwy. 39, Ingram
367-3023
SUN: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship
6:30 p.m. Worship

Church of Christ on Junction Highway
2500 Junction Hwy.
367-5340
SUN: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Worship
WED: 7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Christ Church Presbyterian
228 Earl Garrett, Kerrville
(at the Kerr Arts and Cultural Center)
christchurchkerrville.org
SUN: 10:00 a.m. Worship
Rev. John D. Standridge
john@christchurchkerrville.org

Church of the Hills
3325 Junction Hwy., Ingram 367-4614
SUN: 10:30 a.m. Worship
(Cell groups for the interested available)

Citywest Church
3139 Junction Hwy., Ingram
office@citywest.org, www.citywest.org
367-5363
SUN: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Morning Coffee & Donut Fellowship
11:00 a.m. Children's Church & Contemporary Music Sermon
MON: 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study
WED: 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study & Youth Meet
Pastor Chris Dahse

First Church of Christ, Scientist
301 Woodlawn Ave., Kerrville
257-3004 kerrvillechristianscientist.org
Services and Sun. School 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Weds. Testimony Meeting 7:30 p.m.

First Christian Church
1900 Goat Creek Rd, Kerrville
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SUN: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Contemporary Worship,
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SUN: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
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Ingram 367-4290
SUN: Sunday School & Worship
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Hill Country Missionary-Baptist Church ABA
107 Redemption Rd.
890-5373
SUN: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
Don Trussel, Pastor

Hill Country Society of Friends (Quakers)
2100 Memorial Blvd., Kerrville
Campus Ministry Center at Schreiner University
257-4316
SUN: 10:00 a.m. Worship

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204 Spence St., Kerrville
257-4433 www.hollycrosskerrville.com
SUN: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
Joshua Sullivan

Hosanna Lutheran Church
134 Camp Meeting Rd., Kerrville

(at Highway 16 South)
Pastor Dave Bass 257-6767
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Sundays:
8:30 a.m. Blended Worship
10 a.m. Praise Worship

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108 Morgan St., Ingram
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Wed: 6:00 P.M.
Pastor Randy Dean 367-2525
Cell: 830-739-9282
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St Michael & All Angels Anglican Church
2015 Singing Wind Dr., Kerrville
895-4990 kerrvilleanglicanchurch.com
SUN: 10:00 a.m. Services

Hunt Baptist Church
238-4863 HuntBaptist@HCTC.net
SUN: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Prayer Service
WED: 6:30 p.m. Worship Awana Bible Club, Children - K-6th
John Collis, Pastor

Hunt United Methodist Church
120 Merritt Rd. SW www.huntumc.org
SUN: 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Service
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2nd SUN: 2:30 p.m.
WED: 11a.m. Bible Study

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10:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Service
TUES: 6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery
WEDS: 5:15 p.m. Choir practice
6:00 p.m. Children's/ Youth Ministry
6:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study
David Billeiter, Pastor

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Corner of Water & Washington, Kerrville
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WED: 7:00 p.m. Bible Class

Pulpit minister: Kevin Kasparek

Seventh Day Adventist Church
611 Harper Rd., Kerrville
895-3935
SAT: 9:30 a.m. Sabbath School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Dwight Seek, Pastor

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135 Methodist Encampment Rd.,
Kerrville 895-2212
SUN: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School;
10:30 a.m. Worship
WED: 3 p.m. After-School Program
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320 St. Peter St., Kerrville
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257-0257 -School
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Junction Hwy., Mt. Home
866-3415
SUN: 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship
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Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country
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960 Barnett St., Kerrville
Rev. Ja Rickard 792-3626

Victory Baptist Church
501 Mill Run Rd., 896-4558
Pastor Delano Day
Worship Sunday 11 a.m., 6 p.m.

Brandenberger

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Wuertner in 1854, and had a daughter, Eliese. Ursula died shortly after, and Fritz moved with Eliese and mother, Catherine, to Texas, where Gottlieb was living. There, in 1861, Fritz married Ernestine Apelt Lehmann and moved to Beaver Creek near Gottlieb, who had married an orphan, Maria Bierschwale, in 1853.

Maria was one of the earliest settlers of Fredericksburg, brought in by the Adelsverein. Born in Braunschweig, Germany, she lost her parents when she was a child, and her older brother decided that she and two sisters and brother would come to America.

Maria was 10 when she crossed to Indianola in late 1845 on the ship Hercules. Miraculously, despite the hardships of an ocean voyage, they all survived. Maria supported the family working as a cook, and is said to have worked at the famous Nimitz Hotel in Fredericksburg.

Located in Gillespie County, on RM 783 between Mason and Doss and five miles west of Hwy. 83, Hilda was founded around 1852.

Gottlieb and Maria bought 360 acres of land, then in 1856, he went to Mason County and bought 320 more acres.

Their first child, John (Johann) was born at Seven Mile Creek in 1854, not far from Fredericksburg. They relocated to Beaver Creek soon after, where they remained the rest of their lives.

There was a total of eight children, but two were still-born. After John came George, Frank, Milda, James and Sophia. Several married into the Leifeste clan, others into the Pluennekes and Kothmanns.

The elder couple was naturalized and in 1860 received a patent granted by Governor Sam Houston for 160 acres. Gottlieb donated money to the community (now renamed Hilda) for a church (Methodist Episcopal), pastored by circuit rider Rev. Charles A. Grote, and a school.

The family built several large rock houses after their first log home. The church there now is not the original, but a second church. The Lutheran Church was built at Salt Branch Road.

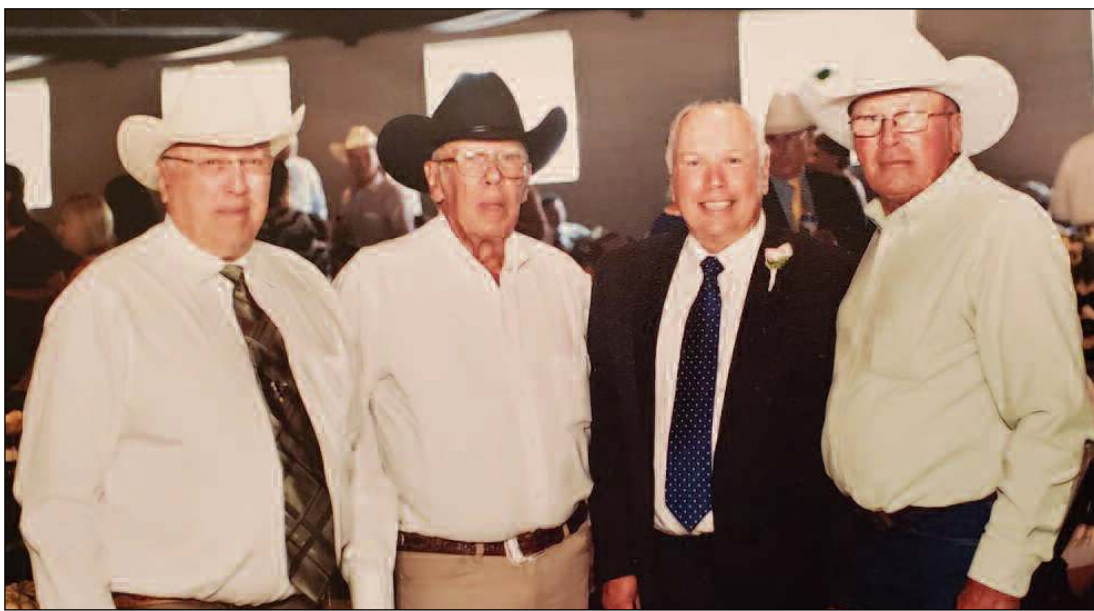
Other families who settled nearby were the Kneese, Ellebracht, Lehmborg and Geistweidt.

A Brandenberger history cites their financial hardships and notes that Gottlieb turned to whatever he could do to survive. He hired Henry Behrens to help freight, hauling for private citizens as well as for the government.

"The two men were often gone for months at a time as they hauled supplies to Fort Scott, Fort Mason, Fort Mckavitt (sic), and San Angelo. During the Civil War they hauled cotton from Corpus Christi to the Mexican border and brought back ammunition and other war supplies for the Confederacy."

Gottlieb and Fritz served in the Second Frontier Defense Brigade under Capt. H. Biberstein, protecting the frontier against the Indians who terrorized the settlers. Gottlieb also appears on the muster roll of the Minute Men of the County as a private in Feb. 26, 1864. He was aged 37, with gray eyes, height of 5 ft 5-1/2 inches, previously a Lt. in Mason City defenses.

In 1862, Gottlieb bought more than 900 acres on Shep Creek, at \$2 an acre. He stocked it with cattle and brought his four sons into the business, calling it Gottlieb Brandenberger & Sons. Shep Creek Ranch was a half day ride by horseback from their home. The sons stayed at the ranch house often, playing dominoes and 42. Then, in



Four Brandenberger brothers gather at an event several years ago. Shown here, from left, are Don, Kenneth, George and Tommy.



Photo by Irene Van Winkle

This imposing stone house built by James Brandenberger stands in Hilda, Texas.

1898, the cattle and ranch were divided among them.

Gottlieb died in 1899, his widow in 1913, both were buried in Hilda.

One Brandenberger had a literally hair-raising experience. At a time when Indians still roamed the frontier, Gottlieb's second son, George (1856-1905), was thought to have died. One day, George and other cowmen were rounding up cattle between Beaver and Squaw creeks and were attacked by Indians.

The narrative in the Mason County book tells that George was shot from his horse and knocked unconscious. However, he was not hurt seriously. The other cowboys ran off with the Indians chasing them. The Indians returned to obtain George's scalp but after removing his hat, found to their dismay that he had recently gotten a short crop.

The Indians were anxious to make the best of it, and decided to remove his clothes. Playing dead, George dared not move. Hours later, his friends returned and found him alive, walking about stark naked and seeking help.

As the land was handed down to the next generations, George's son, Charles — who wed Lucy Zesch — sold his land, Kenneth said.

"They kept a homestead of 160 acres, and lived there until he and Lucy were too old," Kenneth said. Eventually Charles and Lucy moved to Fredericksburg near the now-HEB store, near the fairgrounds.

"I remember me and my brothers used to go to the fairgrounds to show our animals, and stayed with our grandparents," Kenneth said.

Charles was the son of George and Johanna Pluenneke Brandenberger. Besides Charles, George had children Ben, Meta and babies Edna and Ellen.

Charles and Lucy had two children: Georgiann and Kenneth's father Herman "Dayton." Georgianne married Albert Esensee. Dayton and wife Nila Bode had four boys: Don (1939), Kenneth, (1941) Bruce (1945) and Tommy (1954).

For a period of time, Dayton leased land that his grandfather Charles had owned, from Meta, a sister of Charles. Sadly, Charles lost his inheritance on Shep Creek in Mason County. The family left Mason County land and moved to Llano County where they bought land and lived for five years.

Dayton and Nila relocated again, this time to San Saba

County, where Kenneth grew up (from the fourth grade on). Dayton worked there as a deputy sheriff and electrician. He and Nila parted ways and both later remarried.

Kenneth went to Texas Tech University for 4-1/2 years, studying animal husbandry.

"I worked as a sheep herdsman on the college farm," he said.

It is where he met his wife, Pat. They both graduated, got married in 1964, but did not buy any furniture until they went to their respective jobs.

They moved to southeast Minnesota, where they spent five years. They shopped for furniture at the numerous antique shops.

"Nobody there wanted that stuff, except us and the Amish. We got it and refinished it and still have a lot of it," Pat said.

There, Kenneth could walk to work across the state line in Minnesota. He prepped, showed and sold cattle.

"I was a herdsman on a purebred Angus operation, Viewlawn, that was over 100 years old," Kenneth said. "There were lots of Norwegians there."

Meanwhile, across in Iowa, Pat was at Luther College, working as a dietitian in Dechora.

"Once, at the embassy, I served the king and prince of Norway a meal we cooked. We used special china and served it in the dining room," Pat said.

In 1969, it was time for another move, this time back to Texas.

"We came back with two girls, Carol and Caryn, when I became herdsman for Granite Hills Hereford Ranch in Llano," Kenneth said.

Third daughter Connie came along later, born in Burnet. By the time they were getting married, Pat owned a florist shop when they lived in Kingsland, which came in quite handy.



Photo by Irene Van Winkle

This is the second Hilda Methodist church building sitting near the original church (built in 1858) site in the little village of Hilda near Mason, Texas. The town is mostly abandoned but the church itself still holds services with a congregation, and visitors view its old-world architecture. On the same grounds are houses and buildings, and a cemetery at the bottom of the hill.

Kenneth later went to work for the State of Texas, and Pat in human resources.

Lately, daughter Carol Faulkenberry lives in Canyon, Texas, working for the Texas Department of Agriculture, Caryn Vaught is in Kansas with the American Hereford Association, and Carol Ludlum is in Plainview, Texas, with the Hale County Title Co.

"In Granite Hills, I might be gone 150 days a year, to show and sell breeding cattle," he said.

One journey to Denver in wintertime involved transporting 10 to 15 head and some helpers with two pickups, in the days before cell phones.

"It was snowing, and it was five days before we knew where they were," Kenneth said.

They had unloaded their cattle in the sale barn and got snowbound so they could not leave Colorado due to ice. Texas was under quarantine for a disease called scabies.

They were supposed to leave to go to a feed lot in Lubbock where they had to get a dip and then go to Denver.

"We couldn't get to Lubbock till the next day, but the tick inspector said they can't dip cattle below 30 degrees. So, we never dipped, and got into Denver at 5 a.m. We had the cattle tied in trailer. They had breathed on their



Photo by Irene Van Winkle

Pat and Kenneth Brandenberger enjoy their county living outside the town of Llano. He still sells real estate and the couple take pride in their family heirlooms like this flour bin and other antiques.



George and Johanna Pluenneke Brandenberger worked hard in the pioneer town of Hilda. They raised three children to adulthood (Charles, Ben, and Meta). George was nearly scalped while tending cattle but got lucky.

knots, and it took a hammer to beat off the ice," Kenneth said.

There was a dust up over the tick dip, but in the end, nobody was penalized, but in 10 days they had to head home.

"The morning we left, it was a blowing blizzard, and leaving Denver, we did not know how far to get. After going 10-15 miles on the Interstate, we couldn't see anything. We pulled over, beat the ice off our wipers, but we couldn't get started again. We were in a low spot. The police had come by, and said he would take me to town to get some chains, but there weren't chains to be had. Finally, a truck came by and gave us a little push. We left Denver at 7:30 or 8, but by 12:30 or 1, we were only 15 miles out of Denver. We went to a restaurant, and ate, and waited. Two rigs were going back to Texas, that I knew, so we fell in behind them. Me and the boy with me took turns sleeping so we got into Lubbock by midnight."

They ate in a Lubbock

truck stop on Avenue A, and just about the time Kenneth could get a few winks, he said the boy, Charlie, was shaking him awake, asking where was the sign for Hwy. 87.

"We couldn't see the signs," he said. Finally, after driving to Big Spring in third gear, they burned their brakes but got into Llano late the next afternoon, about 16 hours

"I could write a book about highways," Kenneth said.

Among some of the interesting things Kenneth and Pat own is a painting by artist Jay Hester of Boerne that reflects a piece of Hill Country history. It depicts an unusual scene, and was even featured in Cowboys and Indians magazine.

There were a series of paintings that depict Dr. Ferdinand Herff performing an innovative cataract surgery on a Comanche chief, Katemcy. In later years, Kenneth said, Dr. Herff's home bore a white-feathered arrow shot by raiding Indians into his fencepost as a sign to spare his ranch.

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Entertainment

Renowned pastel artist scheduled to Teach at HCAF

The Hill Country Arts Foundation is announcing the return of pastel artist Doug Dawson to its studios. Dawson will be teaching a three-day landscape pastel workshop beginning Oct. 15.

Dawson is a founder and teacher at the Art Students League in Denver, Colo. He taught figure painting for more than 20 years, and landscape painting for the last 15.

He wrote a North Light Book (no longer in print), titled "Capture Light and Color with Pastel." His work can be found in over 20 other instructional books and magazine articles.

Dawson is a member of the American Watercolor Society, The Pastel Society of America, and the International Association of Pastel Societies. He is Master Pastelist and Hall of Fame Honoree of the Pastel Society of America.

The workshop will be filled with many useful ideas, principles and techniques. Ask anyone who has taken a Dawson workshop, no two sessions are alike.

The workshop will begin with Dawson giving a pastel landscape demonstration. He will illustrate by creating and



Trail House, a pastel by Doug Dawson.

using black and white thumbnail studies and talk about separating landscapes into planes.

In the afternoon, students work on their own painting, starting with thumbnail sketches, and will have their work critiqued at the end of the day.

Within the next two days, Dawson will touch on the topic of overcoming the problem of green landscapes, and other color issues as he discusses the three principle types of compositions explaining color harmony and types of design. Students will work on their own pieces

throughout the workshop as Dawson is on hand to give guidance.

This pastel workshop is scheduled for Oct. 15-17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuition is \$375 for HCAF members and \$395 for non-members. For more information, please call the HCAF Visual Arts Center at (830)-367-5121.

HCAF has been carefully monitoring the current Covid-19 situation. In the interest of public health and safety, we are taking precautions to maintain social distance and we encourage the use of masks by visitors.

Kerrville's Symphony of the Hills opens season ticket sales

With modifications in place to protect the audience and performers, the Board of the Symphony of the Hills has finalized its 2020-2021 concert season and is now accepting new and renewing Patron ticket applications.

"We know the community wants a Symphony of the Hills season," said Board President Dr. Tim Summerlin. "The board, the conductor and the musicians do as well. We are moving ahead on the Symphony's plans for its 20th anniversary season, with a plan that will enable us to do that prudently."

The Symphony plans to present the following four-concert season:

Dec. 3 - Ode To Joy
Jan. 9, 2021 - POPS The American Songbook

Feb. 25, 2021 - Homecoming

April 29, 2021 - The Majesty of Brahms
Patrons will be given priority seating based on the amount of their gift and on a first-come, first-served basis through Oct. 1. Subscribers seating assignments will be made beginning on Oct. 15.

Season ticket prices have been reduced by 20 percent to reflect one less concert than usual, due to the cancellation of the October concert. Patrons will have the option to make their donations remain the same in support of the Symphony.

All information, pricing, and packaging can be found on the web site www.symphonyofthehills.org, or by calling (830) 792-7469.

To protect the health of the community, and after much research, the Symphony Board will implement the follow conditions for at least the first two concerts:

- Concerts will be performed twice on each date, at 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., each a one-hour



concert with no intermission.

- There will be a reduced-size orchestra and limited audience to achieve social distancing.

- Masks will be required, and ushers will manage entrance and exit to respect social distancing. The Cailloux will be thoroughly cleaned between each performance.

- There will be no wine receptions before the concerts.

These conditions will continue until the pandemic risk is reduced or an effective vaccine is developed. It is the hope to be able to return to normal concert conditions.

As a gift to the community, part of the Christmas concert will be livestreamed on social media. Details on accessing the video will be shared closer to the date.

For updates and information, visit www.symphonyofthehills.org, call (830) 792-7469, or email info@symphonyofthehills.org.

The Symphony of the Hills is a 75-piece orchestra of local and Hill Country area professional musicians and Schreiner University faculty and their advanced music students.

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Outdoors

Preparing new beds

Ready to start a new bed? Pick out the location. Beds do best on the south and east of your home because they avoid the blazing afternoon sun in the west. So, consider an east or south exposure. North is OK as well, but you'll need plants that are more shade- and cold-tolerant for this exposure.

If you're planting in a courtyard or other area where the west sun is going to be a problem, plant a large shrub or tree to give some protection or even consider a wall of lath or stone as a protective backdrop.

Determine the width and depth of the bed so that you'll be able to calculate the amount of additives you'll need. If you have fair soil, incorporate about two to three inches of compost in the top six to eight inches of the existing soil. This can be your own compost or a good, commercial type of organic compost.

This is where the calculations come in. Multiply length of the bed times width of bed in feet times 1/4 for three inches of compost (or 1/6 for two inches of compost), then divide by 27 to get the number of cubic feet of compost that you'll need.

After this is mixed, add a good soil stimulant, and cover with another two to three inches of hardwood mulch, using the same amount of mulch as compost. Your bed will be effectively four to six inches higher than the surrounding area, but it will be much richer, retain water better and drain better.

Now, if you're on a rocky hilltop with little to no soil, consider bringing in about four to six inches of topsoil, then proceeding with the plan above. Your bed will be a bit higher, but will have the same good qualities.

The Dirt on Hill Country Gardening



David Steinbrunner
Linda Tarrant

Now, start thinking about plants for your new bed, and we'll have some ideas in another article.

Personal Plant of the Week:

Thyme (*Thymus*) in any and all varieties is great as ground covers. You can plant thyme on a large, sloping area that would otherwise have been grass. The plant is deer-resistant, grows with minimal water usage, spreads across soil and up against or between rocks, and becomes so dense that weeds have little chance to compete. Planted between stepping stones, it gives off a wonderful scent with stepped on. Thymes can grow in full sun to partial shade, and they establish easily and thrive from four-inch pots planted on 12-inch centers.

Chores for this week:

— Plant grass sod if you have some sparse or empty areas.

— Fertilize lawns with a good, low nitrogen, organic fertilizer if you haven't already.

— Use a pre-emergent, such as corn gluten meal, to control fall and winter weeds.

— Use a seaweed mixture with some molasses to foliar feed your trees and shrubs to harden them for winter.

We encourage your questions, comments, or your own "Personal Plant of the Week" by writing David at dsteiny@gvc.com.

Linda Tarrant is an Ingram gardener and David Steinbrunner is a Hunt horticulturist.

Williams Creek School on Gillespie tour

Explore Texas



Carol Wier

As students head back to school, it's whimsical to look at schools from yesteryear. I found this example by accident while traveling the back roads near Stonewall, Texas.

Williams Creek School is located on Ranch to Market Road 1623 in Gillespie County.

It originally was a one-room log cabin on Williams Creek established in 1891. Six years later it was moved further from the creek and a new building was constructed of native limestone.

Before World War II all classes were taught in German but during the war, a law was passed that all classes be in English except for foreign languages.

It is interesting to note that from 1920-1921 Lyndon B.



Photo by Carol Wier

Williams Creek School is located on Ranch to Market Road 1623 in Gillespie County.

Johnson was an 8th grade student here. After 1922, with an enrollment reaching 73 students, a second room was added. In 1950 the school merged with Stonewall ISD.

Williams Creek School is on the Friends of Gillespie County Country School tour.

Actually there are four

"loops" one can follow by car or bicycle to enjoy a very peaceful and quiet, scenic tour of the back roads of Texas.

The trail is divided into four quadrants of varying lengths, each from 35-49 miles long. In total there are 17 historic schools from

1847-1936.

Most are now used as community centers and venues for rent for reunions, weddings, etc. Check it out at <https://www.historicschools.org>.

Carol Wier, former science teacher and resident of Hunt, now lives in Vanderpool.

Memories of hunting camp calamities

Hunting has been significant in my life. It's been an incredible journey. And fun. I've learned a lot. Others' experiences, though, have turned into catastrophes. Lemme tell you about a few.

Two friends traveling through backcountry Colorado scouting for elk and trout in a pickup camper loaded with gear, stopped at the base of a mountain to grab a drink out of the back.

They stood admiring the scenery before resuming their ascent. Sometime later, near the summit, they wanted another drink. The other guy went to the back. He returned shortly, looking perturbed.

They had forgotten to shut the camper door. Going uphill, their gear slowly migrated out. Five miles of it lay on the road just climbed.

But no one was hurt. On a duck hunt one frigid morning near Port Arthur, a hunting companion, unsteady on his feet following too late a night, was stepping into a johnboat to cross a canal when he and his shotgun unexpectedly took a dive. His teeth rattled for the rest of the hunt.

Another duck hunter was even less fortunate. He and three others were in their blind on a pitch-black morning before daylight. To eliminate coffee before shooting time, he climbed out the blind, stood in front of it facing away and proceeded with his mission. His buddies heard a "Whock!" and



Photo by John Jefferson

Some hunts have been interrupted by bad weather, like the one illustrated above. That's to be expected. Others have been affected by myriad circumstances, including "operator error."

Woods, Waters & Wildlife



John Jefferson

the 225-pound man fell back among them. It took time and effort to remove him and determine what happened.

A flashlight explained the sound, the fall, and the blood. On the ground lay a wayward duck. It had flown into the big man's forehead as he stood in the dark, knocking

him cold. He had to be taken to the ER. We're not told if the duck became part of their limit.

A friend named Ezma climbed into her deer blind one morning, coming face-to-face with a bobcat. My son and I sat in a dark deer blind near Alice when something hit my sleeve. Our flashlight showed it was a red wasp. We looked up. The entire 4x8 ceiling was covered in red wasps. We opened the floor hatch and evacuated without using the ladder.

The strangest was a bighorn sheep hunter who set his rifle and pack against the cabin while horses were being saddled. One mount spooked, ran across the compound, kicked his rifle, breaking the stock in half! With no back-up rifle and

town too far away, he fitted the jaggedly broken stock together like a jigsaw puzzle, held it firmly against his shoulder and killed his fourth sheep of the Grand Slam.

One incident could have ended in mayhem. Two friends were dropped off by plane on a Canadian hunt. The outfitter never dropped them promised food supplies. Hungry, they were about to "borrow" an Indian's canoe to paddle to civilization when they caught a ride to a trading post on a freight canoe. Calling them "unhappy campers" was an understatement. They never heard from the outfitter or saw him again. He was lucky.

John Jefferson is an Austin-based outdoors writer.

2020 Lady Warrior Volleyball

Date	Opponent	Site	Teams	Time
Sept. 11	Gateway	Gateway	F/JV,V	5:6:15
Sept. 15	Bandera	Bandera	F/JV,V	5:6:15
Sept. 18	Wimberley	Ingram	F/JV,V	4:30,5:30
Sept. 22	Bye			
Sept. 25	Comfort*	Comfort	V, JV/F	5:6:15
Sept. 26	Llano*	Ingram	F/JV,V	5:6:15
Sept. 29	Blanco*	Ingram	F/JV,V	5:6:15
Oct. 2	Lago Vista*	Lago Vista	F/JV,V	4:30,5:45
Oct. 6	Austin IDEA*	Austin IDEA	JV,V	5:15,6:30
Oct. 9	Llano*	Llano	V,JV/F	5:6:15
Oct. 13	Comfort*	Ingram	F/JV,V	5:6:15
Oct. 16	Blanco*	Blanco	F/JV, V	4:30, 5:45
Oct. 20	Lago Vista*	Ingram	F/JV,V	5:6:15
Oct. 23	Austin IDEA*	Ingram	V/JV	5:6:15

* Denotes 3A-25 District games

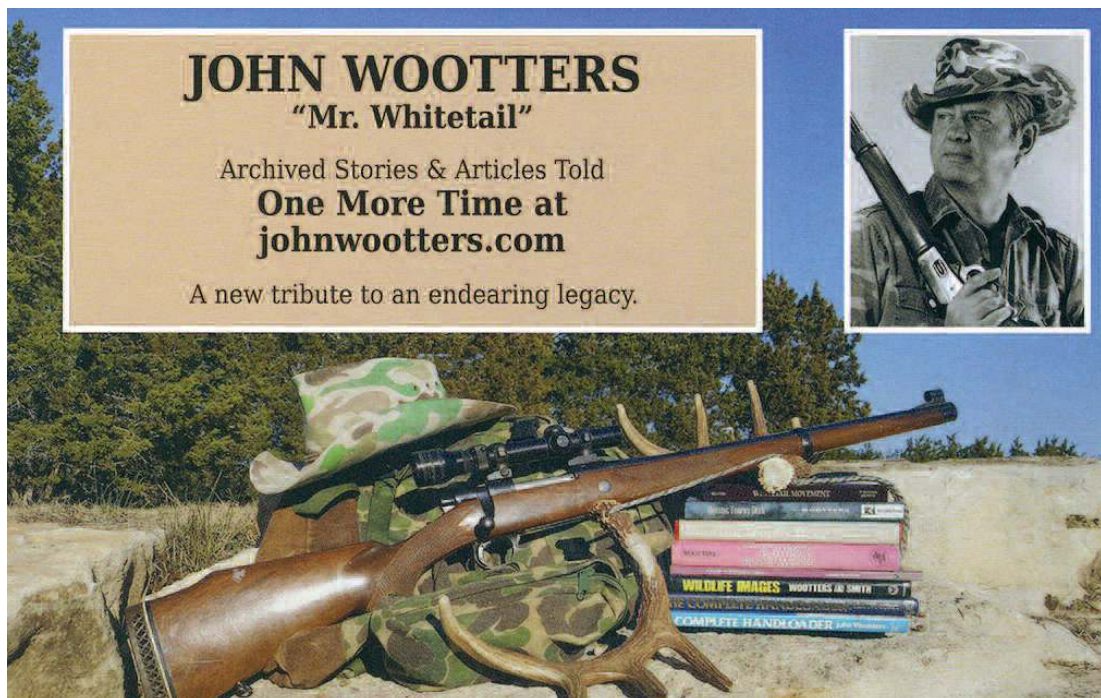
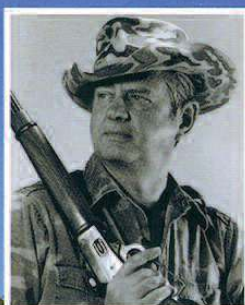
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12 Sat	1:42	7:56	2:10	8:24	07:19	07:45	2:01a	4:33p	9:18a	9:46p *
13 Sun	2:33	8:47	3:01	9:15	07:19	07:44	3:00a	5:25p	10:14a	10:42p *
14 Mon	3:24	9:38	3:52	10:06	07:20	07:43	4:03a	6:13p	11:11a	11:39p *
15 Tue	> 4:14	10:28	4:42	10:56	07:20	07:42	5:10a	6:57p	12:07p	NoMoon *
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Sports



Photos by Tony Gallucci

ITM's Blaine Manis (7) returns an interception in last Friday night's game against Johnson City.

Warriors beat Johnson City

By Danny Schroeder
Current Sports Editor

The Ingram Warriors football team held the Johnson City Eagles scoreless until 3 minutes left in the third quarter as they cruised to a 34-12 win last Friday at Warrior Stadium.

Timothy Leatherman got the Warriors on the scoreboard when he returned an Eagle fumble 40-yards for a touchdown with 2:03 left in the first quarter.

Kam Carrington converted the Point After Touchdown to give Ingram a 7-0 lead.

A Johnson City fumble on the ensuing kickoff gave the Warriors the ball on the opposing 25-yard-line.

After a holding penalty set Ingram back 10-yards, Leatherman threw a 35-yard touchdown pass to Carrington on the next play.

The Carrington PAT made it 14-0.

A 9-yard touchdown pass from Leatherman to Carrington and PAT gave Ingram a 21-0 lead with 7:25 left in the third quarter.

A 2-yard touchdown run by Leatherman made it 27-0 with 3:08 left in the third quarter.

The Eagles ran the next kickoff back for a touchdown and both teams scored one touchdown in the fourth.

"We were really proud of the way our kids played," said Ingram Head Coach Duane Kroeker "Major factors

include we were able to protect the football offensively while creating turnovers defensively."

He added, "We are stressing taking one week at a time and trying to stay on a one-game winning streak. We have no guarantees of next week so every week is just a blessing to be playing. We'll have another challenge with Harper coming to town on Friday night."

Ingram will play Harper at 7:30 p.m. this Friday in Warrior Stadium.

Tied at 13 in the first set,



Andrew Burroughs (3) goes up for a pass and comes down with it.



Photos by Tony Gallucci

Lady Warrior Anna Crittentent (3) sets it up during Friday's home game against Johnson City.

Lady Warriors keep winning

Team gets wins over Johnson City, Fredericksburg

By Danny Schroeder
Current Sports Editor

The Ingram Lady Warriors volleyball team defeated Johnson City in four sets on Friday at Warrior Gym to remain undefeated on the season.

Tied at 13 in the first set,

Ingram went on a 12-6 run to win 25-19.

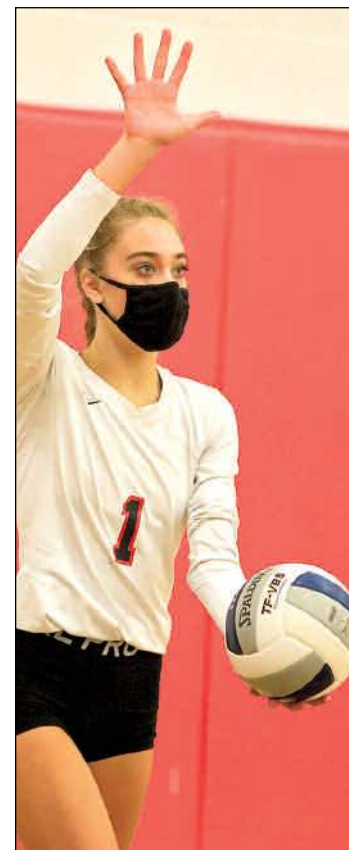
Johnson City led 22-13 in the second set and went on to win it 25-16.

The team regrouped in the third set, winning 25-21 and then closed it out in the fourth.

The Lady Warriors beat Fredericksburg 3-1 in an away game on Saturday, Sept.

1. Scores were 18-25, 25-17, 25-18 and 25-22.

The Lady Warriors, with a No. 4 state ranking in the 3-A Texas Girls Coaches Association poll, will play Gateway in an away game this Friday at 6:15 p.m. and next Tuesday they will take on Bandera in an away game at 6:15 p.m.



Emmah Schmidt (1) concentrates before a serve.



Karlie Bonam (2) on the ball against Johnson City.



Kam Carrington picks up yardage against the Eagles' defense.

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receiving hazard pay.

“That means we’ll have a good paper trail,” Harris added.

The review committee also compiled a process for consideration of hazard pay eligibility. Among those conditions, there have to be written explanations of how the position qualifies for hazard pay, and their job description, and all be reviewed (and approved by the court) case by case.

Pct. 1 Commissioner Harley Belew said he thought the court should have a list of duties each position performed to see if they were responding to or mitigating Covid-19.

One person, Kent Feldman, who addressed the court did not agree with hazardous pay just for certain workers.

“There are a lot of other people helping us who are not getting hazardous pay,” he said. “And they are a whole

lot more likely to get Covid than in the sheriff office or jail.”

Belew noted that the pay did not come out of local tax dollars but came from the federal government and allocated through the State of Texas.

Pct. 2 Commissioner Tom Moser said that the county has \$1.4 million available for Covid-related expenses. County Auditor Tanya Shelton said that so far, only \$700,000 has been spent.

The court approved the hazard pay policy agenda item 5-0, as well as the hazard pay for the sheriff’s office and jail.

There were numerous details to hash out regarding the Public Defender’s Office. The court accepted the operating budget of a grant of more than \$2.5 million, from the Texas Indigent Defense Commission.

“There are a lot of moving parts,” Kelly said.

There is a committee that will meet to get input to incorporate the new department into the county and a five-

county board will oversee its development, derived from the five counties participating in the PDO operations.

Recently-retired Judge Keith Williams, who has recovered from surgery, has agreed to head a committee that will determine many of the details. Serving with him will be County Attorney Heather Stebbins, prosecutor Steve Harpolt, court coordinator Christine McEntyre and attorney Harold Danford.

Pct. 3 Commissioner Jonathan Letz said they must be sure that the new attorneys will be paid in line with other local attorneys, starting at about \$57,000 a year.

The five-county board will hire the chief defender first and possibly an office manager to start, and then continue adding to the staff.

“I’m optimistic we will have a full staff by the end of 2021,” Kelly said.

In addition to ADA compliance, the Earl Garrett Street property will probably need to watch out for asbestos during the remodeling. The custom elevator might be in use by February 2021, he added. Other issues include wiring for IT, and finding furniture and office equipment.

Meanwhile, until the upper floor is available, Kelly said the landlord is letting go of the other tenants on the first floor so the PDO can start operating there to start. The court accepted a some office furniture from the District Clerk’s inventory to be used by the PDO.

In other matters, the court did not approve a request that the East Kerr Center Point Wastewater System service fees be waived for non-profit organizations, which would set a wrong example.

The court plans to hold workshops in the near future, on such topics as subdivision platting and other aspects.

Harris said that he was very disappointed to see photographs that the recycling trailer in the maintenance yard was piled up with people dumping items such as cardboard boxes especially after it had rained.

“It’s just another headache. Please don’t do that,” he exhorted the public.

Anyone wishing to dispose of hazardous household waste can bring it Saturday, Sept. 19, from 8 a.m.-12 noon to the Hill Country Youth Exhibit Center. The event is free to the public.

Rio 10

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although Hall said on Monday that there were still eight states that have not allowed movie theaters to open.

This week, starting on Friday, Sept. 11, Rio 10 Kerrville will show films every day, and add screens as more films come in.

“We will be at 50 percent capacity, and will keep two seats between parties, and fill every other row,” Hall said. The protocols they are following are taken from “Cinema Safe,” an industry standard, and include strict enforcement of masks.

“No one will be allowed in without a mask,” Hall said.

Staff will sanitize the seats between showings, as well as the entire venue. There will be hand sanitizers available for

the public in the lobby and hallways.

Clear plexiglass screens will be put up for the safety of staff and the public. Ushers will not handle the tickets, which the public can buy at a window in front of the theater or online.

“We encourage the public to purchase their tickets online, and then they can show their confirmation number to the ticket taker,” Hall said. “The kiosk inside the theater will not be in use.”

There is more information on social media and at the company website.

Hall said that his family has been in the movie theater business for a long time.

“We’ve been in business since we opened in Beeville in 1922,” he said.

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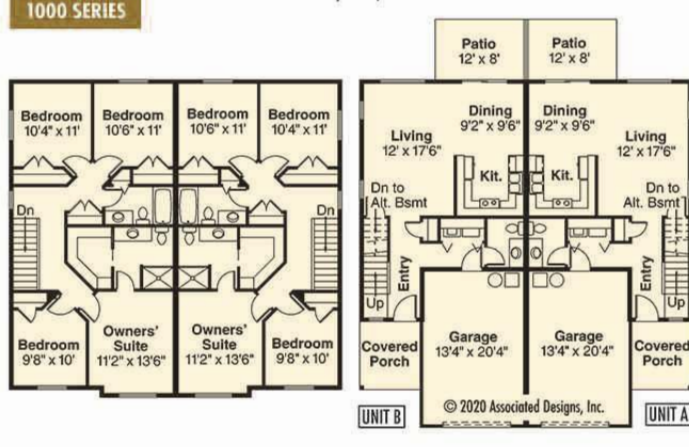
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by Linda Thistle

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2. GOVERNMENT: What is the subject of the eighth amendment to the U.S. Constitution?
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4. GEOGRAPHY: Which country is home to a giant formation known as Ayers Rock (Uluru)?
5. ADVERTISING: Which company's advertising mascot was a camel named Caleb?
6. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Which 20th-century novelist wrote, "And all the lives we ever lived and all the lives to be are full of trees and changing leaves"?
7. MEASUREMENTS: How many tablespoons are in a half cup?
8. LITERATURE: What was the name of the tiger in "The Jungle Book"?
9. SCIENCE: When did the first space shuttle launch?
10. MOVIES: Which 1980s movie had the tagline, "He may be dead but he's the life of the party"?

Answers

1. Ohio
2. Prohibits cruel or unusual punishment
3. Duke
4. Australia
5. GEICO
6. Virginia Woolf
7. Eight
8. Shere Khan
9. 1981
10. "Weekend at Bernie's"

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Council

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see a lower rate.
"I think we should move it back down to where no more money is coming out of people's pockets," Jordan said.

The rate that would raise no new revenue is \$.4721. The proposed rate will raise more property taxes than last year's by \$33,284, which is a .93 percent increase. Of that amount, \$6,190 is tax revenue from new property added to the tax role this year.

The total taxable value of property in the city went from \$85.65 million the previous year to \$98 million.

Mayor Brandon Rowan said the motion on the tax rate and public hearing date could only be voted on as "for" or "against," but he told Jordan it could be discussed in a budget workshop later in the meeting.

Voting for the proposed rate were Council Members John St. Clair, Bill Warren and Shirley Trees; Jordan voted against and Jim Lopez was absent.

Total 2020 revenues are budgeted at \$1.127 billion with expenditures of \$1.4 billion, with \$273,000 of fund balance to be used to balance the budget.

During the budget workshop, Rowan said the city

proposed a 2.5 percent pay increase for all employees, but part-time employees were not included. He said including the increase for City Administrator Mark Bosma and another part-time employee would add \$1,931 to the budget.

Council members agreed the 2.5 percent pay increase should be extended to all employees.

The no-new-revenue tax rate and the proposed tax rate were discussed, but rate was left at the proposed \$.4963.

Rowan said he favors the rate, because the city will have to deal with construction and also maintain city facilities.

"I'm happy we are able to lower it," Rowan said.

In other business, the council:

— Granted a 90-day variance to Jack Crenshaw allowing residence in an RV while their burned home is being rebuilt;

— Approved the Kerr Emergency 911 Network proposed 2021 budget;

— Adopted the City of Ingram's Wastewater Emergency Response Plan; and

— Tabled a request for a variance for a wastewater connection at 101 Morgan St.

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- Early voting in-person begins: October 13
- Mail-in ballot application - last day: October 23
- Early voting in-person ends: October 30
- Mail-in ballot must be received: November 3
- Election Day: Tuesday - November 3

Information provided by League of Women Voters-Hill Country Texas

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Limpet
2. Second;
3. Feudal;
4. Polish

Today's Word
LOCUSTS

Puzzle on Page 4

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Sudoku

Solution to Puzzle on Page 10

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Solution to Crossword on Page 4

Ribbon cutting held for River Trail extension

The City of Kerrville held an official ribbon cutting last Friday morning to celebrate the completion of another segment of the Kerrville River Trail.

The approximately one-mile segment connects the existing trail from G Street to Schreiner University.

This extension increases the length of the entire trail to approximately six miles.

The majority of the trail is complete and open for use, but due to Covid-19 restrictions, the last quarter of the trail ending at the trailhead at Schreiner University is closed for the time being.

Trail users are welcome to use the trail up until this point, at which clearly marked fencing shows where they will need to turn around and return to G Street.

The trail is still a work in progress, but the city's Parks and Recreation Department wanted to open this segment as soon as possible for the public's enjoyment. Please remember to stay on the trail as it does cross through private property.

The City of Kerrville enjoyed partnering with Schreiner University to further enhance the River Trail project for community enjoyment.

Additional improvements are being completed on Schreiner's campus that complement the trail, such as a new crushed-granite perimeter campus trail with public access that connects to the River Trail, new public restrooms, a sand volleyball court and Schreiner University history kiosk, a "Trailhead Beer Garden" facility that will serve as a new establishment for food, drinks and entertainment, and improvements to the public disc golf course on campus.

Regarding the partnership with the city in creating this new connection, Schreiner University President Charlie McCormick said, "This section of the River Trail is a metaphoric and literal illustration of the way Schreiner University is connected to its local community."

"In the Schreiner 2023 Strategic Plan, we plainly state that we will invest in the creation of opportunities for delight within the campus and Kerrville community. We do so because we know that this investment will be returned to us many times over. This River Trail extension and Trailhead destination is a perfect expression of that symbiotic relationship."

Another ribbon cutting and community event to celebrate these improvements on the Schreiner campus is anticipated at a later date when it is more appropriate, given the current pandemic conditions.

"The River Trail has opened new possibilities for Kerrville citizens — certainly for walking and running, but also as a way to explore and see up close the riverfront area and the diversity of the trees, shrubs and grasses," Kerrville



Courtesy photo

The City of Kerrville held a ribbon cutting last Friday for the latest extension of the popular River Trail. The newest segment runs from G Street to the Schreiner University campus. On hand for the event were, from left: Deputy City Manager EA Hoppe; City Councilmembers Kim Clarkson and Gary Cochrane; Schreiner University President Charlie McCormick;

Mayor Bill Blackburn; City Councilmember Judy Eychner; Economic Improvement Corporation President Greg Richards; Parks and Recreation Director Ashlea Boyle; Schreiner University Dean of Students and City of Kerrville Parks Advisory Board member Charles M. Hueber and City Manager Mark McDaniel.

Mayor Bill Blackburn said, "To walk from one end of the trail to the other is a great nature walk. We are a healthier city with all the people who are getting their exercise or just pleasant time outside on the River Trail."

"I applaud those who preceded me in city government who saw the possibility of the River Trail," Blackburn added.

The latest \$1.5-million River Trail segment was funded primarily through the Economic Improvement Corporation, the city's 4B sales tax corporation, and approved by the Kerrville City Council.

The EIC has funded the River Trail project since its conception.

The River Trail encourages economic development and tourism and provides a quality of life amenity for local residents.

"The River Trail is a project that was identified strongly in the city's Kerrville 2050 Comprehensive Master Plan adopted in 2018," said Ashlea Boyle, director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Kerrville. "There is an entire chapter within Kerrville 2050 dedicated to Parks/Open Space/River Corridor."

There are numerous River Trail-specific action items throughout several chapters of Kerrville 2050 relating to the continued development and extension of the River Trail.

"Creating a connection to Schreiner University is a specific action item and was a great start for another segment based on its easy connection to the existing trail," Boyle said.

"This asset will provide the connectivity and opportunity for the students and surrounding neighborhood to access the trail, and for the community to access Schreiner University. We consistently hear positive feedback from the community regarding The

River Trail, and the desire to continue to add segments," she said.

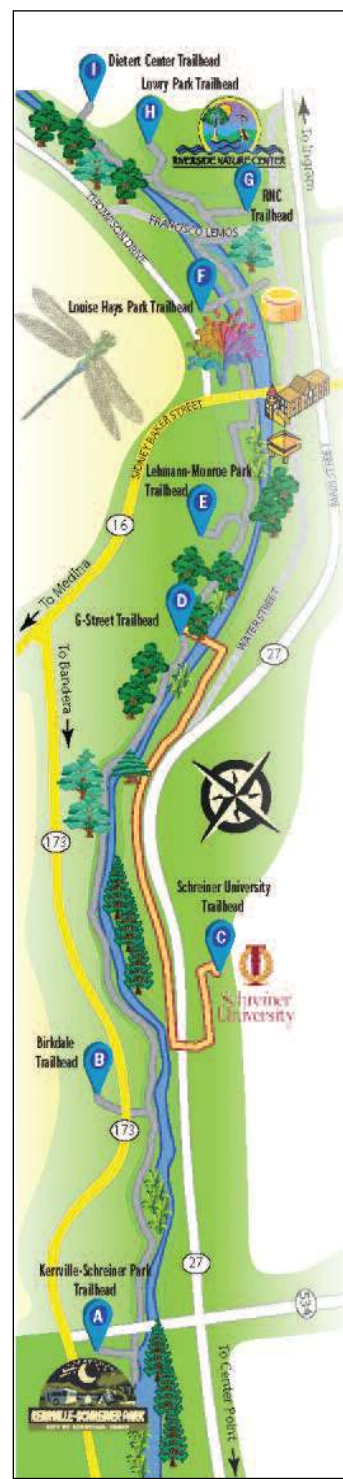
Schreiner University Dean of Students and City of Kerrville Parks Advisory Board member Charles M. Hueber added, "Over the past few years I have made extensive use of our river trail here in Kerrville and after previewing the new extension, I believe it will quickly become my favorite part of the trail. It is simply beautiful. I am proud of our community for working to extend the trail and excited to see us continue to create more connections in the future."

"The River Trail not only serves to improve the quality of life of the residents of Kerrville and surrounding areas, but it also acts as an

economic driver for our community," EIC President Greg Richards said. "Whether for a weekend or a lifetime, folks are drawn to Kerrville, and especially to its best and most unique asset — the River Trail. In a way, it serves as Kerrville's "Front Door" — a place to welcome and be welcomed to our city."

"Kerrville's EIC has been a

big proponent and investor in the River Trail," Richards continued. "It has been a great way for our city to invest its tax dollars in an asset that benefits our entire community. Your EIC is especially grateful for the vision and diligence exhibited by those who have come before us to bring this great resource to Kerrville."



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