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**Council  
appoints  
member**

By Irene Van Winkle  
West Kerr Current

With a unanimous vote at the start of its meeting, the Ingram City Council chose John Cantwell to replace outgoing Council Member Shirley Trees. Cantwell took his oath of office at the end of the meeting, administered by Ingram Mayor Kathy Rider.

Trees had resigned a week earlier, and on Dec. 15, the council turned to Cantwell for the slot.

When asked why the council chose Cantwell to replace Trees, council member Claud Jordan replied, "He's in the construction business. He works for Allen Keller, so we've got three construction guys to help us do Phase III (sewer), three contractors who know about dirt. We want to put it in right, 100 percent — we want the roads fixed, back, better than what it was. I've already been nailing him about it."

Appearing at the invitation of Rider, Kerr County Sheriff Rusty Hierholzer reiterated some comments he made last week at Kerr County Commissioners Court. As of Jan. 1, 2021, Hierholzer and



Photo by Irene Van Winkle

**John Cantwell takes the oath of office as the newest member of the Ingram City Council at its Dec. 15 meeting.**

his chief deputy will be retiring, and the new sheriff and chief deputy — Larry Leitha and Chris LaLonde — will begin their terms.

Meanwhile, as new Ingram Police Department Chief Carol Twiss has been rebuilding her department, Hierholzer said his county officers will do what they can to pitch in and lend a hand.

"We will do anything we possibly can," Hierholzer said, despite having to cover 1,100 square miles of Kerr County on their regular patrols.

He also addressed some comments from the public that Ingram felt like it was being

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**Processors: Deer season one of best**

By Clint Schroeder  
West Kerr Current

While the Covid-19 pandemic has been hard on some businesses, deer processors are having a banner year.

Some processors had to close their doors because they couldn't keep up with "unprecedented" numbers of deer being brought in for processing.

Mark Lampson of Bernhard Meat Processing and Market, Derek Dieringer of Woodbury Taxidermy and Wild Game Processing and Gary Broach of Rhodes Brothers Taxidermy and

Game Processing all report brisk business.

Bernhard's and Woodbury's had to close their doors temporarily at times because they were at capacity.

"It's unprecedented," said Lampson, who attributes the great volume to the pandemic, which has brought out more hunters.

Broach agreed.

"I think it is because they can't stay in their cities and do anything," he said. "They can come out here and actually do something; ... sports are all canceled, there's very few

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Courtesy photo

**Carl Fontenot, right, harvested this 22-point whitetail recently on the Lary Priour Ranch. David Lee, left, of David Lee's Hunting Service guided the hunt.**



Photo by Irene Van Winkle

**Whoville  
a hit!**

Whoville on Old Ingram Loop last Saturday night was an astounding success, as many cars lined down Hwy. 39 for a peek at the decorations, and joyous characters bearing treats and happy smiles. Shown here, from left, are Tommy Eure, Denise Cartwright and Calvin Hayashikawa with Rocko the dog.

**Top Kerr sheriffs hanging it up**

By Irene Van Winkle  
West Kerr Current

Sitting in the Kerr County Sheriff's Department offices, the two top officials are within mere days of retirement at the end of the year 2020, and are in an upbeat mood.

"It's time," said Kerr County Sheriff Rusty Hierholzer.

Hierholzer started working at the Kerr County Sheriff's Office in September 1980, and was there until 1998. Afterward, he worked for the 198th District Attorney Ron Sutton, then stayed at the Kerrville Police Department for six months in 1984, and now, as of Sept. 8, 2020, has been with the county for 40 years — 20 years as its sheriff.

"That's five terms," he said.

Barton started with the county in early 1981 and has been there since, the last 20 years as chief deputy.

Incoming sheriff-elect Larry Leitha will bring in his own team, with Chris LaLonde as chief deputy.

"We've been working with Larry since after the runoff," Hierholzer said. "I swore him and Chris LaLonde as reserve deputies to let them have access. We've helped put them both through the jail certification course, and Larry has been able to go through sheriff's school. In fact, about one-third of sheriffs run, but this year, there were 147 — over half of the sheriffs changed. It's a sign of the times. You might as well forget about being a peace officer, now you're an administrator and now you have to deal with all the lawsuits."



Photo by Irene Van Winkle

**The countdown clock (shown Monday morning) is ticking for these two dedicated Kerr County public servants, both retiring at the end of December. Sheriff Rusty Hierholzer (holding phone) and Chief Deputy Clay Barton have spent the last 20 years in their present jobs, working hard to clear many tough cases. They have worked in Kerr County law enforcement positions for nearly 40 years, but say that their friendship never was sacrificed for their work.**

The difference between a sheriff and the chief deputy, Hierholzer said, "The sheriff gets all the credit and the chief deputy has to do all the work."

"I'm used to it, but I can't take credit for doing all the work," Barton said. "It's just good staff."

Barton oversees the heads of various departments/divisions such as dispatch, jail, CID (Criminal Investigation Division) and patrol.

The jail administrator answers to the sheriff. Scott Prout is captain over patrol,

warrants, civil cases and courthouse security.

Now, in place of retired CID head Carol Twiss, the new captain is Carl Arredondo, answers to Barton. Amanda Jameson, who is over dispatch, answers to Barton, and while the narcotics unit does not have a supervisor, it answers to Barton as well.

"He carries a big load," Hierholzer said of Barton. "He has more direct employ-

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**Annual Polar Bear  
Plunge at Mo-Ranch  
on New Year's Day**

With more donations expected to pour in, the Polar Bear Court for Texas Lions Camp has raised \$150,000 for the annual New Year's Day Polar Bear Plunge at Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly in Hunt.

Texas Lions Camp, which gives kids with disabilities like Type 1 Diabetes, Down Syndrome and epilepsy a chance to experience summer camp, is the beneficiary of the

2021 Polar Bear Plunge.

Those who participate "take the plunge" and slide down a 35-foot-high, 116-foot-long water slide, straight into the icy waters of the Guadalupe River.

Here are some details:

— Sliders must raise pledges in advance or pay a minimum of \$25 contribution to the non-profit

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**ESD1 efficiently ends year**

By Kari Short  
West Kerr Current

Kerr County Emergency Services District No. 1 ended the year with a brief meeting at the Ingram Volunteer Fire Department on Monday.

With all commissioners present, ESD1 voted unanimously to approve minutes from the September and October meetings as well as the financial report reflecting a balance of \$135,110.

Treasurer Bill Aycock reported payment of \$1,500 to Pressler, Thompson and

Company for the 2018-19 compilation report which the commissioners voted to submit to Kerr County Commissioners.

They also unanimously agreed to submit information for the 2019-20 compilation report to Pressler Thompson. The normal deadline for the compilation report to county commissioners is in June.

Aycock reported that he is handling new signature cards for accounts with Guadalupe National Bank and Pioneer

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# Ingram police report



## Saturday, December 12

9:23 p.m. — A report was made that a suspicious person was sitting in a car in a parking lot at a business in the 3100 block of Junction Hwy. for an extended amount of time. An officer made contact with the man and he explained he was using the Wi-Fi from the business. The man advised that he would leave for the night and did so.

ing, yelling and crying was heard in the 200 block of 3rd St.

Time unavailable — A civil standby was conducted at Clint Orms Engravers due to a disgruntled employee issue. The man did not show up to pick up his belongings.

## Sunday, December 13

2:26 a.m. — An officer noticed a suspicious car parked down by the river in the 100 block of Bridge Rd. The officer made contact with the person and everything was OK.

5:52 p.m. — An unresponsive woman was reported in the 100 block of Riverpark Dr. The woman was deceased upon the arrival of an officer. An unattended death investigation was completed.

10:18 p.m. — Loud music was reported in the 100 block of Blue Ridge. An officer searched the area and did not hear any music.

## Monday, December 14

5:24 a.m. — A business alarm was activated in the 200 block of Old Ingram Loop. The business was secure and there was nothing suspicious observed.

## Tuesday, December 15

Time unavailable — A report was made that scream-

## Correction

Last week's edition of the West Kerr Current stated that Ingram Volunteer Fire Department Chief Ray Lynch said he was retiring in 2021. However, Lynch later told the West Kerr Current that he had considered doing so, but was persuaded to stay on longer.

The Current regrets the error.

## Wednesday, December 16

Time unavailable — A civil standby was conducted at Clint Orms Engravers as a former employee picked up his belongings. The items were retrieved without a problem.

Time unavailable — An officer assisted Child Protective Services with a report that drugs were possibly in a house in the 200 block of 3rd St. with a small child living there. After gaining consent to search, the officer located a small amount of methamphetamine. The adult at the residence was arrested and taken to jail.

Time unavailable — A report was made that an Elvis Presley look-alike was moon-walking on the side of the road in the 200 block of Hwy. 39.

Time unavailable — A disturbance was reported at the Whataburger in the 3200 block of Junction Hwy. A woman there expressed fear. She reported that her ex-boyfriend drove through the parking lot and she believed he was watching her from across the street. The area was searched and the man was not located. The Whataburger was patrolled and he did not return.

## Thursday, December 17

Time unavailable — CPS reported that a family from out of state with a history of

## Thursday December 24

**Walk to Bethlehem** — At the Hunt United Methodist Church. An outdoor worship service gathering at the walking track outside of the church; seating provided, carols, readings, Communion and candle lighting. All are welcome; 238-4360, 120 Merritt Rd., Hunt, 4:30 p.m.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** — At Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church. 101 Webb Ave., Ingram. 6 p.m.

## Monday December 28

**Warrior basketball** — vs. Sabinal, there, JVV, 1/2:15 p.m.

## Tuesday December 29

**Warrior basketball** — vs. Boerne Geneva, there, V, TBA

## Friday January 1

**Polar Bear Plunge at Mo Ranch** — 35-foot plunge down slide into icy Guadalupe River; fundraiser for Texas Lion's Camp. Music & entertainment 12-1 p.m.; open to public; Free food & beverages, 238-4202, 2229 FM 1340, Hunt. Event begins at 1 p.m.

## Saturday January 2

**Davis Bros. Pizza Food Truck Grand Opening** — 5 piece band, picnic tables, tailgating. Serving venison chili, corn & combread in addition to food truck items, 3885 Hwy. 41; noon - 3 p.m.

## Tuesday January 5

**Warrior basketball** — vs. Hondo, here, JVV, 5/6:30 p.m.

**Lady Warrior basketball** — District opener vs. Lago Vista, here, JVV, 5/6:15 p.m.

family violence moved into a residence in the 200 block of Oak Leaf St. An officer found the residence empty.

## Friday, December 18

Time unavailable — An open 911 call from the high school was investigated. An officer spoke with the assistant principal and was advised

that there was not an active disturbance.

Time unavailable — An officer assisted CPS with a welfare check on two small children in the 200 block of Oakleaf St. It turned out to be the wrong address and CPS was notified.

Time unavailable — A theft was reported in the 100 block



## IVFD fire report

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Ingram, TX 78025

### Alarms

12-21-20, 12:21 p.m., motor vehicle accident, canceled by Kerrville Fire Department; IH-10, mile marker 504, eastbound.

12-22-20, 12:41 a.m., landing zone for medical helicopter, Ingram Helipad.

12-22-20, 8:26 a.m., motor vehicle accident, Goat Creek Rd. at Goat Creek Cutoff Rd.

12-22-20, 1:24 p.m., motor vehicle accident, 400 block of Goat Creek Cutoff Rd.

# West Kerr Community Calendar

## Friday January 8

**Lady Warrior basketball** — vs. Llano, there, JVV, 5/6:30  
**Warrior basketball** — Open

## Tuesday January 12

**Warrior basketball** — District opener vs. Blanco, here, JVV, 5/7:30 p.m.

**Lady Warrior basketball** — vs. Blanco, here, JVV, 5/6:15 p.m.

## West Kerr Weather

### Rainfall

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

### Tuesday, December 15 - Tuesday, December 22

Tuesday 12/15	0.00 in.	Saturday 12/19	0.42 in.
Wednesday 12/16	0.00 in.	Sunday 12/20	0.08 in.
Thursday 12/17	0.00 in.	Monday 12/21	0.00 in.
Friday 12/18	0.00 in.	Tuesday 12/22	0.00 in.

December 2020	0.57 in.	Total for 2014	19.12 in.
Total for 2020(to date)	27.66 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 all precincts



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).

of Cedar Dr. Upon arrival the officer was informed that a family member had taken the item. The person at the residence did not want to pursue charges. During the investigation, the officer found marijuana paraphernalia in plain

view. Possible charges for that are pending.

Time unavailable — A civil standby was requested at a business in the 100 block of Old Ingram Loop. One person involved did not show up.



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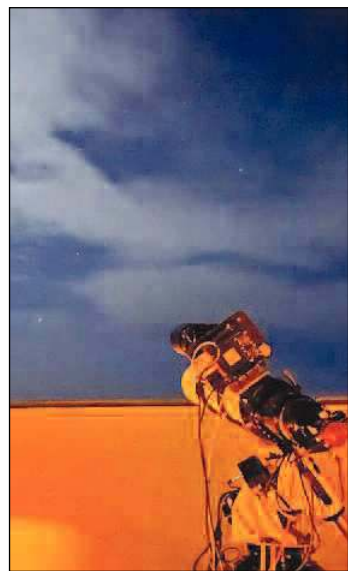
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## Great Conjunction

Ingram astronomer Bruce Barton submitted this shot of the Great Conjunction, an event that brought the planets Jupiter and Saturn extremely close together, peaking on Dec. 21, 2020. This degree of proximity has not occurred since 1623 and the closest observable one since 1226. Barton's powerful telescope is seen on the roof of his observatory.

## ESD1

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Bank once he has minutes of the board approving the transaction. Approval was unanimously given.

Ingram VFD Chief Ray Lynch clarified that he isn't retiring in 2021 contrary to news reports. He also said that workers' compensation insurance of \$5,684 was paid on Nov. 6 with copies sent to the Texas Forest Service for reimbursement.

The Forest Service also gave the IVFD a grant for \$7,200 for personal protection equipment, specifically coats and pants.

Commissioners agreed unanimously to renew and pay their membership in the Texas State Association of Fire and Emergency Districts (SAFE-D). This is "the only

organization dedicated to helping the men and women of Texas Emergency Services Districts provide fire protection and emergency medical services to more than 8 million Texans."

Finally, President Chris Hughes reported he completed and submitted the annual report on ESD1 to the Texas Department of Emergency Management.

In community business, both ESD1 and IVFD approved the placement of benches on their property in specifically designated locations.

The next regularly scheduled ESD1 meeting is Monday, Jan. 18, at 5 p.m. at the IVFD. For more information, [ingramvfd.com/kcesd-1](http://ingramvfd.com/kcesd-1).

## Death notices

**James "Jim" Robert Kramer**, 72, passed away on December 15, 2020, at home in the arms of his loving wife. Funeral arrangements are by Grimes Funeral Chapels.

**Eloise Busse**, age 89, of Kerrville, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2020 at her residence. Funeral arrangements are by Grimes Funeral Chapels.

**Harold Eugene Woods**, age 83, of Ingram, passed away Friday, Dec. 18, 2020 at his residence. Funeral arrangements are by Grimes Funeral Chapels.

**Mary Ann Dory**, 76, of Ingram, Texas passed from this life on Dec. 18, 2020 at a care facility in Kerrville. Funeral arrangements are by Kerrville Funeral Home.

**Sherron Kay Davee**, age 71, of Kerrville, passed away Friday, Dec. 18, 2020 in a San Antonio hospital. Funeral arrangements are by Grimes Funeral Chapels.

**Patricia Eileen Ewing**, 90, of Kerrville, passed away peacefully on Dec. 19, 2020. Funeral arrangements are by Grimes Funeral Chapels.

**Ronald Beckwith**, 69, of Kerrville, Texas passed from this life on Friday, Dec. 19, 2020. Funeral arrangements are by Kerrville Funeral Home.

**Melvin Talley**, 85, of Kerrville, Texas passed from this life on Dec. 19, 2020 at a local care facility. Funeral arrangements are by Kerrville Funeral Home.

**Marlene Jung Brondo**, 72, of Harper, Texas, passed away on Dec. 20, 2020 in Harper. Funeral arrangements are by Grimes Funeral Chapels.

**Brandon Carson Campbell**, 27, passed away on Dec. 20, 2020 in his hometown, Kerrville, Texas. Funeral arrangements are by Wright's Funeral Parlor.

**Wayne Lamont Sams**, age 83, of Hunt, passed away Sunday, Dec. 20, 2020 at his residence. Funeral arrangements are by Grimes Funeral Chapels.

**Bettie Jean Rothenflue**, 91, of Kerrville, Texas passed from this life on Dec. 20, 2020 at her residence. Funeral arrangements are by Kerrville Funeral Home.

## Obituaries

### Richard Carl Lehman

Richard Carl Lehman, age 93, made his last flight on silver wings on Dec. 11, 2020.

Richard was born to Raymond Herbert Lehman and Ruth Esther Schafer Lehman on Feb. 5, 1927 in Reading, Pennsylvania.

Richard, a child of the Depression, joined the U.S. Army Air Force Reserve as a junior at Wyomissing High School. As the senior class president, he went on active duty when he graduated in 1945.

Richard's military career spanned 22 years as he went through the ranks from Army private to a USAF Major. From a B-29 aircraft mechanic and Crew Chief in the Philippines, to a B-47 then B-52 pilot in the Strategic Air Command, Richard retired in 1967 as a decorated Command Pilot.

Richard married Patsy Sue Graves on Feb. 10, 1951 at Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock, the same day he was commissioned as an officer in the United States Air Force.

After retiring in 1967, Richard moved his wife and



Richard Carl Lehman

four children to Kerrville where he worked for Mooney Aircraft as a company pilot, test pilot, service representative and sales agent.

Leaving Mooney because of their financial problems, Richard and Patsy opened two stores downtown, Mode-O-Day and The Added Touch. Later, Richard opened the Lone Oak Real Estate office with Leon Long.

Richard retired again in 1985 and he and Patsy spent the next 11 years motor-homing America and Canada.

Richard was a member of



Zion Lutheran Church, the Kerrville Masonic Lodge AF and AM, Alzafar Shine Temple of San Antonio, Charter VP of the Air Force Association Kerrville Chapter, and past member of the Military Officers Association of America, and Heart of the Hills Lions Club.

Richard Carl Lehman, a third generation Mason, was raised as Master Mason on the 8th day of February 1972 at Kerrville Masonic Lodge #697. He helped in the design of the new Lodge building used today. Richard was a

32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason and was also formally knighted in the York Rite Commandry no. 7 in San Antonio, Texas in November of 1975.

He was later accepted into the Alzafar Shrine Temple in San Antonio where he served in the early '80s as the Chairman of the Hospitalier's committee, transporting children and their parents to Houston and Galveston to the Shriner Hospital facilities.

Preceding Richard in death were his parents, sisters Evelyn Schell and Louise Dunn Smith of Florida, and brothers Ronald of Pennsylvania, Raymond Jr. of Kerrville and Robert of Oregon.

Surviving are his wife, Patsy, son Stephen, daughter Gina Lehman Stewart, son John, son Martin and his wife Debbie, seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

There is no service or memorial pending at this time. Cremation arrangements by Kerrville Funeral Home.

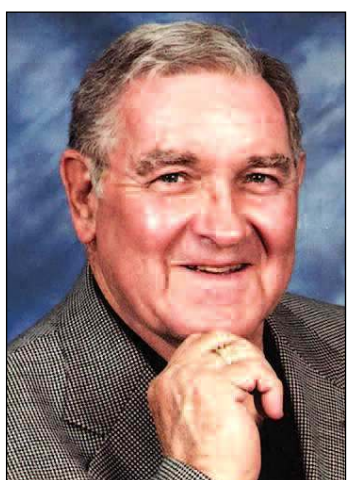
### Charles Robert Schupp

Charles Robert Schupp, 82, of Hunt, passed away peacefully on Dec. 8, 2020 in Kerrville, Texas.

He was born in Houston, Texas to Carl Frederick Schupp and Irma Claudine Rush (Lady) Schupp on June 25, 1938. He married Joyce Annette Koehn of Houston on Aug. 26, 1960 in Austin, Texas.

Charley's family moved to Kerrville from Houston in 1950. He graduated from Tivy High School and attended Schreiner Institute, Texas A&M and the University of Texas. Although he started working at an early age delivering papers in Kerrville, most of his working career was with various Texas state agencies as a computer programmer in Austin. He retired in 1992.

While raising a family and working for the state, he was always busy with outdoor projects around the house, gardening, coaching or umpiring for Westlake Optimist Little League, and serving as a



Charles Robert Schupp

deacon at Westlake Presbyterian Church.

He shared his love of music and singing when he joined the Austin Chord Rangers Barbershop Chorus. His trips to Uvalde, Texas to hunt and build a cabin gave him much satisfaction and enjoyment.

After retiring, Charley volunteered using his carpentry skills with Habitat for Humanity and with the Appalachia Service Project.

He also served on the board of trustees at Westlake United Methodist Church and became an active member of the Emmaus Community.

In 1998, Charley's dream of "retiring by the river" was fulfilled when he returned to Kerr County. He became an active member of Hunt United Methodist Church and especially enjoyed singing with their choir. He also continued his barbershop singing with The Country Gentlemen and The Mixed Doubles in Kerrville. Charley always enjoyed spending time with his high school classmates from Tivy, and he was active in their reunions. He served on the board of directors of the Hill Country Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Inc.

Charley was preceded in death by his parents and his brother William F. (Billy) Schupp.

Survivors include his devoted wife of 60 years, Joyce; their children Robbi Linn King (Cliff) of Rockwall, Texas and Carl

Frederick Schupp, III of Hunt; six grandchildren, Corley King (Danielle), James King (Anna), Lindy King Butler (Andy), Nathan Schupp, Calvin Schupp, and Victoria Schupp; and nine great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Bonnie Schupp Eubank of Mason, Texas and her sons, Chaz Eubank, Will Eubank, Pat Eubank and Rusty Eubank.

No services are planned at this time, but a Celebration of Life service and reception will be planned around the time of Charley's birthday in the coming year.

Memorials may be given to Hunt United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 137, Hunt, TX 78024, to Peterson Hospice, 250 Cully Drive, Kerrville, TX 78028 or to a charity of your choice.

Condolences may be sent at [www.grimesfuneralchapels.com](http://www.grimesfuneralchapels.com) by selecting the "Send Condolences" link.

Arrangements are entrusted to Grimes Funeral Chapels of Kerrville.

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**A Thought For The Month**  
By John M. Grimes

The celebration of Christmas takes on added meaning each year. It reminds us that material success holds little value if we neglect the spiritual. The strongest tie in human endeavor is that of the family, and through this tie we project our good wishes and feelings to those around us.

Some of us express the holiday in material ways through the exchange of gifts, others through an exchange of cards, personal visits or telephone calls. But they all focus on the main theme of brotherly love.

It is the time of year when good fellowship, in spite of some commercial overtones, becomes contagious when friendly, kind thoughts and actions are directed toward our fellow man. It is a time when voices are heard in song and prayer and the cares of the world melt away.

Let us try to extend the quality of the Merry Christmas of Christmas Day to the other 364 Days in the year by looking for positive ways to further the well-being of all mankind . . .

With these thoughts, we sincerely say to all of you who read this "MERRY CHRISTMAS."

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**Upper Guadalupe River Authority**  
Weekly News

**Drought Conditions Intensify in Kerr County**

During the last 6 months of 2020, our area received far less rainfall than the long-term average. In Kerrville, less than 5 inches has been recorded since July 1st at the USDA weather station just north of I-10. The US Drought Monitor classifies Kerr County in the severe to extreme drought category and predictions for the next three months are for above average temperatures and below average rainfall. Conserve water — every drop counts!

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**In The News**  
December 16, 1982

**City Council considers water company franchise**  
Ingram City Council met with Joel Craig, owner of Ingram Water Supply, in a preliminary deliberation for a city franchise agreement with the utility.

"I don't really know what you have in mind," said Craig at the beginning of discussion. Mayor Donald Oehler told Craig that liability insurance and street repair were foremost considerations.

Councilman Monroe Schlabach pushed for more adequate fire protection by replacing smaller pipes with 6-inch water lines to parts of the city west of Highway 27.

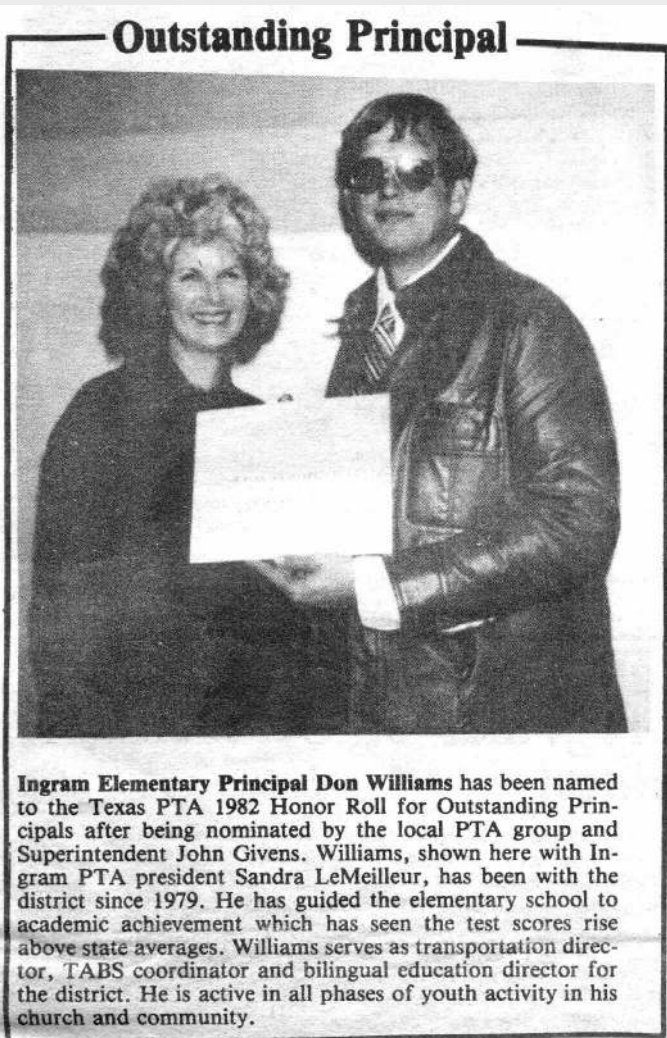
"Our fire insurance is double down here," said Schlabach, who lives and owns a business in Old Ingram.

Craig told the council that he will repair lines, but that he has no plans to replace any. Costs on laying a 6-inch main across 27 could be between \$30,000 and \$100,000. Installation of a single fire hydrant would run about \$1,000.

"Is the city going to help Joel with these costs?" asked Councilman Ed Lange. "Somebody's going to have to pay for it."

Vernon Burns suggested that getting mains across 27 could be a joint project of the city and the water company.

Although the city would assume control over the water



**Ingram Elementary Principal Don Williams** has been named to the Texas PTA 1982 Honor Roll for Outstanding Principals after being nominated by the local PTA group and Superintendent John Givens. Williams, shown here with Ingram PTA president Sandra LeMeilleur, has been with the district since 1979. He has guided the elementary school to academic achievement which has seen the test scores rise above state averages. Williams serves as transportation director, TABS coordinator and bilingual education director for the district. He is active in all phases of youth activity in his church and community.

rates, Craig's company would remain under the aegis of the Texas Public Utilities Commission for his customers outside of the city limits.

Craig estimated that out of his 800 connections 70 percent fall within the city of Ingram. Based on a 2 percent franchise fee, the same levy paid by the television cable company, the city could expect annual revenue of about \$1,100 from Craig's base monthly rate of \$8.50

residential and \$10 for businesses.

Councilman Burns stressed the city's desire to maintain a harmonious relationship with Craig. "We want to continue to have a good water supply," he said.

Council will follow Schlabach's suggestion to look around for other small towns with similar privately-owned utilities for comparisons and guidance in preparing a franchise agreement.

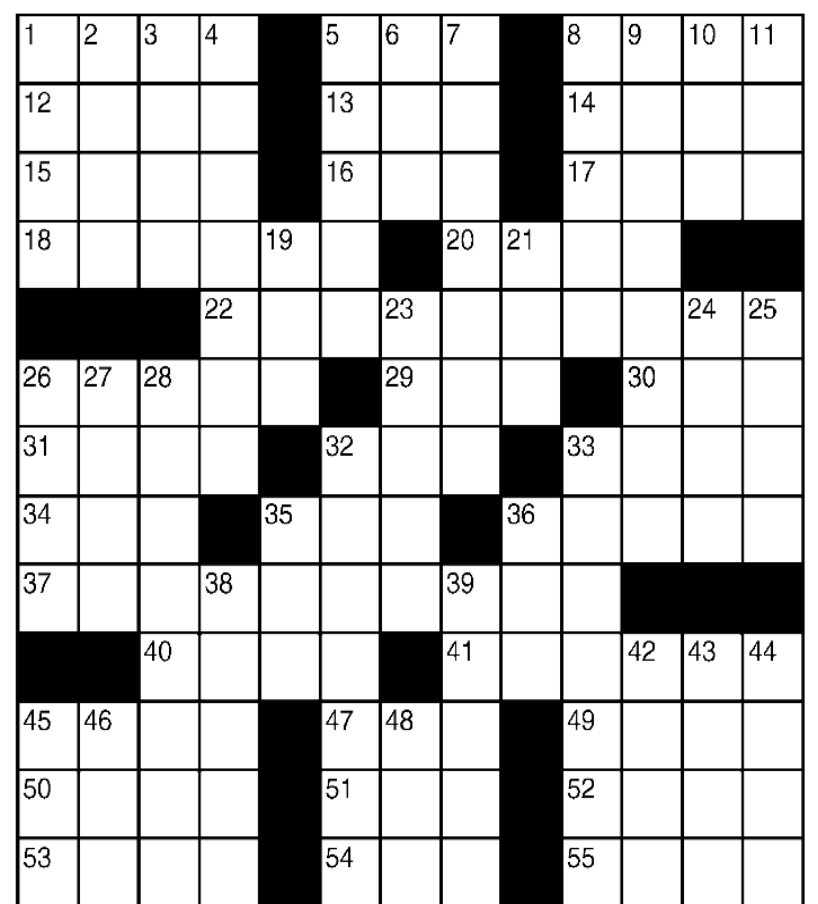
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## King Crossword

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### ACROSS

- 1 Porter's burdens
- 5 Before
- 8 Dull sound of impact
- 12 Enticement
- 13 Blend
- 14 Abundant
- 15 Opera show-stopper
- 16 U.K. broadcaster
- 17 Black, in verse
- 18 Fight
- 20 Like a lot
- 22 Solid ground
- 26 Entire
- 29 Smack
- 30 Zilch
- 31 Bees' home
- 32 Parsons or Gaffigan
- 33 Slangy negative
- 34 — out a living
- 35 One of the Brady Bunch
- 36 Grown-up bug
- 37 Brownish orange
- 40 Warmonger
- 41 Barbershop tools
- 45 First victim
- 47 Luau bowlful
- 49 "American —"
- 50 Ring out



- 7 Cry out
- 8 Italian fountain site
- 9 Ireland
- 10 Venusian vessel?
- 11 Lair
- 19 Appomattox surrenderer
- 21 Frequently
- 23 Serengeti beast
- 24 Chinese dynasty
- 25 Choir member
- 26 Sharpen
- 27 Raise
- 28 Above
- 32 Lotto win
- 33 Incredible
- 35 Mandible
- 36 Call — day
- 38 Make a comeback
- 39 Warble
- 42 Bloodhound's clue
- 43 Quarterback Tony
- 44 Dispatched
- 45 Mimic
- 46 Foundation
- 48 Didn't pay yet

### DOWN

- 1 Spill the beans
- 2 Emanation
- 3 Determination
- 4 Birthplace of Starbucks
- 5 Fireplace bit
- 6 Cage component
- 7 Cry out
- 8 Italian fountain site
- 9 Ireland
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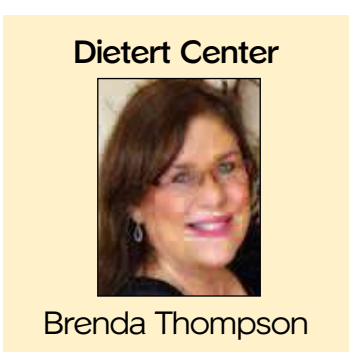
## We wish you a Merry Christmas; services provided despite closure

**W**e wish you a Merry, Merry Christmas!

Christmas is a time to be thankful for all of the many blessings we have received over the past year and remember those we love — the ones who we see every day and those who have left us long ago.

Even though this year has been a tough one, I know that there are many blessings and remembering them will help us close out the year on a positive note.

As I was finishing, or actually mid-finishing, my shop-



ping for my grandsons, I reflected back on my many years of Christmases and a few stand out in my memory. Like the year I got a doll that had hair that would grow out of the top of her head with a push of a button. I

remember that she wore a beautiful purple crushed velvet dress and had blonde hair. I kept that doll for years and after I was too old to play with dolls; she remained on my shelf for display.

I also remember fondly the time I got a faux fur vest and suede pants. I thought I was so cool! I was about 10 years old at the time, but funny thing is, those are back in style now and I would be cool again if I had them ... maybe.

What do you remember about Christmases past? I asked this question to some of our volunteers a few years ago and got answers like a BB gun, a bike, a real pony, and many other fun things. I love the look on a person's face as you ask them to think back to those days. Their eyes shimmer with loving memories and their smile is heartwarming. So, what do you remember receiving for Christmas?

I know that gifts are not what Christmas is all about really. The birth of Jesus is the "reason for the season" and for that we are forever grateful.

Please keep our seniors in mind who may not have family close by. Especially this year when visits from family might be limited. Isolation during this time is not a positive attribute of life for our seniors, so seek out those who might need a helping

hand, a sweet note, or a joyful conversation.

We will continue to watch over our seniors as we provide our Meals on Wheels clients, Personal Alert Link units, Call Reassurance, Medical Lending program and our drive-thru meals services during this Christmas season.

All staff working in these program areas are remaining vigilant with health and safety protective measures. The Dietert Center will be closed to the general public until further notice, but, staff are still here every day to assist those in need as best that we can within safety guidelines.

If you, or a senior aged 60-plus you know of, is in need of a hot meal, please give us a call at 896-8117 to review guidelines for the program. Our amazing volunteers help

us deliver the meals, and best of all, they also offer a warm smile and social interaction that so many people need right now.

Our drive-thru **Friendship Café** is open for lunch Monday-Friday, 11:30-12:30. If you are 60 years or older, stop by to pick up a meal. If you have paperwork already completed or wish to complete it for us, the meal is by donation. If you don't have time to complete the paperwork, the meal is \$8.

The menu for the week is: Wednesday — Yankee Pot Roast

Thursday — Pineapple Chicken

Friday — CLOSED for Christmas — Did you know that we also supply our MOW clients with a meal for the days we are closed. We do! Plus sometimes extras for the weekend.

Monday — Pork Chop  
Tuesday — Healthy Baked Fish  
Wednesday — Santa Fe Chicken Stew

**Thank you** to everyone who purchased banana muffins or a quiche for Christmas. Our kitchen sure is smelling good right now. Thank you Shonna, Corina, Garrett, Luisa and Rosie for making sure our special treats along with our daily meals are so tasty. A special thank you to our volunteer, Kit Hunter, who is retiring after many years of helping us every week in the kitchen.

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**TODAY'S WORD**

**"I can't cook, but my husband says I'm the best little \_\_\_\_\_ in the world."**

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## Whoville

Two colorful cheerful elves, Anke Leitner and Vanessa Lopez, were received enthusiastically by the tremendous passing parade at the Whoville in the Old Ingram Loop last Saturday night.

## Plunge

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— Music and entertainment during registration on New Year's Day from 12-1 p.m.

— The event will officially begin on New Year's Day at 1 p.m.

— Open to the public for spectators to come and enjoy free food, beverages, entertainment, festivities and polar bear fun

— Certified lifeguard on duty

Prizes will be awarded at the event for:

— Raising the most money (Individual)

— Team raising the most money (Adult and youth)

— Biggest splash

— Longest ride

— Oldest polar bear

— Polar bear with the best costume

— Polar bear farthest from home.

On Monday, Dec. 7, members of the Polar Bear Court and representatives from Mo-Ranch gathered in the Wagon Wheel Café at Mo-Ranch to crown the Polar Bear Plunge king and queen.

The king of the court is Kent Basinger, chairman of the Board of Trustees for TLC, who raised \$21,845 for Polar Bear Plunge. He also was given the largest individual fundraiser award.

Terry Hawkins, immediate past district governor for the Texas Lions Camp, was crowned the Polar Bear queen Monday night. She raised \$7,300.

At Texas Lions Camp, traditional camp activities like horseback riding, shooting archery and rock climbing are modified so it is accessible to every camper.

Proceeds will go toward repairing bunkhouses that were destroyed during a severe storm in the spring.



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Morning Rotarians display assembled backpacks. From left are Ray Buck, Kenneth O'Neal, Ron Hackett, Dan Dixon, Nancy Riley, Drew Whitehead, Randy McClay, Bill Sharp, Waverly Jones, Bart Stevens, Taylor Finley and Mike Hunter.

## Morning Rotary 'Santa's Helpers' assemble Christmas backpacks for Ingram students

The Rotary Club of Kerrville - Morning (Morning Rotary) recently had a lot of fun serving as Santa's helpers. Rotarians assembled 32 backpacks for Ingram Middle School and Ingram Tom Moore High School boys and girls.

"Shoppers" Jon Tilley and Taylor Finley bought items for the boys while Nancy Riley purchased items for the girls. Each backpack contains 15-20 personal care items, some "fun stuff" and either cash or a gift certificate to McDonald's.

The stylish backpacks were donated by the Rick Ragsdale Family and Ingram Interact Club. The ITM counselor will distribute the backpacks for Christmas as appropriate.

"This type of service project is what makes Kerrville and Rotary special to me. This small act of caring, leveraged with generosity from other local organizations, contributes to building our community. It creates and nurtures relationships, making all of us better," said Morning Rotary President Ray Buck.



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From left, Morning Rotarian and ITM Principal Justin "Critt" Crittenden, Ingram Interact Club members Walker Ragsdale and Samantha Sollers, and Morning Rotarian and ITM teacher Donna Ragsdale display a completed backpack to be delivered, along with the others, to the ITM counselor.

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SUN: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Worship (nursery available)  
WED: 7:00 p.m. Youth  
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](http://christchurchkerrville.org)  
SUN: 10:00 a.m. Worship  
Rev. John D. Standridge  
[john@christchurchkerrville.org](mailto: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  
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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  
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**First Church of Christ, Scientist**  
301 Woodlawn Ave., Kerrville  
257-3004 [kerrvillechristianscientist.org](http://kerrvillechristianscientist.org)  
Services and Sun. School 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
Wed. Testimony Meeting 7:30 p.m.

**First Christian Church**  
1900 Goat Creek Rd, Kerrville  
895-5355  
SUN: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Contemporary Worship,  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship & Sunday School  
Rev. Brett W. Coe

**Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church**  
Texas Hwy. 39 & Webb Rd., Ingram  
367-5672  
SUN: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
TUES: 10:30 a.m. Bible Study  
Pastor John W. Uhl

**Hill Country Christian Center**  
Ingram 367-4290  
SUN: Sunday School & Worship  
WED: Worship Service

**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

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church**  
204 Spence St., Kerrville  
257-4433  
[www.holycrosskerrville.com](http://www.holycrosskerrville.com)  
SUN: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School  
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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  
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**St Michael & All Angels Anglican Church**  
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SUN: 10:00 a.m. Services

**Hunt Baptist Church**  
238-4863 [HuntBaptist@HCTC.net](mailto: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](http://www.huntumc.org)  
SUN: 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Service  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Service  
(Nursery provided on Sunday mornings)  
TUES: 6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study  
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WED: 1:00 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study  
5:45 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal  
6:00 p.m. Praise Music Group Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
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WED: 7:00 p.m. Bible Study

**Mt. Home Divide Chapel**  
Hwy 41 (near YO gate)  
121 Divide School Rd.  
640-3307  
2nd SUN: 2:30 p.m.  
WED: 11a.m. Bible Study

**New Hope Fellowship**  
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405 Main St., Ingram  
367-7709  
SUN: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
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

**Notre Dame Catholic Church**  
Corner of Water & Washington, Kerrville  
257-5961  
SAT: 4:00 p.m. Reconciliation  
5:00 p.m. English Mass  
SUN: Masses 7:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. English - 9:30 a.m. Spanish  
Rev. David Wagner  
Open Arms Ministry  
3167B Junction Hwy., Ingram  
367-1777  
WEDS.: 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
SUN.: 10:30 a.m.-12:36 p.m.  
4 p.m.-6 p.m.  
Sr. Pastor: Thomas Jeffers

**Riverside Church of Christ**  
625 Harper Rd., Kerrville  
257-5445  
SUN: 9:00 a.m. Bible Class and Worship  
5:00 p.m. Worship

WED: 7:00 p.m. Bible Class  
Pulpit minister: Kevin Kasperek

**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

**St. Paul's United Methodist**  
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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**St. Peter's Episcopal Church**  
School - Janet Boutin, Sch. Dir  
320 St. Peter St., Kerrville  
257-8162 -Church  
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**Sunset Baptist Church**  
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**  
Services and Children's, SUN: 10 a.m.  
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Rev. Ja Rickard 792-3626

**Victory Baptist Church**  
501 Mill Run Rd., 896-4558  
Pastor Delano Day  
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## Entertainment

# Cailloux City Center makes cautious plans for January

Kerrville's Kathleen C. Cailloux City Center for the Performing Arts has laid out plans for a slate of January performances, assuming that health concerns can be managed adequately.

"We know that everyone is both anxious to get back into the theater and, at the same time, cautious about getting out during the surge in Covid we're seeing right now," said Jeffrey Brown, executive director of Playhouse 2000, which manages the City Center on behalf of the City of Kerrville.

"We want everyone to know that we take pains to reduce the risk of attending events in The Cailloux and VK Garage Theaters," he continued. "Still, we rely on everyone using their own best judgment about when it is appropriate to venture back to the theater, and we want to be ready when that time comes."

The new year will begin with the annual "Pops" concert by the Symphony of the Hills, set for Saturday, Jan. 9. Two limited-seating performances are planned, at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$25.

The concert, dubbed "An American Songbook," will feature the music of George Gershwin, Henry Mancini, Leonard Bernstein and more, plus a surprise guest artist.

Popular local artists "The New Buddy Holly Band" will be on hand for their annual January appearance at The Cailloux on Saturday, Jan. 23, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$20 to \$35, and a maximum of 220 seats will be available to allow for social distance seating.

Their all-new show, which they call "Ten Years Together," celebrates the band's decade of dedication to re-creating the hits of Rock and Roll's earliest hit-makers, from Buddy Holly to "The Beach Boys" and more.

The final Saturday in January is scheduled for the long-awaited appearance in Kerrville of "The Urban Cowboy 40th



Courtesy photo

The New Buddy Holly Band, the Hill Country's most popular '50s Rock cover band, will present "10 Years Together" in The Cailloux Theater on Saturday, Jan. 23, at 7:30 p.m.

Reunion Tour" featuring Country superstars Mickey Gilley and Johnny Lee.

This concert, for which seating has been restricted to 50 percent of capacity, is "sold out."

As Kerrville's Community Theater, Playhouse 2000 will spend January preparing for the first play in Season 2021, a thriller called "Villainous Company," which will open in the VK Garage Theater on Feb. 4 for three weekends.

P2K also reminds readers that Season Ticket Packages are now available for the five plays and musicals in the new season. Packages save as much as 15 percent over the cost of single tickets, and they make great gifts.

The requirement for all patrons to wear face coverings upon entry to the theaters will continue at The Cailloux City Center at least through February. Masks will be required, and will be provided if requested. All staff and ushers will, likewise, be masked, and use best practices to limit contact with patrons.

The Cailloux Box Office will be closed from Dec. 22 through Jan. 2 for an update to online ticketing systems, and will launch a completely new online interface in the new year.

After Jan. 2, the Box Office will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays. Walk-ups are welcome, and telephone orders can be placed by calling (830) 896-9393. Messages can be left at any time to be returned to regular hours.

Tickets can also be reserved online at [www.CaillouxPerformingArts.com](http://www.CaillouxPerformingArts.com). Online convenience fees apply to these orders.

Playhouse 2000 is Kerrville's Community Theater, and manages, on behalf of the City of Kerrville, the Kathleen C. Cailloux City Center for the Performing Arts, including the Cailloux Theater and the VK Garage Theater.

For more information, including details on volunteering with or auditioning for P2K, visit [www.playhouse2000.com](http://www.playhouse2000.com).



Photos by Irene Van Winkle

## New venue

A dual ribbon cutting took place last Friday at Southern Sky Music Cafe in Ingram — the West Kerr and the Kerrville chambers of commerce — to celebrate the new venue that offers down-home cooking along with down-home music. The owners are Tye Phelps and Laura Adkinson (holding scissors), inviting all to come see their new place at the Hill Country Arts Foundation grounds.



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## Living nativity

The 2nd annual Living Nativity representation of the birth of Jesus Christ drew many visitors last Sunday night at the Ingram Dam Center. It was hosted by the PowerHour church Pastor Roy and Lynette Waldrep. Volunteers/reenactors included Travis Waldrep (Joseph), Brianna Waldrep (Mary), Cristy McGowan (lady shepherd) and Colton Wakely (little boy shepherd). There were animals such as a donkey, a pony, baby goats and sheep on hand, who were very popular with the crowd.



Photo by Irene Van Winkle

## Wreaths Across America

During the Wreaths Across America event at many area cemeteries last Saturday, members of the local Major James Kerr Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas brought a wreath to Nichols Cemetery honoring the remains of Corporal Billie Joe Butler, killed in the Korean War. Shown here are Catherine Gauldin, left, and Dawn Collum.

## Mixin'

Last week's mixer at the Apothecary Shop brought out a crowd of West Kerr County Chamber of Commerce members and supporters for a gathering with drinks, snacks and sociable exchanges. Pictured here, from left, are James and Kelly Wright of Cowboys and Angels, with Rick and Deb Goin.



Photo by Irene Van Winkle

## A N.I.C.E., very fragrant tree: Texas kidneywood

By Cindy Anderson  
Native Plant Society of Texas

Texas is a large, diverse state and plants that work for one region may not always be the best choice in a different region.

The Native Plant Society of Texas created the N.I.C.E. Native Plant Partners program to help nurseries offer natives that are right for the local environment.

Two local chapters of NPSOT, the Kerrville and Fredericksburg chapters, implement this program by choosing one native plant to promote each season – in cooperation with wholesalers, in order to assure availability – and in cooperation with participating local nurseries.

The N.I.C.E. acronym stands for "Natives Improve and Conserve Environments." The goal of the program is to introduce people to great native plants that are available locally to use in place of non-native species.

### Why plant natives?

The home page of the state website, NPSOT.org, states:

— Native plants are drought tolerant, naturally conserving our precious water resources  
— Native plants provide habitat and food for birds, butterflies, bees and other wildlife  
— Native plants don't need special pampering or fertilizing

— Natives are natural to their eco-system  
— Natives help us maintain biological diversity

### Kidneywood tree

This winter season, which began on Monday, Dec. 21, the Kerrville and Fredericksburg NPSOT chapters are featuring the kidneywood tree (*Eysenhardtia texana*), at five local nurseries as their N.I.C.E. Plant of the Season. It is a small flowering tree in the legume family Fabaceae (the pea family.) It is commonly known as Texas

Native Plant Society of Texas



Cindy Anderson

kidneywood, bee-brush, or vara dulce.

Why is it named for an organ of the body? The tree of this wood "fluoresces" in water – becoming brilliantly colored and emitting light. For this reason, both kidneywood species – *E. texana* and the more westerly *E. orthocarpa* – were once thought to possess magical healing powers. They were harvested to treat disorders of the kidney and bladder, hence the name.

Texas kidneywood is an open, airy shrub or small tree with sweet-smelling white flowers and small compound leaves. It normally grows to about 10 feet tall and 8 feet wide, often with several trunks, and is particularly attractive when pruned into a small tree.

It is a fast grower that prefers to grow in the sun, but will tolerate partial shade. The leaves have a pungent smell of citrus when crushed, and the entire plant is a favorite of deer, livestock and other wildlife.

A Texas native, Texas kidneywood can be found growing in dry, brushy hills, canyons and rocky limestone soils in Central and West Texas and south to central Mexico.

It is very drought-tolerant once established, although it may drop its leaves in periods of drought. It will grow faster with more moisture, but still must be planted in well-drained soil.

Texas-tough, it is tolerant of heat, cold and drought, making it an excellent landscape plant for this area.



Photo by Bill Lindemann



Courtesy photo

The Texas kidneywood is a small, airy, ornamental tree which blossoms generously and attracts bees and butterflies.

Although Texas kidneywood is in the same family as acacias and mimosas, it does not have their characteristic thorns. Its small compound leaves, very mimosa-like, are finely divided, light and airy.

The blooms of kidneywood occur intermittently from April to October, especially after rains. The most flowers appear in late August to September. These flowers are like magnets to butterflies and bees seeking nectar.

Kidneywood is also a host plant for the Southern Dogface butterfly, whose larvae (caterpillars) eat the leaves of Kidneywood (so leave them be!) In September, it bears fruit in the form of small brown pods attached to the ends of stems. The kidneywood tree is deciduous, meaning that it loses its leaves each winter.

In a list of plants that are browsed by deer, kidneywood is in the column "Highly Preferred." For this reason, unless it is behind a fairly tall fence, it must be protected with a wire cage as high as the deer can reach.

Even rabbits will graze on it when small, so the base of the tree also must be protected with a barrier until it develops a tough layer of bark. Other than that, no maintenance is required except for shaping and pruning as desired.

### Where to find it

Our local N.I.C.E. nurseries have happily agreed to stock up on our Plant of the Season in order to have it

available to the public. These independent nurseries carry only the best plants for our area, as well as high-quality soil amendments and gardening supplies.

Look for the "N.I.C.E. Plant of the Season" sign stake at these nurseries and growers in Kerrville, Fredericksburg and Medina:

— Plant Haus 2, 604 Jefferson Street, Kerrville, 830-792-4444

— The Gardens at The Ridge, 13439 S. Ranch Road 783 (Harper Rd.), Kerrville, 830-896-0430

— Natives of Texas, 4256 Medina Highway, Kerrville, 830-896-2169

— Friendly Natives, 1107 N. Llano Street, Fredericksburg, 830-997-6288

— Medina Garden Nursery, 13417 Tx. Highway 16, Medina, 830-589-2771

Our chapter website contains articles of past N.I.C.E. plants, going back as far as 2009. To peruse the list, go to the following link: <https://npsot.org/wp/kerrville/nice-2> and scroll to the bottom of the page for the list of featured plants.

Cindy Anderson is a member of the Native Plant Society of Texas (Kerrville Chapter) and the Hill Country Master Gardeners. An enthusiastic (though often frustrated) gardener, she has learned first-hand the value of native plants, and gladly shares reviews of her favorites in this quarterly seasonal column.

## Deer

Continued from Page 1

ball games going on. All things people are doing this time of year, Christmas parties, everything's canceled. They might as well just go hunting," said Broach.

"I don't know if people are trying to fill their freezers or they just don't have anything better to do or what, but we're doing really well," he said.

Dieringer said, "It's one of the busiest years we've ever had," agreeing that pandemic is playing a role. He added he's seen a lot of first-time hunters.

"We had to close processing for a little bit because we ran out of space," he said. "There's a lot more hunters out in the woods."

Broach had to close his business for 10 days because of Covid, but said despite that he is about where he was this time last year.

"We're very steady. We were shut down 10 days for Covid and our numbers are still about where they were last year," Broach said.

He said a bright spot this year, at least for his business, is that there are few acorns on the ground.

Because of that and the dry summer deer have to move

more to get to water and food sources, so there's more chance of seeing them, he said.

"It helped the fact the deer had to be more mobile because there wasn't that much green stuff and there wasn't that much water — but the acorns, that's huge."

Broach said he believes the lack of acorns — which makes it much more likely deer will show up at feeders — was due to the big storms in May.

"I think it blew them all out of the trees while they were still green," he said.

"Last year we had the best crop of acorns we ever had. There were still acorns on the ground in January which is unheard of. We went from the most acorns we've ever had to the least we've ever had."

Broach said November started out a little too warm, but now cold mornings are bringing hunters out.

"Deer are moving, we're seeing a lot of activity."

"The Covid has made it weird," Broach said. "I guess the fact that we lost 10 days and our numbers are even tells you we must be doing pretty good. It must be a pretty good year."

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# Sports



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## ITM basketball

At left, Andrew Burroughs drives against Marion, while at right Brandon Martinez sets up a jump shot against Marion in a home game on Dec. 15. Marion won 24-64 The Warriors' next game is an away game against Sabinal on Monday, Dec. 28; game times are 1 p.m. for JV and 2:15 p.m. varsity.



Photos by Tony Gallucci

## Lady Warriors

The Lady Warriors have been busy. Above, Macie Neutze makes a pass in Friday's home game against Harper. Above right, Kenzie Duglosch drives past a Medina defender on Dec. 15, and below right, Renee Fisher lines up a shot against Pearsall Dec. 19. ITM beat Medina 36-30 but lost to Harper 9-80; the score against Pearsall was unavailable. The team's next game is an away game against Pearsall, with JV and varsity game times 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., respectively.



## Warrior Basketball 2020-21

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TEAMS	TIMES
Tue, Dec 1	D'Hanis	ITM	JV/V	5/6:15
Fri, Dec 4	Lytle	ITM	JV/V	5/6:15
Tue, Dec 8	Bandera	ITM	JV/V	5/6:15
Fri, Dec 11	Karnes City	ITM	JV/V	6/7:15
Sat, Dec 12	Leakey	Leakey	JV/V	12:30/1:45
Tue, Dec 15	Marion	ITM	JV/V	6/7:30
Fri, Dec 18	BYE			
Mon, Dec 28	Sabinal	Sabinal	JV/V	1/2:15
Tue, Dec 29	Boerne Geneva	Geneva	V	TBA
Tue, Jan 5	Hondo	ITM	JV/V	5/6:30
Tue, Jan 12	Blanco*	ITM	JV/V	5/7:30
Fri, Jan 15	IDEA*	IDEA	JV/V	5/7:30
Tue, Jan 19	Comfort*	ITM	JV/V	5/7:30
Fri, Jan 22	Lago Vista*	Lago Vista	JV/V	5/7:30
Tue, Jan 26	Llano*	ITM	JV/V	5/7:30
Fri, Jan 29	Blanco*	Blanco	JV/V	5/7:30
Tue, Feb 2	IDEA*	ITM	JV/V	5/7:30
Fri, Feb 5	Comfort*	Comfort	JV/V	5/7:30
Tue, Feb 9	Lago Vista*	ITM	JV/V	5/6:15
Fri, Feb 12	Llano*	Llano	JV/V	5/6:15

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## Lady Warrior Basketball 2020-21

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TEAMS	TIMES
Fri, Dec 4	Junction	ITM	V/JV	5/6:30
Sat, Dec 5	Johnson City	Johnson City	JV/V	11/12:30
Tue, Dec 8	Natalia	Natalia	JV/V	5/6:15
Fri, Dec 11	Center Point	Center Point	V	5
Sat, Dec 12	Leakey	Leakey	JV/V	10/11:15
Tue, Dec 15	Bye			
Fri, Dec 18	Harper	ITM	JV/V	5/6:15
Sat, Dec 19	Pearsall	ITM	JV/V	11:30/1
Mon, Dec 21	Pettus	Pettus	JV/V	Noon/1:15
Mon, Dec 21	Three Rivers	Three Rivers	JV/V	5/6:15
Tue, Dec 29	Pearsall	Pearsall	JV/V	11:30/1
Tue, Jan 5	Lago Vista*	ITM	JV/V	5/6:15
Fri, Jan 8	Llano*	Llano	JV/V	5/6:15
Tue, Jan 12	Blanco*	ITM	JV/V	5/6:15
Fri, Jan 15	canceled			
Tue, Jan 19	Comfort*	ITM	JV/V	5/6:15
Fri, Jan 22	Lago Vista*	Lago Vista	JV/V	5/6:15
Tue, Jan 26	Llano*	ITM	JV/V	5/6:15
Fri, Jan 29	Blanco*	Blanco	JV/V	5/6:15
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# Outdoors

## Poinsettia time of year!

Nothing says Christmas like a poinsettia. Aztecs called poinsettias Cuetlaxochitl. During the 14th-16th centuries, sap from the plant was used to control fevers, and dye was made from the red bracts.

William Prescott researched the discovery of the plant and attributed it to Joel Poinsett. Thus, the name was derived. The botanical name, *Euphorbia pulcherrima*, means very beautiful.

Joel Poinsett was the first U.S. Ambassador to Mexico and served under President Andrew Jackson. When he was appointed, Mexico was in the midst of civil war. With an interest in botany, Poinsett searched the countryside for new plant species, and one of the plants he found and introduced to the U.S. was to become the Poinsettia.

In ancient times, it symbolized blood sacrifice for the Aztec, and it later came to be a Christian symbol of Christ's blood.

### How to carry your poinsettia over to next year

When the colorful bracts start drooping, dropping and losing their aesthetic appeal, cut them back to about eight inches to 12 inches in height. This will occur as late as April, if you take good care until then.

Continue regular watering and fertilizing your plant with a good organic fertilizer. A dusting of mycorrhizal fungi should produce vigorous new growth by the end of May.

After all chance of frost is passed, your plants will do well outdoors in indirect sun through spring and summer. Continue regular watering and fertilizing through the growing season.

Trim back in summer to about half its original size, and prune as necessary to keep plants compact, but stop any pruning well before Sept. 1. Transplant into a larger pot in June, if you want, but

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David Steinbrunner  
Linda Tarrant



select one no more than four inches larger than the original. Use a high percentage of organic matter.

The poinsettia is photoperiodic, meaning that it sets bud and produces flowers as the autumn nights lengthen (much like Christmas cactus).

Poinsettias will naturally come into bloom during November or December. For Christmas blooming, the plants must be kept in complete darkness for 14 continuous hours each night from Oct. 1. Stray light of any kind, as from a street light or house lamp, can delay or entirely preclude the setting of blooms.

### Personal Plant of the Week:

Recommended plant of the week is the poinsettia. This beautiful Christmas plant comes in a variety of reds, pinks, whites, splotchy colors, and even yellowish coloring. Look for healthy specimens that are readily available around Christmas. They are *not* poisonous as is often suggested, but make a colorful indoor plant.

### Chores for this week:

— Spread a pre-emergent, such as corn gluten meal to keep weed seed from sprouting in the late winter and early spring.

— Keep planting trees and shrubs.

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

## Hondo, Texas has unique history

Hondo, Texas is probably more famous for this sign, than for its U.S. Air Force base! It's been on TV, in magazines, and in court!

The original was erected in the 1940s and has since been replaced with the word "please." That's Texas for you — southern hospitality with a message!

Hondo, Texas is the site of the World War II Air Force Base training camp. In its heyday, it was the largest air navigation school in the world.

It was here just three years ago I was privileged to meet the late Lt. Col. Richard Cole, last of the Doolittle Raiders who, following the attack on Pearl Harbor, was involved in a daring mission to bomb Tokyo.

Lt. Col. Cole was Jimmy



The is one of the barracks where airmen would stay at the base.

### Explore Texas



Carol Wier

Dolittle's copilot and lived to be 103. He was 100 when I took this picture! A nicer man you'd never meet.

All proceeds from his books went to a scholarship fund for students in aviation. My husband and I bought two signed copies and later gave them to our grandson currently in the Air Force overseas. It just seemed fitting to do so.

Hondo, Texas is the county



Photos by Carol Wier

### Hondo is known for this sign.

seat of Medina County and mostly rural ranch land but also used for agriculture. It sits on Hwy. 90 west out of San Antonio, the road that led past Camp Sabinall all the way to Brackettville and Fort Clark.

It set on the edge of the frontier in pioneer days when cavalry would escort wagon trains to keep them safe from

Indian attacks.

It was the building of the railroads in 1881 that "modernized" Hondo and the railroad still plays an important role. Hondo has unique history and is still a fun place to visit to this day.

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

## A strange 'Saturday Night Special' case

People often asked me what caliber pistol they should buy. The short answer that wouldn't get me in trouble was the well-worn dodge — "It depends."

I imagine that's not what you were hoping to read. But it does depend on what you expect the firearm to do and what level of experience you have had.

One comment I have often heard is, "I have this old .22 pistol, but I want something more powerful that I can depend upon."

That takes me back to my stint working for a South Texas district attorney's office near the border. We only had one murder trial while I was there. Guess what the murder weapon was? It was a .22 caliber rifle. The bullet pierced the woman's aorta, and she bled to death.

We had numerous cases, though, where someone was shot, usually late at night, and usually in or near a bar. The crime scenes might explain why none of them were fatal.

Hollywood may show fancy shooting taking place in a saloon after several drinks, but alcohol seldom, if ever, improves handgun marksmanship! Just the opposite. And often, the shootings we prosecuted were performed with the same make, model and caliber, pistol.

The term "Saturday Night Special" had already been around for years. Major manufacturers made quality snub-nosed revolvers. But sometime around the late

### Woods, Waters & Wildlife



John Jefferson

1950s, a cheaply made .22 caliber revolver arrived from the Rohm Gun Company in Germany. Small, lightweight, and cheap, they quickly took over the "Saturday Night Special" title. Its official name was the RG 10. Importation was banned by the 1968 Gun Control Act. Later, a U.S. subsidiary of Rohm went out of business. But the little pistols were already widely circulated.

A few months ago, there was a daylight home invasion and robbery nearby while someone slept there. Our neighborhood was highly alarmed.

In discussing it with a neighbor, she told me she had two pistols. One was a .22 and the other a .45. The .45



Photo by John Jefferson

The RG 10 revolver, pictured, was a strangely popular pistol 50 or 60 years ago, but seldom seen anymore. Stranger still was why this pistol was "leased" instead of being purchased outright. Please contact me if you have information (512- 219-1199). Photo by John Jefferson.

seemed a little much for a petite lady, but she seemed confident with it. Then, she told me something I had never heard of. She said the .22 was "leased" instead of being sold. She still had the lease.

I asked if I could see it. She gladly agreed. The 1964 lease for 99 years was for an RG 10. No price was stated, but by memory and research, those pistols sold for around \$10 in the '60s. The lease was on a printed form with the seller's store name atop it and at the bottom, indicating that leases

were common.

No one I contacted, including a dealer, had ever heard of that. One suggested it might have involved a security guard with limited funds. But for a \$10 gun?

Quality also was a question. Some liked them; some thought they were inferior. The one I shot at least kept all holes in the target, but scattered. Answering the question from the first paragraph, I wouldn't recommend the RG 10.

John Jefferson is an Austin-based outdoors writer.

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26 Sat	2:11	8:22	2:33	8:45	07:30	05:43	3:18p	4:21a	10:15p	9:52a
27 Sun	2:51	9:03	3:15	9:27	07:30	05:43	3:57p	5:17a	11:03p	10:39a
28 Mon	3:36	9:48	4:01	10:13	07:31	05:44	4:41p	6:14a	11:54p	11:28a
29 Tue	4:24	10:37	4:51	11:04	07:31	05:44	5:30p	7:10a	NoMoon	12:21p
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# Kerr County finds 'win-win' in Kerrville Pets Alive! effort

Collaboration finds homes for dogs, cats; donations welcome to help KPA! mission

Kerr County is working alongside Kerrville Pets Alive to enhance the operation of Kerr County Animal Services and to not only save, but also improve the lives of dogs and cats.

Kerrville Pets Alive! was established last year in answer to a call by Kerr County Commissioners Court for the formation of a nonprofit to assist with funding, educa-

tional endeavors, pet adoptions and publicity for Kerr County Animal Services.

A 501(c)(3) organization, KPA!'s mission is to save Kerr County cats and dogs from euthanasia by keeping pets out of the county's animal facility and by assisting Kerr County Animal Services with resources needed to help find homes for impounded animals. "I have been very happy with the support KPA! has provided Kerr County Animal Services," said Pct. 3 Commissioner Jonathan Letz, who serves as the liaison commissioner for the county's animal services division. "KPA! has provided both financial assistance and suggestions concerning operations and the long-term direction for Kerr County Animal Services."

Since KPA!'s formation in 2019, there has been a substantial reduction in the num-

ber of Kerr County cats and dogs euthanized. (Although not affiliated with any other organization, KPA! shares the American Pets Alive! mission to save pets from euthanasia.)

"I think this has been a win-win for the community," Letz said.

"Kerrville Pets Alive!" will continue to assess and provide for the needs of Kerr County Animal Services as well as the community, in the effort to keep pets in homes and out of the county facility," said Karen Guerriero, a KPA! board member.

KPA! is currently accepting donations of cat and dog food and litter for distribution to pet owners in need. Donations may be delivered between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays to the KPA! office, located at 414 Clay St. in Kerrville.

Pet owners in need may come by the office to pick up supplies or reach out to KPA! by sending email Pet owners in need may come by the office to pick up supplies or reach out to KPA! by sending email to info@kerrvillepet-saliva.org to arrange delivery.



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## VA Dogs of Texas donation

The Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation hosted a golf tournament at Escondido Golf & Lake Club in Horseshoe Bay in November. The goal was to raise money to support Texas veterans and make a huge difference in the lives of the brave men and women who have paid a high price for the security and freedom we enjoy. VA Dogs of Texas was the recipient of a \$20,000 donation which will give much needed support to procure and train dogs for the many veterans in need. Created in 2013, VA Dogs of Texas provides service dogs for companionship, security, and emotional stability throughout the everyday lives of our veterans dealing with PTSD and MST. Pictured, from left, are J.J. Wagner, general manager of Escondido, Co-Tournament Chairman Tina Mayers, Co-Tournament Chairman Buck Mayers, Kathy Rider, director of training for VA Dogs of Texas, Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation Representative Bob Goetz and Liberty, who is in training.

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Bred Cows		600.00-1000.00	HD
Cow & Calf Pairs		1000.00-1300.00	PR
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Stone veneer bases support the tapered columns fronting this Craftsman-style bungalow. Inside, the living room links to the dining room, which is open to a sunny nook and kitchen. A cozy window seat nestles into an alcove in the nook. Owners' suite amenities include a walk-in closet and spa tub. For more details, log onto www.Home-Plan-Weekly.com, or call 1-800-634-0123.

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by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦**

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## Council

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double-taxed and the county should cover Ingram anyway.

Hierholzer noted that there are many indigent cases that Ingram may pick up on a warrant. If they get away, it's the county that is responsible for bringing them back, as well as for caring for their medical needs while they are in jail, the court-appointed attorney, witnesses and judges. If a victim's autopsy is needed, the county picks up that fee as well.

Not only that, but the county still also handles all the files for death and birth certificates, records, courthouse records and vehicle registrations.

In mental health issues, the county also pays for transport to facilities/counselors.

"It's a whole different deal and two totally different tax bases, and it's not cheap," Hierholzer said.

He added that statistics show that for every officer hired, it actually takes five people (considering they are on 24/7/365) to fill one position due to days off, vacations and/or sick time training and overtime. The sheriff's entire budget is over \$13 million annually.

"Through January department-wise, don't hesitate to call me," he added.

If Ingram can't cover it with enough officers, Hierholzer said it can operate under a contract with the

county after his term ends.

Regarding the Phase III wastewater project, plans, specifications and schedule were explained by engineer Randy Winston of SWG Engineering, LLC, who gave a detailed power point presentation. Winston said that the original project had been considered 18 years ago.

Eventually, three years ago, the city got a grant of \$3.7 million, representing 80 percent of the total cost, to hook up 125 connections.

Before the city asks for bids, it has created a letter of condition. There were a few changes made recently, but nothing major per USDA.

The city wants to make sure that it is ready to proceed with bidding soon.

He said that the USDA looked at this but Covid has slowed down some of the process.

Bidding should proceed fairly soon after the new year,

but Jordan insisted there be enough time to make the process fair, yet timely. The city will need to run advertising calling for bids. Once bids are called for, the information will be available through City Hall for prospective bidders to see.

Third-party engineers from LOC Consultants Civil Division, Inc., returned for another attempt to get council's permission to review Phases I and II of the wastewater project, to look for any trouble spots. The council approved their request, for which Jordan said the city would pay them \$15,175.

City Secretary Stephanie Breckenridge reported on the status of the various financial accounts the city has, which need to be separate since each account is specific for various needs. Included in the report were hotel tax funds, municipal court funds, wastewater accounts, reserves and more.

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1. Askew
2. Burst;
3. Shield;
4. Under

Today's Word  
**THAWER**

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**Sudoku**

Solution to Puzzle on Page 10

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7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a female donkey called?
8. MEDICAL: A deficiency of vitamin A causes what condition?
9. MUSIC: Which 1980s pop hit starts with the line, "Dearly beloved, we have gathered here today to get through this thing called life"?
10. MOVIES: What was the name of Charles Foster Kane's estate in "Citizen Kane"?

**Answers**

1. 2 tablespoons
2. "Rebecca"
3. Wellington
4. 2007
5. Vera
6. Joe Namath
7. A jenny
8. Night blindness
9. "Let's Go Crazy" by Prince
10. Xanadu

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# KPUB and partners bring new West Texas solar project online

The Kerrville Public Utility Board co-hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday, Dec. 16, to celebrate its newest solar project coming online with project stakeholders, community leaders and local media attending virtually.

The Long Draw Solar Project is a solar farm located in the West Texas region of Borden County, housing more than 800,000 solar panels across approximately 2,000 acres.

ENGIE, one of the largest electric utilities in the world, is the developer of the project, and this marks its largest solar project to-date in North America.

The KPUB contract at Long Draw is the result of a joint purchasing effort led by New Braunfels Utilities and joined by Denton Municipal Electric, Garland Power & Light and KPUB.

Together the utilities are purchasing a total of 225 megawatts of solar power through four separate power



Courtesy photo

The Long Draw Solar Project in the West Texas region of Borden County.

purchase agreements with ENGIE.

Under the PPAs, which have terms of 15 years, New Braunfels has contracted to purchase 100 MW of solar capacity, Denton 75 MW, Garland 25 MW and Kerrville 25 MW.

"KPUB is excited to add this renewable project into our

diversified power supply portfolio," said KPUB General Manager & CEO Mike Wittler. "This supports our competitive rate strategy and mission to provide reliable service to our customers at the lowest responsible price."

Renewable projects that KPUB has coming in, such as Long Draw, are among the

lowest cost of energy sources in the utility's current energy portfolio — meaning that KPUB's customers will continue to have stable, competitive rates for years to come.

The 25 MW of solar that KPUB has purchased through the Long Draw Project will power approximately 6,250 homes with clean, zero-car-

bon energy. "KPUB has a nationally recognized reputation for providing exceptional electric reliability to its customers, and we're delighted to help them enhance that ability and provide such a smart energy choice with our Long Draw solar project," said Laura Beane, chief renewables offi-

cer for ENGIE North America. "There's no question that grid scale solar plays a vital role in providing affordable and reliable, clean power to Texas energy customers, and we look forward to a long relationship with KPUB and sharing the values of exceptional customer service."



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Hierholzer, left, and Barton stand by a sheriff's vehicle at the law enforcement center.

## Sheriffs

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ees that I do, but I've always had an open door policy. If they don't like him, they come to me," he joked.

Barton said he is really looking forward to retirement, spending more time doing what he enjoys, including odd jobs for people.

"Clay has a true servant's heart, for God and church — he lives it," Hierholzer said. "He goes out and will paint a lady's house. I bought a wood splitter but I haven't seen it in a year. Although he has delivered wood to me, he does that for people, you name it. I could never hold a candle to his heart."

Barton's parents, Robert and Joyce, were also active playing music. She created many paintings, he was a district judge.

"I'll be glad when Covid's over, so we can play more music," Clay Barton said.

"We thought the last year of us being here would be enjoyable; it's turned into the worst one it could be," Hierholzer said. "The very first year, and the last year, was terrible."

Barton added, "We've been fortunate. We have kept it out of the jail. We have had employees have it. There are two in quarantine now. I've had it, my wife has had it I had it two months ago."

Hierholzer said he was looking for a certain kind of person for his chief deputy.

"I didn't want a 'yes' person," he said. "We have been working together for so long. I have known him and his family so long. I know what he believes, his ethics. He was raised a lot like I was. His dad was a judge, mine was a DPS narcotics officer. I knew the loyalty would be there, but I did not want him agreeing on

everything.

"We had serious discussions, and sometimes there were differences. That is how things ought to be done, and I think for us, it's worked. There is no way whoever sits in this chair is going to be right all the time."

"I knew Rusty's dad (called Buddy) in the '80s before he retired," Barton said. "We worked together."

"Clay was the adopted son, my mother said," Hierholzer said. "He was another Hierholzer, she said. We were that close."

Barton added that even though they had times of disagreements, they were not going to let that ruin their friendship.

"The friendship's always going to be more important than the job could have ever been," Barton said. "We'd go on fishing trips a long time before we worked here. We were together when Rusty's dad died."

Barton was also close to Hierholzer's mother, too.

"My bothers and sister were far away, and Clay lived right around the corner. We came by it righteously," Hierholzer added. "My dad and I sometimes fought like cats and dogs. But it wasn't about who's right, it's about how to go about doing something. The end result would be the same. It's just a different mindset."

Hierholzer said sometimes, during disagreements, he knew he had a way of doing things. Later, thinking it over, he said perhaps he could see the other side was right.

"I may go home and sleep on it, and then think, unfortunately, that little sucker was right. Our differences were businesslike, not personal."

They both have appreciated their great dedicated employees.

Through the years, even

thought it took sometimes decades, the team has cleared some very old cases. Often they were harder to crack because the suspects would flee the country and stay there for long periods of time.

Some are still pending.

One of the toughest was finding and charging Sam Gallamore and his accomplice, James John Steiner, in murder, that took them hundreds of miles around the country, gathering evidence. Hierholzer has a club mounted on the wall of his office, where a single fingerprint was crucial in obtaining a conviction.

"When we went to trial on Sam, who was found guilty, the day I was coming back, the day they announced the death sentence, my dad had a heart attack, so I had to leave and go to San Antonio," Hierholzer said. "Then, when we were ready to try Steiner, we had 11 jurors in Gillespie County and waiting for the 12th one, Steiner's attorney was killed in an accident, so we had to start all over in Junction. They gave him life without parole."

When Gallamore was going to be executed, Hierholzer went on the victim's family's request. The task was made even harder since Hierholzer knew Gallamore as a little boy.

Another double-murder in Comfort, by Vincent Seard, that took place nearly 20 years ago, may be tried next year, since the suspect had to be declared mentally competent to stand trial.

Other cases Hierholzer remembers from early in his tenure were abductions, snipers, assaults on elderly people and other violent crimes, most of which were either resolved or tried.

He will be leaving with a murder still being investigated, but he said he is confident

that the incoming sheriff and chief deputy will take over the reins competently.

"Dad always told me I'll know when it's time," Hierholzer added. "I want to be able to enjoy time with the grandkids and the wife."

"I'll be able to take care of the chores and the honey-do's," Barton said.

And of course, the two old friends will have a lot more time to go fishing and hunting together.

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