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Dale, Warren, Kimbrough take city oaths

By Irene Van Winkle
West Kerr Current

After the election for Ingram City Council, with a very close outcome between two candidates, the county held a recount last Friday.

Kerr County Chief Deputy-Election Coordinator Nadene Alford said there was a team of three people with one caller. County Tax Assessor and Collector Bob Reeves oversaw the process, gave instructions and the team verified the findings.

Ballots were recounted by electronic means and the results did not change the final outcome, except for a few numbers.

"The only difference was

that Bill Warren and Jimmy Lopez picked up an additional vote, said Ingram Mayor Kathy Rider. "This happened in the early voting count."

Bridget Dale maintained her total of 81 votes, and Robert Kimbrough kept his 71 votes. William "Bill" Warren added one, going from 66 to 67 votes, Claud Jordan kept his total of 64 votes, while Jimmy Lopez added one, from 56 to 57 votes.

This put Warren ahead of Jordan by three votes instead of the earlier count of two votes ahead.

"The people have spoken," Rider added, congratulating

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Courtesy photo

The Warrior Band of Ingram Tom Moore High School with its UIL Sweepstakes award.

Warrior Band earns UIL Sweepstakes honors

The Warrior Band of Ingram Tom Moore High School has won UIL Sweepstakes honors for the first time in more than 20 years.

The Warrior Band earned "1s" in recent competition as well as in earlier marching competition.

Earning "1s" for an entire year marks the Warrior Band program as a "Sweepstakes" program, the highest distinction a band program can earn from

UIL in the state of Texas. This is the first time that the Warrior Band has earned this distinction in more than 20 years.

"This year has been full of ups and downs, uncertainty and distress," said Head Band Director Samuel Bigott said. "However, throughout it all, these students have persevered all in pursuit of creating a legacy and greatness. The pride this band has in their music, and the camaradery that they have found in each other

through their collective sweat and the happiest of tears has paved the way for future band members.

On the morning of April 19, the Warrior Band at Tom Moore High School hosted the UIL Concert and Sightreading contest for region schools in the new Warrior Auditorium.

Schools that competed were Tom

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Duck Derby raises \$30,000

By Irene Van Winkle
West Kerr Current

How fast can a rubber ducky swim?

With a boisterous and enthusiastic crowd of Ingram school students and boosters cheering, more than 7,600 little rubber ducks floated gently in the river last Thursday at the Hill Country Arts Foundation.

They swam leisurely upstream in a large clump, corralled inside pool noodles, and although it looked for a while that just one or two were far ahead, when they got near the finish line, hundreds surrounded the leader making one a winner by a bill (beak?)!

The duck race fundraiser had a goal of \$26,000, but



Photo by Irene Van Winkle

First across the finish line, one duck was scooped up by Pam Blair for the win at the Duck Derby, the Ingram Elementary School fundraiser for playground equipment. The event was last Thursday, May 6, and featured a "race" of more than 7,000 plastic ducks.

wound up with \$30,000 to help pay for new playground equipment at Ingram Elementary School.

They sold the tiny ducks online for \$5 apiece but sales

went far beyond their goal, and corporate sponsors added to the pile.

The fun began on the front lawn of the HCAF with games, food trucks and excite-

ment — even a real baby duck petting zoo — and then it progressed to the riverside to watch the races.

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Sheriff's office arrests suspect in Ingram man's shooting death

An altercation at a family celebration in Hunt resulted in the shooting death of an Ingram man and another man charged with murder.

On Sunday, May 9, Kerr County Sheriff's Office deputies were called to the 300 block of Cardinal Hill Road near Hunt, regarding a shooting at a large family gathering to celebrate the recent death of a family member.

Two male subjects were involved in an altercation. According to the criminal complaint, a verbal argument between Damacio Sandoval Jr., age 25, of Georgetown, Texas and Patrick Louvier, age 30, of Ingram, Texas,

escalated to the point where Sandoval fired at least four shots at Louvier.

During the incident, Sandoval also allegedly brandished a firearm at another individual in the commission of a crime, leading to an additional charge of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, according to KCSO.



Damacio Sandoval, Jr.

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Mother's Day stirs memories

By Irene Van Winkle
West Kerr Current

Mother's Day is like no other holiday, just like everyone has a mother like no other. Several Kerr County residents generously shared sweet memories of their mothers and what made them so special.

Judy Wilson spoke of her mother, "Mommie" Maxine Denton:

My little Great- Grandmother Lockaby who was Mommie's Grandmother, mother of nine, was widowed at a very young age, and kept a large Texas cotton farm functioning. Through hard times she maintained her family, all to be kind and loving to help each other. Her daughter Irene was my Grandmother "Mama," a huge part of my life because my Dad died when I was 4 months old and my Mommie, my brother Kirk and I moved in with her. My Dad was stationed in Panama during WWII and died there of heart attack, leaving Mommie a widow at 21. Mama worked at the Cotton Mill in Bonham Texas. I can imagine her as being a Norma Ray back then. She worked hard to be independent, but enjoyed her life, one day at a time. She taught me to love music, dance, try anything to accomplish something good and help others while doing so. Always a super attitude towards life, and my mind was instilled with You Can Do It.

My Mommie remarried a wonderful kind man Paul Denton when I was almost 4 and then they had my three baby sisters, Dana,



Maxine Denton, Stephanie Miller and Judy Wilson

Laura and Nancy. Keeping a house a home was Mommie's Goal, and she did it well. I was taught discipline, devotion, traditions, manners, and You Can Do It from her as well.

She also had time to play cards, read to us, build sand boxes, tents over clotheslines, play in the floor with little ones, cook and clean. She could co-ordinate a wedding, make a dress, (sometimes finishing it while my date was in the living room). She even floated down the South Fork of Guadalupe at 80. Laughter and fun was where she was.

When she was widowed at 83 she soon moved to Hunt — her life changed as she had cancer. Then she kept on with her determination to Live and You Can Do It Attitude. She joined right in with volunteering at Hill

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Bench prototype unveiled

By Kari Short
West Kerr Current

Kerr County Precinct 4 Commissioner Don Harris unveiled the prototype bench constructed by Ingram Tom Moore High School Agriculture Department students at the May First Thursday Group (FTG) meeting.

Constructed for pedestrian use between the Johnson Creek Bridge and ITM, the FTG commissioned the project which also has been sponsored by TJ Moore Lumber and Rightening Renovation.

The benches will be painted in school colors and placed on concrete pads near walkways which serve as a gateway to West Kerr County. Benches will be located at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Hill Country Arts Foundation and a third location yet to be determined.

David Summers, president of the West Kerr Chamber of Commerce and FTG facilitator, welcomed new participants to the meeting: Mike Heiligenstein, executive director of Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority and Jim and Dr. Jane Adams,

developers of the multimillion dollar Moon Shadow Haven wedding and event venue in Mountain Home due for completion later this month.

Summers explained that one of the primary purposes of First Thursday is to foster economic development in West Kerr and identified Ingram and Hunt ISDs as the best draws to the community.

Dr. Robert (Bobby) Templeton, Ingram ISD superintendent, explained, "ITM started a project four years ago which paid for ITM

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CVB chief shares new tourism data

By Kari Short
West Kerr Current

To better understand tourism and economic development, Julie Davis, president/CEO of Kerrville Convention and Visitors Bureau, shared with the First Thursday Group that they have tapped into a new data system with Ubermedia.

"A research tool based on access to cell phone data, it provides a sampling of tourist demographic trends such as the number of visitors, their origin location and if they are day trippers or overnighters.

"Probably the biggest surprise is the huge traffic to HCAF/Stonehenge II."

— Julie Davis, Kerrville Convention and Visitors Bureau

"We also got to pick 20 points of interest such as select hotels, the Hill Country Arts Foundation, parks, James Avery, Jellystone and downtown," said Davis.

Ubermedia collects data from visitor cell phones (who have their location turned on)

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Ingram police report

Sunday, May 2

1 a.m. — A verbal disturbance between two men was reported in the 300 block of Hwy. 39. A 28-year-old man was arrested for an out-of-county warrant.

7:15 a.m. — An officer removed a dead fawn from the roadway in the 600 block of Hwy. 39.

7:50 a.m. — An officer made contact with a property owner in the 3000 block of Junction Hwy. regarding a DWI crash that occurred on the property the previous day. The owner outlined the property damage and the officer photographed the entire scene.

4:20 p.m. — An officer conducted a traffic stop in the 500 block of Woodland Rd. The officer detected an odor of marijuana and conducted a probable cause search. Drug paraphernalia was found and confiscated and the man was given a citation.

4:50 p.m. — An open 911 line in the 300 block of Hwy. 39 turned out to be a technical error.

8:45 p.m. — A report was made that a woman was yelling and cursing behind a store in the 3200 block of Junction Hwy. The responding officer was familiar with the woman and her disability and assisted her home.

Monday, May 3

2:28 p.m. — An employee at the Pier 27 bar in the 1500 block of Junction Hwy. reported receiving threats. The employee was a resident of Ingram and wished to report the incident to the Ingram Police Department.

5:57 p.m. — A report was made that a driver in a white Chevrolet pickup was unable to maintain the lane. The area was searched and the truck was not located.



Tuesday, May 4

6:45 a.m. — An officer noticed an open door at a business in the 3100 block of Junction Hwy. The owner was present and everything was secure.

8:48 a.m. — Suspicious activity that resulted in damage to property was reported in the 200 block of College St. A report was completed.

3:33 p.m. — A report was made that an older white van with a blue stripe was blocking a private driveway in the 100 block of Fowler. The van was gone upon the arrival of an officer and it was not located.

4:15 p.m. — A 911 hang up from an apartment in the 3200 block of Junction Hwy. was investigated. An officer and dispatch attempted to make contact to no avail.

7:48 p.m. — Illegal dumping was reported in the 300 block of Mineola St. The woman responsible was advised that she could be charged for illegal dumping and she understood and was apologetic.

10:47 p.m. — A man in the 300 block of College St. reported that an unoccupied silver truck was suspiciously parked in front of his property. The driver of the truck had run out of gas and left to get some.

Wednesday, May 5

9 a.m. — A traffic stop was conducted in the 3200 block of Junction Hwy.

5:06 p.m. — A report was made that a silver SUV was parked on private property in the 200 block of 3rd St. The

West Kerr Community Calendar

Thursday, May 13

Vaccine — Peterson Regional Medical Center offers a vaccine clinic to administer the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. To schedule go to petersonhealth.com and click on COVID-19 Vaccine Self-Scheduler or call 258-7373, select Option 2 from 8-5 M-F until May 12 at 5 p.m.

Saturday, May 15

The Devil's Sinkhole State Natural Area — will host a free open house at the cave to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Sinkhole being named a National Natural Landmark. Go directly to the state natural area, five miles north of Rocksprings on Hwy. 377. Free trail walking and cave viewing, 830-683-2287, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Monday, May 17

Kerr County Historical Commission meeting — Wanda Garner Cash will speak on her book, "Pancho Villa's Saddle at the Cadillac Bar: Recipes & Memories." Meetings are open to the public, Union Church Building, 101 Travis, Kerrville, noon.

Relocation of Peterson Urgent Care Ribbon Cutting — Tour the new facility, light refreshments and giveaways will be provided; 130 W. Main St., Kerrville, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, May 18

Kerrville Art Club meeting — Installation of officers for next year's board and presentation of the Artist of the Year award. Open to public, Hill Country Arts Foundation Visual Arts Center, Ingram; 1 p.m.

Wednesday, May 19

Warrior tennis — Nine players going to State tournament in San Antonio.

Widows & Widowers Wednesday Lunch On the Divide — Every Wednesday, lunch outdoors at Lil Orange Mirage; seniors \$1 off all pizzas, 3885 Hwy. 41 on the Divide; noon-2 p.m.

Kerrville Genealogical Society — Monthly meeting; Monica Clayton will speak on "History and research of the Kerrville State Sanitorium and the Gate of Heaven Cemetery

and how to apply for a historical marker." Lecture Hall of the Guadalupe River Basin Natural Resources Center at 125 Lehmann Dr., Kerrville. 2 p.m.

Thursday, May 20

West Kerr Chamber of Commerce Mixer — \$5 entry fee, snacks, drinks, door prizes and drawings. Hosted by Mercy Gate Ministries at Joanne Marie & Me., 321 Hwy. 39, Ingram. 5:15 p.m.

National Alliance on Mental Illness — Meeting; Shannon Gray, executive director of the Kerr County Mental Health Center, will speak; open to the public, Dietert Center Grill Room, 451 Guadalupe, Kerrville, 6 p.m.

Hill Country Preppers meeting — Larry Arnold will discuss the Good, The Bad and The Ugly laws coming from the Texas Legislature; Buzzie's BBQ, 213 Schreiner St., Kerrville,

West Kerr Weather

Rainfall

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

Tuesday, May 4 - Tuesday, May 11			
Tuesday 5/4	0.00 in.	Saturday 5/8	0.00 in.
Wednesday 5/5	0.00 in.	Sunday 5/9	0.00 in.
Thursday 5/6	0.00 in.	Monday 5/10	0.00 in.
Friday 5/7	0.00 in.	Tuesday 5/11	0.03 in.

May 2021	4.77 in.	Total for 2015	37.27 in.
Total for 2021 (to date)	11.94 in.	Total for 2014	19.12 in.
Total for 2020	28.57 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.

Burn ban lifted 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).



owner of the SUV moved it.

Thursday, May 6

8:01 a.m. — A report was made that a car was blocking the street in the 200 block



IVFD fire report

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Alarms

5-4-21, 11:30 p.m., vehicle fire, IH-10, mile marker 500, westbound.

5-7-21, 3:13 p.m., brush fire, 100 block of Thunder Road. S.

5-10-21, 7:07 p.m., brush pile fire, unattended; 100 block of Holly Hill.

McNeil St. An officer spoke with a woman who explained that her husband is a contractor and has a truck and trailer that he parks along the road. There was not a violation.

9:33 a.m. — A suspicious person was reported near Winona and Josephine. An officer searched the area and did not locate anyone who fit the description.

11:30 a.m. — A report was made that a missing elderly woman was in the 2900 block of Junction Hwy. riding a red scooter. An officer located her in the parking lot of the Humane Society and escorted her back home to be with her daughter.

1:50 p.m. — A welfare check was requested for a woman renting a home in the 200 block of 3rd St. The woman stated that she was a little upset her rent was being raised from \$800 to \$1,200 but that she was fine and did not want to hurt herself or anyone.

4:40 p.m. — A report was made that a driver was driving too fast near Oak Leaf and Morgan. The driver was located at the corner of College and McNeil St. and advised to slow down in

neighborhoods.

8:21 p.m. — An open 911 call turned out to be a person trying to make a call to another country. There was not an emergency.

Friday, May 7

7:32 a.m. — A minor car accident occurred in the 100 block of Hwy. 39. The accident did not occur on the roadway and a crash report was completed.

10:45 a.m. — A cleaning lady accidentally activated a residential alarm in the 100 block of Oak Hampton.

10:56 a.m. — A man in the 400 block of Woodland reported that someone attempted to obtain a credit card in his name. A couple months ago someone tried to obtain unemployment benefits using his identity information. The man was advised on identity theft prevention and told to follow up with FTC and creditors.

3:18 p.m. — A welfare check was requested for a man in the 200 block of Childs St. The man was OK.

8:07 p.m. — A man reported that his truck that had

been sitting in a vacant lot in the 3100 block of Junction Hwy. had been broken into. An investigation is pending.

Saturday, May 8

1:10 p.m. — A welfare check was requested for a man in the 3300 block of Junction Hwy. who was lying down next to a walker. The man was just resting in the shade and was fine.

2:20 p.m. — An officer conducted a civil standby in the 3300 block of Junction Hwy. while a landlord advised a tenant that they were being evicted.

3:23 p.m. — A man in the 3700 block of Junction Hwy. was unresponsive. Upon the arrival of an officer and EMS, the man explained that he stood up too quickly and passed out but was fine.

7:22 p.m. — A minor car accident occurred in the 300 block of Hwy. 39.

10:23 p.m. — A reckless driver in a white Nissan truck was reported in the 2600 block of Junction Hwy. An officer searched the area and did not locate the driver.

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Ingram Independent School District students preparing for standardized testing.

STAAR End of Course Assessment Summer School

Ingram ISD will host a STAAR EOC Summer School program from June 1-21, 2021, Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Ingram Elementary campus. Free breakfast and lunch will be available for students.

This summer school program is for high school students who need to retest for English 1, English 2, Biology, Algebra 1, and/or U.S. History.

Summer STAAR Testing Dates for High School Retesters Only:

- June 22- English 1 EOC
- June 24- English 2 EOC
- June 22- 24- Algebra 1, Biology, and U.S. History (More details on exact dates for these tests coming soon!)
- Make-up tests will be scheduled as needed.
- No tests will be given on Friday, June 25.

How do I know if my child is a retester?

Scores are scheduled to arrive by the end of May and communication of how your child performed on the STAAR will be shared with you at that time. In June, you can use the Texas Assessment

Warrior Family



Dr. Holly Lambert

Management website: <https://texasassessment.gov/> to find out more information on how your child performed on STAAR.

Once you are on the site, click "for families." Then you will type in your child's unique access code (the school can provide you this code), or choose to look up the code by inputting your child's social security number, first name, and date of birth.

When you view the STAAR Report Card, if your child scores approaches, meets, or masters, then they will not need to retest for that subject. If your child's score states that they "did not meet", then a retest is required. When the scores are

released and you are unsure if your child needs to retest, please contact your child's school for more information.

How can I help my child be successful on a retest?

It is important for your child to attend summer school as the teachers will address common areas that the students struggled on. Also, your child will learn testing strategies and other tips to promote success on the test. This test prep will greatly increase your child's chances of meeting the score requirements on the retest. Please contact your child's school if you have any further questions.

Ingram ISD is in the process of scheduling other summer school programs for other grade levels, so stay tuned for more information on these learning opportunities. Stay informed through our Ingram ISD Facebook page or website- www.ingramisd.net.

Dr. Holly Lambert is the Ingram Independent School District's Director of Special Education, Student Services and Testing.

One-shot vaccines available Thursday

Lisa Walter, Director
Kerr County Public Relations

Kerr County saw its number of active Covid-19 cases in the county increase slightly from the week before to stand at 50, according to a report issued today, May 10.

To help curb any future spread of the novel coronavirus, Peterson Regional Medical Center will offer a mass vaccine clinic this Thursday, May 13, according to Kerr County Emergency Management Coordinator William B. "Dub" Thomas.

Peterson Health personnel will administer the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. Anyone wanting the one-dose shot can schedule an appointment on the Peterson Health website at www.petersonhealth.com by clicking on the link that says "Covid-19 Vaccine Self Scheduler."

"For those without a computer with internet access, you may contact Peterson Health to schedule a vaccine time by calling 830-258-7373, and choosing Option 2, any time weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.," Thomas said.

In his update, Thomas said the county's statistics, aggregated from Texas Department of State Health Services Region 8 and from Peterson Health are as follows:

— 50 ACTIVE CASES of Covid-19 as of Monday, May 10

— 4,335 RECOVERIES of Kerr County residents once confirmed as positive for the novel coronavirus, but who have since "time out" of the illness' short-term effects

— 88 DEATHS – Number of permanent, Kerr County citizens whose deaths have been attributed to Covid-19

— 5 HOSPITALIZATIONS – Number of people reportedly hospitalized locally and receiving treatment for positive Covid-19, according to at Peterson Regional Medical Center in Kerrville.

City council makes hard decisions; brush shredding now offered

In recent weeks, the City Council had to make some very hard financial decisions. These decisions were not taken lightly by anyone involved and there were several debates and discussions on how to proceed.

One of the decisions was raising wastewater rates \$18 a month. How did we get here? Basically, Ingram has not raised wastewater rates since 2012, despite the fact that the City of Kerrville has raised the rate it charges Ingram.

Two years ago, Kerrville notified Ingram's City Administrator advising that the rates would be increased from \$6.26 per 4,000 gallons to \$8.87. At the current \$6.26 rate charged by Kerrville the City of Ingram is losing \$1.09 per 1,000 gallons and covering the shortfall because we only charge our Citizens \$5.17.

This means each month Ingram has on average a \$1,500 to \$2,000 shortfall on funds collected from customers versus price paid to Kerrville for treatment.

The city council was presented these facts and given two options for how to raise the wastewater rates, or to not raise rates at all and continue to cover the shortage with general funds, and a decision was made by the city council to raise the rates.

I made the decision to have two separate public forums during city council

Citybeat
Mayor Kathy Rider

meetings, advertised the public forum for three weeks in the Ingram newspaper, posted it on the city's Facebook page, and it was discussed during Monday workshops that are posted and open to the public despite no requirement to do so in order for the citizens to have the opportunity to weigh in and be heard.

The second decision was regarding street lights. Recently a revised bill from KPUB was presented for streetlights being paid from City of Ingram funds. It was brought to our attention that three streetlights on Old Ingram Loop were being charged to Ingram despite not being located on property owned by Ingram.

This information was taken before the City Council and the decision was made that the business/homeowners at these locations would be offered the opportunity to pay for the streetlights themselves or have them removed as the City of Ingram could no longer cover the expense.

Why was this decision made? The city council felt that by continuing to cover the cost of the streetlights for certain businesses or homeowners, it could bind us to the requirement to provide it for any other resident or business

owner that requested one. As a result, a newer higher efficiency light would be provided to the businesses at a much cheaper rate than Ingram was previously paying if they wanted to continue to have the light.

If you are interested in having a streetlight outside your home or business, contact KPUB and request installation. The lowest priced light which puts off about 40 feet of light in diameter will add a little over \$6 a month to your electric bill.

In an effort to provide more services for its citizens, the City of Ingram now offers brush shredding for those in the city limits. If you have brush you need to dispose of, pile it by the street or right-of-way (not in the street) and call City Hall with your address. City crews will come by with the chippers and take care of it. Please keep the limbs under five inches in diameter.

The city now has a Facebook page to help disseminate information to its citizens. Go by and give us a follow. Ours is the page with the picture of the City Seal and picture of City Hall. We will post pertinent information, some upcoming area activities, as well other things we think people may find of interest.

Kathy Rider is the mayor of Ingram.

Death notices

Betty J. Hensz, 88, passed away May 2, 2021 in Kerrville, Texas. Funeral arrangements are by Wright's Funeral Parlor.

On Sunday, May 2, 2021, **Etta Lea Shell**, loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, peacefully passed away at the age of 104, with her daughter Jackie by her side. Funeral arrangements are by Wright's Funeral Parlor.

Susan Joyce Zelligen, 68, of Kerrville, passed away Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at her residence. Funeral arrangements are by Grimes Funeral Chapels.

Chapels.

Billie Ellen Ford, 67, of Kerrville, Texas passed from this life on Tuesday, May 4, 2021. Funeral arrangements are by Kerrville Funeral Home.

Catherine Murray, 84, of Kerrville, passed away Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at her residence. Funeral arrangements are by Grimes Funeral Chapels.

Laura Kathryn Kennedy, 61, of Kerrville, passed away

Thursday, May 6, 2021 in a local hospital. Funeral arrangements are by Grimes Funeral Chapels.

Kathleen Taylor, 64, passed away Sunday, May 9, 2021 in a Kerrville care center. Funeral arrangements are by Grimes Funeral Chapels.

Romay Perez, 83, passed away Tuesday, May 11, 2021 in Elmendorf, Texas. Funeral arrangements are by Grimes Funeral Chapels.



Upper Guadalupe River Authority
Weekly News

Be Flood Aware

Whether you are a life-long Kerr County resident or an occasional visitor to our area, understanding your flood risk and being connected to emergency warnings is essential. Central Texas is one of the most flash flood-prone regions in the US. The majority of flood-related deaths are caused by people attempting to drive through moving water.

Check out the Be Flood Aware video and help us spread the word:
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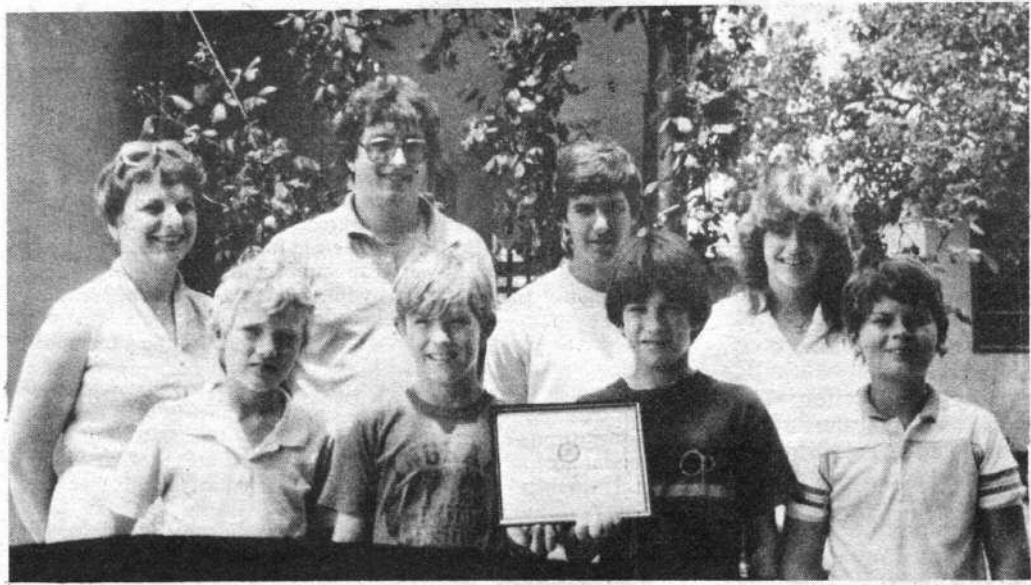
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Butch Baccus was recently awarded honorary membership in the State FHA for his continuing support and help in furthering home economics education and community awareness. Pictured above is Butch (second from left in back) with Mrs. La Verne Boles, ITM-FHA sponsor, Brian Thompson, FHA parliamentarian; Stephanie Price, FHA president, John Goodman, Roger Roe, Aaron LeMeilleur and Carl Stapp, all boys whom he has helped or coached in baseball.

In The News May 5, 1983

Visitor Center seeks a home

The Citizens Chamber of West Kerr County is looking for a permanent site for a tourist-visitor information center similar to the one in the illustration at right.

"We've got to stop the traffic as it flows through Ingram," says Rick Ross, Retail Merchants Chairman.

The center would contain a business directory with alphabetized listings of products and services, complete with telephone numbers and a map keyed to each location.

Merchants would be invited to supply brochures and business cards. A community

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bulletin board would also be provided.

Ralph Faust has agreed to donate one of his Ingram-made Gazebos for the basic structure.

Plans had been made to locate the center at the "Y" in Ingram in front of Lumbermart, but now, Phil Grothues, new owner of what was originally T.J. Moore's

Lumber Company has told the Chamber that there isn't enough room for the structure.

"Phil Davis from the Texas Tourist Development looked over the site and gave us some great ideas," said Ross.

"We had hoped to be ready to go by summer," Ross continued, "but now that the Lumbermart site is out, we're back to square one."

King Crossword

Solution on Page 11

ACROSS

- 1 Put two and two together?
- 4 Recede
- 7 Crib cry
- 11 Weaving frame
- 13 Standard
- 14 Author Hunter
- 15 Falco of "The Sopranos"
- 16 "The Greatest"
- 17 Donate
- 18 Line dance
- 20 Wife of Jacob
- 22 Moreover
- 24 Like bell-bottoms
- 28 Fragrant flower
- 32 Ouzo flavor
- 33 Sparkling Italian wine
- 34 Nile biter
- 36 Complain
- 37 Daily trio
- 39 Flying horse
- 41 Soup grain
- 43 - of 1812
- 44 Victor's cry
- 46 Small boat
- 50 TV clown
- 53 Tool set
- 55 Traditional tales
- 56 Ms. Brockovich
- 57 Scratch (out)
- 58 List-ending abbr.

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- 59 Lights-out tune
- 60 Gender
- 61 Hill dweller
- 9 Dallas hoopster, briefly
- 10 Chemical suffix
- 12 Multi-state lottery with a huge jackpot
- 19 Blackbird
- 21 In the style of "CSI" evidence
- 23 Ocho -, Jamaica
- 25 Isaac's eldest
- 27 Cozy rooms
- 28 Doorframe piece
- 29 Cruising
- 30 Flag feature
- 31 Mentalist's gift
- 35 Church seat
- 38 Stitch
- 40 Helium, for one
- 42 Oxen harnesses
- 45 Goddess of victory
- 47 Tiny bit
- 48 Drescher or Tarkenton
- 49 Fedora fabric
- 50 Wager
- 51 Man-mouse link
- 52 Energy
- 54 - -Mex cuisine

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Seek out seniors for Older Americans Month; Club Ed catalog out

What a beautiful May we have had so far. I hope all the moms had a great day on Sunday. I know I did. Whether fun or rest, it was much needed.

Please remember to seek out your senior family members, friends and neighbors for Older Americans Month and ask to hear a special story about their life.

If you have a chance, send me a sample of your conversation. I love to hear about their experiences, successes and even the difficulties they might have had.

Those experiences built

Dietert Center



Brenda Thompson

resilience in their lives and from that we can surely become stronger individually and in turn impact our community in a positive way.

The Summer 2021 Club Ed Catalog is hitting mailboxes right now. We see

light at the end of the tunnel and hope that all will be well in June so that our Club Ed classes and activities will run as scheduled. If you see something in the catalog you are interested in, please go ahead and sign up online or give us a call.

Our building is still currently closed for full regular programming right now, but if you need anything, give us a call or just knock on the front door to see how we can help with Meals on Wheels, Friendship Café Drive-Thru, Medical Equipment Lending, Personal Alert Link units, or our Call Reassurance program.

I am almost ready to shout it from the rooftop that we are back open for full time activities, classes and groups. Give us a couple more weeks to prepare for the celebration. We are looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

Mark your calendars for the Dynamic Learning Institute kickoff event on June 3 at 6 at Schreiner University. The Dynamic Learning Institute is excited to open with a presentation from the Symphony of the Hills - The Heartbeat of the Texas Hill Country. Reserve your seat for this free event, as tickets will be limited. Sign up at www.clubed.net or give us a call at 792-4044.

Some of the classes being offered in June, and I am pretty confident they are going to get started, are: Water Aerobics on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays

beginning June 1, Stress Free Painting in Watercolor on Tuesdays beginning June 1st as well, Done in a Day Art on June 5, Country Line Dancing and Texas Two-Step on Wednesdays beginning June 9, Elder Law & Medicaid for Long Term Care on June 10, Medicare 101-What it's all About! On June 14, and This Old Clock June 3-24 on Thursdays. Please check the catalog for other possible options.

Changes, Challenges and Choices - Early Stage Memory Loss Class will start up on Tuesday, June 15 for five sessions. This class will be limited to eight participants, so sign up soon to reserve your spot. This is a great class if you've been recently diagnosed with early stage memory loss or cognitive impairment. You and your care partner will learn skills to better understand this condition and give you great tools to cope and manage life in a positive atmosphere of caring and compassion.

If you or a senior you know of are homebound, aged 60-plus, and in need of a hot meal, please give us a call at 896-8117 to review guidelines for the **Meals on Wheels** 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.

Monday - Teriyaki

Chicken

Tuesday - Meatloaf with

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Wednesday - Fish Taco

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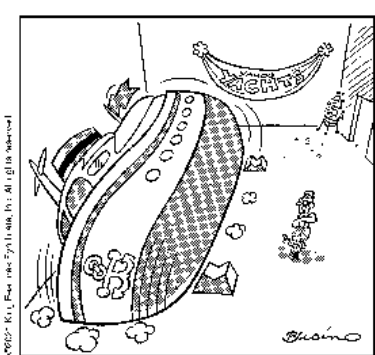
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"How many times have I told you not to _____ things?"

Answers on Page 11

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

- Insult **RESCU**
- Fashion **LYTES**
- Direct **PINTO**
- Accuse **CHEGAR**

TODAY'S WORD

Sold-out events bode well

Mercy Gate Ministries held a fundraiser, "Wine for the Win" at Signor Vineyards in Fredericksburg. The minimum ticket was \$100. And they sold out. On the same night in Ingram was a Cadillac Bar tribute dinner to celebrate Wanda "Fluffy" Cash's new book at Southern Sky Music Café. The tribute dinner was \$75 per person and it was sold out. The yearning to gather again is evident in West Kerr.

Mercy Gate Ministries in Ingram is a non-profit dedicated to helping those affected by human trafficking, sexual exploitation and trauma. They provide housing and restoration programs to rescued victims. The event raised \$102,000. **Founder and Executive Director Chae Spencer** hopes to buy land and build more shelters like their **Magdalena House**. **Clay Signor of Signor Vineyards** hosted the party, **Vivere Catering** provided the food stations and **Kevin McCormick** played the guitar.

Event sponsors were **Geoff and Jill Simpson, Nancy Golhke Holdings, Log Beds 4U, Stockton Williams, Moon Shadow Haven, KerrPro Printing, Faust Realty, HCTC, James Avery and Longhorn Bookkeeping.**

Wanda "Fluffy" Cash, director of the Texas Arts and Crafts Fair and Events at the Hill Country Arts Foundation, wrote a book, "Pancho Villa's Saddle at the Cadillac Bar" is a memoir with recipes from the iconic Nuevo Laredo venue. Wanda is the granddaughter of Cadillac's founder, **Mayo Bessan**, and daughter of **Porter Garner**, who ran the bar from 1946 until 1979.

A book signing was held on the fab new deck at the Visual Arts Center of HCAF. Champagne and "Texas Trash mix," made by **Dianne and Elizabeth Oehler**, was served. **Pancho Villa's** saddle was on display. Wanda sold out of books.

Scooping up copies for gifts were **Beth Gaddie, Elizabeth Cotton, Martha Kimbrell, Penny Deupree, Monica Starkey, Sue Dale and Sonny Baldwin, Leslie McCracken, Patricia Yates, Diane Oehler, Dottie Brundrett, Cindy Janke, Gretchen Stacy, Ginger Cullins, John Ruth, Joyce Schupp, Cooper Cash, Laurie Sanditen, and Richard Grissom.**

The Cadillac Bar tribute dinner at Southern Sky Music Café followed with great music by **John David Martinez**. Dining on nachos, shrimp, tenderloin and flan were **Richard Cash,**



The "Wine for the Win" committee, from left, Chelsie Curnutt, Aubri Reed, Karla Solomon, Andi Repka, Barbara Byrd, Holly Secrest, Chae Spencer, Lesley Lehrman, Lisa Carpenter, Hannah Block and Kristina Casanova.



Photo Lisa Carpenter
Joe Burkett & wife Lara Logan at "Wine for the Win."

West Kerr Whispers

Denise Cartwright

Stephanie and Cooper Cash, Eileen and Doug Parsons, Mary Barbara Gold, Ed Wallace, Mike Hughes, Mike Allen, Skipper and E.C. Willmann, Susan Heffington, Carol and Bill Arnold, Kathy Wheat, Marsha Baumann, Trisha McMahon, Jane, Kathy and Jeepers Ragsdale, Carol and Gary Priour.

Cinco de Mayo, while primarily a Mexican holiday, has always been a day in Texas to wear a Mexican dress, eat Tex-Mex food and drink Tequila. **Hill Country Luxury Living** in Hunt served frozen margaritas and churros to all who stopped by, including **Cheryl and Hal Bunyard, Emily Squires, Eddie Matthews, Tammy Garrett, Cheryl, Adam, Melinda & Emily Merritt, Megan and Blakely Bruinsma and Nathan Fitch.**

Owners of Hill Country Luxury Living, **Haley Lehrmann and Cindy Forest**, are charming hostesses, always dressed for the occasion.

At **Bridget's Basket**, the regular Wednesday happy hour fell on Cinco de Mayo with **Aaron LaCombe** crooning songs. Dressed in festive attire were **Sarah and Reverend Bert Baetz, Catherine and Steve Schulte, Kristina and Carlos Casanova, Barbara and Chuck Byrd, Karen and Mike Taylor, Sandy Griffin, Martha and Rusty Kimbrell, Melissa and Mike Maynard, Kathy and Dan Mater, Shelley and Tom Royer, Beth Gaddie, who brought margarita cupcakes for Tom Hollrah's birthday, Todd Gaddie, Susan Reinbach, Meredith Ragsdale, Ashley and Nate Henry, Mary Liz and Edward Eastland, Elizabeth and Rich Schneider, Lisa and Roger Field.**

Enjoying Tex Mex at **El Jimador** were **Linnea and Dennis Johnson and Nancy and Jay Kelley.** At **Joanne**



Photo by Denise Cartwright
Richard, Wanda and Cooper Cash at The Cadillac Bar tribute dinner at Southern Sky Music Cafe.

Marie and Me were **Tanya and Brandon Davenport, Jennifer and Steven Brenner, Jen Bett, Valorie Mitchell, Toots and Brad Ferguson, Joan and Eugene Grudzicki, Stacy Robinson and Ashli Badders with Inacia Badders.**

Arghhhh! Shiver me timbers. The **Center Point Pirates** have a new athletic director on board, **Damian Van Winkle**. Parents **David and Irene Van Winkle** are thrilled to have him and his family moving from Fort Worth. **Damian** is a Center Point alum. **Irene** says, "This is like coming home, professionally and personally." Center Point High School is a 2A school with 146 students.

Don't miss the play, "I Ought to be in Pictures" by **Neil Simon** at the Point Theatre. Directed by **Daniel Kirkland**, You will laugh out

loud more than once. Dinner before the show at **Southern Sky Music Café** next door makes for a great date night. Note to theatergoers: Bring a jacket; the nights are still wonderfully cool in Ingram.



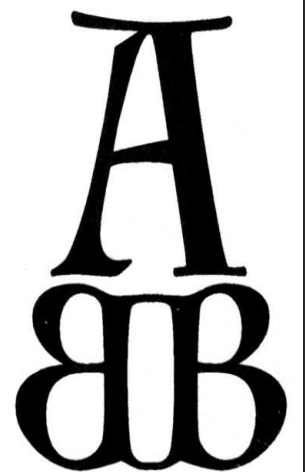
Photo by Denise Cartwright
Rev. Bert Baetz, Catherine Schulte, Steve Schulte and Sarah Baetz at Bridget's Basket

Have you seen the tilt wall cement house going up on Hwy. 39? The modern structure is being built by **Ueli Schlunegger of euro-Tex** design. Rising like a monolith with sharp angles, it is reminiscent of a sculpture by **Donald Judd**. Sitting on five acres on the Guadalupe, Schlunegger says it is a spec home; 4,000 square feet, with a 50,000-gallon rain catchment tank, and will be on the market for \$2 million plus. Euro-Tex is building the same house as a custom home for **Cristina and Richard Holcombe** on the former Schreiner Cedar Lodge property right across the river on Baldwin Drive.

Save the Date
Friday, Saturday, Sundays until May 16 — "You Ought to be in Pictures" by Neil Simon. The Point Theatre at HCAF. 8:30 p.m., Ingram. Sunday, May 23 — Mad

Hatter Tea Party and Happy Hour, the HCAF annual Visual Arts Fundraiser in the Duncan McAshan Gallery, 3-5 p.m., \$35, Ingram.
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Entertainment

Lazy Days Canteen reopens May 22

Ghost Town Blues Band to perform after Covid pause

Saturday, May 22, marks the re-opening of the Lazy Days Canteen at Roddy Tree Ranch after a long hiatus due to the Covid pandemic.

"We still recommend masks and social distancing where practical and appropriate, but feel good about the vaccination process," said owner Keith Asbury.

Lazy Days Canteen will present Beale Street's latest success story, The Ghost Town Blues Band, on Saturday, May 22.

The Ghost Town Blues Band are recent headliners on the blues stage at The Montreal Jazz Festival, five-time Blues Blast Music Award Nominee and International Blues Challenge Runner-up.

The Ghost Town Blues Band is not your grandpa's blues band; their live show has been captivating audiences in the U.S., Canada and Europe with their "second-line horn entrance," cigar box guitars and electric push brooms to Allman Brothers style jams and even a hip-hop trombone player. The band's stage show and energy is unparalleled and has been called the best new live blues show in the world.

Horns, harmonies and homegrown instruments combined with an energetic and



Ghost Town Blues Band of Memphis, Tenn.

roots-rich festival set makes Ghost Town Blues Band one of the "must-see live bands on the festival scene today."

Both Andrew McNeill behind the drums and Matt Karner on the bass guitar are a punishing rhythm section behind multi-instrumentalist front man Matt Isbell with raunchy cigar box guitar licks and raspy "Dr. John-like, whiskey and gravel-soaked vocals."

With the addition of trombonist Suavo Jones, Cedric Taylor on B3 and Taylor Orr on lead guitar, the grooves go from fresh to funky as the band gains more notoriety in the blues festival and jam circuit.

Ghost Town Blues Band has performed all across the U.S. and Canada at more than 100 festivals and will perform more than a half-dozen international tours in Canada and Europe in 2019.

"Truly one of the best acts that have ever performed in the Hill Country," said

Asbury, adding, "and besides that it's my birthday."

"GTBB shows what can happen when the past is distilled through young sensibilities, voices, and instruments. This is 21st century blues at its best." — Living Blues Magazine

The GTBB show is sponsored by Five Star Rental and Window World of Texas. Tickets are on sale at www.rododytree.com, the Roddy Tree Ranch office, the Canteen and at the exclusive ticket outlet for Kerrville, WB Liquor. Cover charge is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the gate.

Lazy Days Canteen is located at Roddy Tree Ranch, one mile past the Ingram Dam on Hwy. 39. It serves Texas and Mexican beer, wine and setups.

LDC & Le Rive Gauche Café will open at 6:30 p.m. The café will be serving up Isidora's Gorditas Galore. For more information or tickets, call 830-367-2871.

Giants of Texas Swing coming to The Cailloux

Texas Playboys May 23; Bobby Flores & band on June 12

For more than 80 years, the sound of Texas Swing has been the backdrop for dance halls from Fort Worth to the Rio Grande Valley, and The Cailloux Theater will bring two outstanding purveyors of the style to Kerrville in the coming weeks.

First, Texas Swing pioneers "Bob Wills' Texas Playboys" will appear in a Socially Distanced show on Sunday May 23 at 3 p.m.

Then, a more modern devotee of the tradition, Bobby Flores and his "Yellow Rose Band," will take the stage on Saturday, June 12 at 7:30.

The first music genre indigenous to Texas, Western Swing became the "Official State Music of Texas" on June 17, 2011 when Governor Rick Perry signed Senate Resolution 35.

Bob Wills, known as the King of Texas Swing, is credited with creating the style and making it one of the most popular in America for decades.

Wills was a songwriter, band leader, fiddler and consummate performer who became a groundbreaker and a major influence on musicians who followed him. He introduced the steel guitar to Country music, and, along with Milton Brown and "The Light Crust Doughboys," created the sound that took the



world by storm.

Now under the direction of Jason Roberts, who spent more than 15 years honing his craft in the famous Swing band "Asleep at the Wheel," "Bob Wills Texas Playboys" continue to thrill audiences with music that defies time to remain fresh to every new generation.

"Bob Wills Texas Playboys under the Direction of Jason Roberts" will appear at The Cailloux Theater on Sunday, May 23 at 3 p.m. Very few tickets remain at the time of this writing, priced from \$20 to \$30.

Following the path laid out by Wills, Texan and Grammy Award winner Bobby Flores specializes in the very best of Traditional Country and Western Swing music.

Along with his "Yellow Rose Band," featuring three world-class fiddles and other musicians known as the best in their field, Bobby Flores will offer a concert guaranteed to get toes tapping.

A fiddler from the age of 7, Bobby has opened for national artists like Marty Robbins, Conway Twitty and Garth Brooks, played with Johnny

Bush and The Bandeleros, and spent more than a decade touring with the legendary Ray Price.

He holds awards including "Male Artist of the Year," "Western Swing Artist of the Year," "Fiddle Player of the Year," and "Top Ten Album of the Year." He's a member of the Texas Western Swing Hall of Fame, and the Southern Legends of Entertainment.

Now busy directing and teaching at his own Bulverde Academy of Music, Bobby continues to play limited events when his schedule allows.

Bobby and his band will appear on Saturday, June 12, at 7:30 in a show that will be the first to offer "Full Seating" in The Cailloux Theater since Covid restrictions were put in place more than a year ago. Tickets are available in all sections priced from \$10 to \$40.

The Cailloux Theater is located at 910 Main St. in downtown Kerrville, and is part of the Kathleen C. Cailloux City Center for the Performing Arts, managed by Playhouse 2000, Inc.

Tickets for all City Center events can be purchased online at www.CaillouxPerformingArts.com; at The Cailloux Theater Box Office, in person from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, or 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays; or by phone at any time by leaving a detailed message at (830) 896-9393.

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Commissioners hear Covid-19 update

By Irene Van Winkle
West Kerr Current

The county agenda, consisting of plats and routine business, also included a Covid-19 update and a wrap up of the winter freeze statistics, among other matters.

A rare sight was spotted Monday of a full Kerr County Commissioners Court meeting, with members in their usual seats and without masks.

First up was William “Dub” Thomas, who reported that Kerr County had 34 active Covid-19 cases, with six in the hospital. Vaccinations continued last week, totaling 666 getting first and second shots. Thomas said Peterson Health will schedule another vaccination clinic using the Johnson and Johnson vaccine soon.

He said that herd immunity was still uncertain, which means Covid may yet remain in the county for a time.

As for stats on the winter storm, Thomas noted that three households experienced total losses, 177 had major

damage, 122 minor and 58 were affected, for a total of 555 households.

Thomas said FEMA will not make any announcements at least until May 20, a deadline for receiving full documentation from all area counties.

Another Memorandum of Understanding was approved with FEMA for another warning system, IPAWS, to report emergencies and break into radio broadcasts for alerts.

Pct. 1 Commissioner Harley Belew, who is a radio broadcaster, said that he was not sure how that system works, and questioned its efficacy or importance. He had already experienced its drawbacks.

Pct. 3 Commissioner Jonathan Letz said he was concerned because when there was a plan to follow for immunizations, when FEMA “made us do a plan and then didn’t follow the plan.”

Judge Rob Kelly said that the confidence factor was obvious.

“It cannot be implemented as described,” Belew added, voting against the item.

John Major was approved as a new member on the airport board. He had recently retired, was a pilot, and a CPA with experience in aerospace and defense operators. Pct. 2 Commissioner Tom Moser said he thought it was a good idea to have people from diverse backgrounds be on the board.

A report on the airport board budget revealed that it had not changed significantly since 2020, that the hangars have all been leased, and there is a waiting list for new lessees. It was noted that Kerrville Aviation is back to selling fuel.

The court approved a new round of spraying to eliminate, or at least treat, the infestation of giant cane with herbicide, part of the Healthy Creeks Initiative.

“It takes a couple of years of treatment to get rid of it,” said Tara Bushnoe of the Upper Guadalupe River Authority. “Tell your neighbors.”

So far, 76 private landowners have signed up for the service.

Citizens are encouraged to help with the UGRA River Clean Up that is coming up again.

“It is not a one day event, so people can continue on their own anytime between July through October,” she said.

Memorial Day ceremonies received approval for a commemoration on May 31 at 10 a.m. with a slate of speakers.

The Kerr County Radio Club received approval to meet monthly at no cost at the Union Church with up to 100 persons allowed at a time. It also received permission to erect a 38 feet high tower with a 12-foot mast at the Hill Country Youth Event Center with a locked fence.

The court approved entering into an agreement with Jill Shackelford for consulting services regarding aggregate production operations in Kerr County. Residents have com-

plained about the noise and dust, and “horrific” conditions, but there are solutions for some of the problems, such as changing beeper volumes, and using white noise techniques, among other measures.

Kelly said that there could be mediation between homeowners and the company, and holding a town hall might be helpful.

Moser agreed to “approve a consulting agreement with delineation on deliverables,” but for the vote, only Moser and Kelly voted for it.

The court heard a concept plan for 78.95 acres between Bear Creek Scout Road and Cedar Cliff Loop in Hunt, an area divided into seven lots by Becky Key. However, the court was reluctant to name it Estates at Bear Creek, because the Bear Creek name appears on various other properties and they thought it might pose confusion for 911 responders. No vote was taken.

The court approved a preliminary plat for a YO HQ Ranches Subdivision consisting of 25 tracts at more than 100 acres each.

Road and Bridge engineer Charlie Hasting submitted a 2020-21 Annual Road Condition report for all four precincts.

It also approved a new resolution for the Indigent Defense Improvement Grant Program from Chief Public Defender John Bull.

Rosa Lavender received the OK for another term as the Kerr County representative to the Alamo Area Council of Governments Criminal Justice Advisory Committee.

A request from the Boy Scouts of America was approved to use courthouse grounds on May 18 for a Cub Scout Pack sign-up.

Letter to the Editor

Thanks to all who made Duck Derby big success

To the Editor:

Ingram Elementary held its first ever Duck Derby to raise funds for a new playground this past week. It was more successful than we could have imagined and that is because of all the people WHO helped make it possible. A total of 7,193 ducks were adopted, bringing a total of \$30,000 to the school.

First, I need to give a huge shout out to the Hill Country Arts Foundation for allowing us to use their beautiful property. The space out front was perfect for all the people who came to enjoy the carnival.

The space down by the river made viewing the boat and duck races accessible to everyone. They were also incredibly helpful and accommodating as we were setting everything up during the day.

Also, thank you to Nick Boland who provided all of the sound equipment. He was able to keep the atmosphere light and fun even in two locations. He even built a couple games for me at the last minute. They will be used for years to come I hope.

Thank you to the Divide Volunteer Fire Department for the use of their tables and chairs. Also thank you to Travis Hall for transporting them and setting them up.

Thank you to the Mountain Home Fire Department for filling up all of our water activities at the carnival. A dunk tank is not much fun

when it is empty.

Thank you to Trey Whitten and the maintenance department at Ingram ISD. They delivered, set up and took down all of the game booths for the carnival. I just directed traffic, they did all the heavy lifting.

Thank you to all of the businesses that helped sponsor the event. Every dollar and donated raffle prize help make this possible.

Thank you to all of the amazing teachers and staff at Ingram Elementary School who manned a game booth or participated in the boat races. You give of yourselves daily to our kids and this was no exception. I loved hearing them cheer you on and find a bit of joy in dunking you in the water tank.

Thank you to my husband, Bennett Woodruff, who worked in the river to make sure those ducks went where they were supposed to. He even entertained the crowd while we called out winners.

Lastly I have to say a huge thank you to Emily Bonvino who helped in every single way. When I discovered a problem she could make a phone call to figure it out. I could not have done any of this without her.

Most importantly, I want to thank all of the kids that participated in the duck adoptions and all of the community members who supported us. It takes a whole village, and this village turned out to help the school when it needed it. Thank you all for coming out to support our kids, our school and our future.

Andrea Woodruff,
PTO President

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Photo by Irene Van Winkle

Salute to tourism

Enjoying a complimentary lunch at the Kerrville Convention and Visitors Bureau's salute to National Travel & Tourism on Friday, May 7, are area first responders. Shown here are, from left, Troy Williams, Jerry Weaver, and Zane Zenner, Kerrville Fire Department; Jonathan Klein, Curtis Thomason, Kerrville Police Department, and KPD Chief Chris McCall.

County seeking emergency response team volunteers

An upside of the pandemic slowing down is that Kerr County can get back to the business of building a citizen-based emergency response team, and so a call is being issued to residents who may want to help.

"Now that Covid-19 has subsided substantially, we look forward to kicking off our CERT unit again this month," said Kerr County Emergency

Management Coordinator William B. "Dub" Thomas.

CERT — the Community Emergency Response Team — is designed to prepare volunteer citizens to respond to their community's immediate needs in the aftermath of a disaster when emergency services are not yet at hand.

"Our CERT folks are invaluable to all of us, because



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IES Students of the Week

Ingram Elementary School Students of the Week are: Pre K - Jayson Rodriguez, Kindergarten - Hayes Hawkins, 1st Grade - Armando Contreras, 2nd Grade - Juan Escalera, 3rd Grade - Sophia Alvarado, 4th Grade - Leslie Fortner, 5th Grade - Lily Cleveland.

they are the first 'boots on the ground' helping our fellow Kerr County residents when a major disaster happens," Thomas said.

The basic requirements for CERT unit candidates are that the person be 18 years or older with no criminal history and that they complete the CERT

Basic Training class, which lasts 24 hours and is held over a single, long three-day weekend.

"By working together, CERT members can assist in saving lives and protecting property using the basic techniques taught in this course," Thomas said.

Applications to be a volunteer member on the CERT unit are available at <https://www.co.kerr.tx.us/sheriff/cert>.

For more information or questions, contact Thomas at wthomas@co.kerr.tx.us or phone him at 830-896-1216 during regular business hours.

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Outdoors

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Creeping oregano (*Origanum*) also has a multitude of varieties that thrive in sunny conditions, are deer-resistant, and tolerate little water. This evergreen has blooms that range from white to blue or lavender. Again, oregano is useful in your cooking.

Dwarf Myoporum (*Myoporum parvifolium*) is an evergreen, fast-spreading, deer-resistant plant that is underutilized. The bloom is light pink and occurs in early spring, and it will attract every butterfly in the vicinity.

Creeping hypericum (*Hypericum trifoliatum*) is a dense, tight-leaved groundcover that spreads rapidly. The small flower is yellow, and the foliage is a bright green color. This one is significantly underutilized as well and is supremely deer-proof, drought-tolerant and beautiful.

Pink Skullcap (*Scutellaria suffrutescens*) is a dense, tight-leaved groundcover that will keep its tidy, round form very well. Skullcap thrives in full sun and part shade, is evergreen, disease- and pest-resistant, deer-resistant and very drought-tolerant. It is

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David Steinbrunner
Linda Tarrant

covered with a profusion of pink flowers all summer. A purple variety is also available.

Beach Vitex (*Vitex rotundifolia*) is a larger plant that is designed for hard-to-cover areas. It is approximately one to two feet tall and will easily spread 20 to 30 feet in diameter. This plant will cascade if planted on a slope. A very deer-resistant plant, this one has beautiful lavender flowers and has a fragrance that is similar to lavender. Although it is deciduous, it is well worth planting and is fast-growing.

Plant of the Week: Red Creeping Thyme

(*Thymus praecox*) is a delightful variety that stays only two to three inches tall and is one of the darkest green groundcovers of all. The bloom is red and occurs in spring and throughout the summer. Again, this is an underutilized, deer-resistant plant.

Chores for this week:

— Keep on weeding and use vinegar to kill weeds, especially thistles, on sunny days.

— Deadhead your roses and other flowering plants for repeated blooming.

— Keep controlling the damaging insects.

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

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

Thank goodness for heirloom plants

Spring has sprung and it's about summer and we're so far behind in everything! Part of it is age, inertia, but also health issues in the family.

By this time of year, the garden should be up and going strong. But it isn't. The soil has barely been tilled. It will take another tilling and lots of weeding before we can even put seeds in the ground.

By then it may be too late! But wait. There's hope! While poking around to see what needs to be done, I was astonished that some of our seeds volunteered to come up on their own.

Thank goodness for heirloom plants. Heirloom plants are all we buy. They are not genetically modified and therefore can be pollinated by bees and produce viable

Explore Texas



Carol Wier

seeds for the next year.

Hybrid plants are what most seeds are now (that you buy at the store) and will not reproduce generation to generation.

It was a wonderful Mother's Day gift to see that I will have tomatoes and bell peppers for summer salads after all.

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



Photo by Carol Wier

Heirloom plants are not genetically modified and therefore can be pollinated by bees and produce viable seeds for the next year.

Interest rises in small game hunting

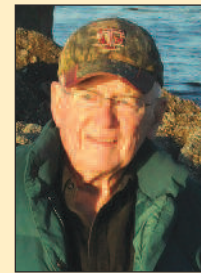
I received an announcement recently about a new .22 caliber rifle being marketed by the CZ USA company. It spoke of the rising interest in small game hunting — particularly for squirrels and rabbits.

I'm all for that! There was a time I even promoted hunting for nutria, since they were abundant in southeast Texas, where I lived. Access to hunt-able land having adequate wetlands — preferred habitat for nutria — and the threat of ricochets from rifles or pistols fired over water prevented that from becoming popular.

But squirrel and rabbit hunting have always been high on the lists of myriad hunters. At one time, squirrel hunting was more popular than deer hunting. During the Great Depression, deer were shot for food. It became rare to see whitetails at all in parts of Texas. I was 14 before I ever saw one.

My first hunt ever was accompanying Uncle Josh Munro squirrel hunting in the

Woods, Waters & Wildlife



John Jefferson

hardwood Beech Creek bottomland at the edge of the Big Thicket one cold, dim morning at about age 10. I didn't realize the awakening that was taking place. Or what it would lead to.

From then on, I dreamed of hunting the Lawhorn Woods whenever we passed them going to Galveston.

Then, as veterans returning from World War II began hunting, the infamous screw-worm infestation devastated Texas livestock and deer on into the early '60s.

Once the tiny, winged beasts were controlled with the release of sterile male flies, Texas Parks and Wildlife's extensive restocking of deer throughout Texas changed a lot of things.

Photos of kids proudly holding a squirrel or two were being replaced with a young'un's first animal kill — a young deer a little younger than the hunter.

As deer mania rose, access, again, became a prob-



Photo by John Jefferson

Starting kids hunting at an early age gets them off to a safe, early, lasting start — even it's just with toy guns. Squirrel season in the game-rich East Texas hardwood forests is open until May 31, and the bag limit is 10. Some other counties have a year-around season with no bag limit.

lem since deer hunting commanded center stage. More land was leased for the sport that provided the most revenue to landowners. Some deer hunters were reluctant to share turf with squirrel hunters.

The vast forested land in East Texas, though, provided a veritable wonderland for squirrel hunters. Although the namesakes of the Pineywoods themselves offered nothing for squirrels to eat, Chinkapin oaks and other oaks and nut-bearing trees did. Much of it was National Forest land and open to excellent hunting. A lot still is.

Some use shotguns; others .22 rifles. I've used both. My

preference is a trusty Winchester Model 62-A, .22 pump rifle reminiscent of the .22 that Uncle Josh used to introduce me to riflery.

The last time I saw him, he was alert, but non-talking. At one point, he smiled and pointed at his .22 pump hanging on the wall. I looked at it, smiled and nodded. He silently did the same, and pointed at me as he did. I think of him every time I handle my .22 pump.

Squirrel hunting with a rifle is a challenge but makes one a more accurate rifleman in the long run. And a .22 is a great teaching tool for kids.

John Jefferson is an Austin-based outdoors writer.

Open house at Devil's Sinkhole Saturday

ROCKSPRINGS — The Devil's Sinkhole State Natural Area will be open for free trail walking and cave viewing this Saturday, May 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

As part of the 50th anniversary celebration of the Devil's Sinkhole National Natural

Landmark, the volunteers that run the tours will welcome guests directly onto the parkland.

Tours of the Sinkhole normally start at the Rocksprings Visitors Center and reservations are needed, but this Saturday guests can go direct-

ly to the Devil's Sinkhole State Natural Area gate, located five miles north of Rocksprings on U.S. Hwy. 377. A vertical banner will help mark the entrance.

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14 Fri	> 8:08	1:56	8:33	2:20	06:43	08:21	8:41a	11:14p	3:56p	3:31a	*
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16 Sun	9:59	3:46	10:25	4:12	06:42	08:23	10:21a	12:05a	5:38p	5:13a	*
17 Mon	10:55	4:42	11:21	5:08	06:42	08:23	11:17a	12:54a	6:30p	6:04a	*
18 TueQ	11:50	5:37	-----	6:03	06:41	08:24	12:16p	1:38a	7:20p	6:55a	*
19 WedQ	12:18	6:30	12:42	6:55	06:41	08:25	1:17p	2:19a	8:10p	7:45a	*

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Fredericksburg's 175th anniversary

Descendants of early Gillespie County pioneer John O. Meusebach, and others, stand in front of his bust during the opening of the 175th anniversary of the founding of Fredericksburg last Saturday. It was held at the

downtown Marktplatz. Holding the microphone is host Glen Treibs, Gillespie County Historical Commission chairman.

Thursday

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teachers to obtain their master's degrees and will make ITM an early college school.

"Starting with this year's freshmen, 80 percent will graduate with an associate's degree and high school diploma which will save every family \$40,000 per student. The degree will be accepted by any college in Texas. The idea is to end any type of generational poverty. We are already seeing those results."

"This is really exciting from an economic development standpoint," said Summers, who also is a professor of entrepreneurship at University of Houston-Victoria.

In other business, Harris shared the commissioner's court has resumed normal operations, but the court sessions will still be available on YouTube.

Harris asked Templeton to share information from the county's capital improvements committee.

Templeton said, "We (the county) purchased just under two acres at the corner of ITM and Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church. The commissioners are recommending a (county-wide) bond issue in November to develop a new county annex with courtroom, jury room and constable's office."

"It will cost all of us money, but if we wait it will cost even more," said Harris.

Ingram Police Chief Carol Twiss said, "We are trying to staff well and start a crime prevention program which requires an officer to go to specific training. They will be able to go into your business or residence and assess your needs. It helps with rates on insurance. Three courses are required which are offered in 2022, so we should have an officer(s) certified by the end of July. We also plan to do a

lot more citizen-based patrolling."

Ingram Mayor Kathy Rider requested assistance with the cost of lights on the Johnson Creek Bridge. Rider said, "We began receiving a bill for \$600 per month or \$48 per month for bridge lights and City property on Old Ingram Loop. Of that expense, \$250 per month is for the bridge lights. We cannot offer to pay for the lights for some businesses and not all businesses.

"The businesses actually pay a lesser fee per month than the City pays. For \$6 per month, businesses could receive a newer streetlight through KPUB. They can be contacted directly. The lights at the field are under contract for another year. What we would like to do is work with KPUB to be able to turn them on and off as needed to save money."

Summers explained that some of the expense on the bridge lights incorporated the cost of installation which

explains some of the monthly bridge fees. "We (First Thursday) will work with the City to help," said Summers.

Rider reminded the FTG that this is the 40th anniversary of Ingram's incorporation and hopes to create a commemorative event. Edwards Jones Executive Amy Bush suggested a cedar fest.

Upcoming events mentioned: Open Arms Ministry will host an old-fashioned revival in the City of Ingram Park June 11-12.

The Hill Country Arts Foundation will add Sunday night performances to compensate for the rainouts. Upcoming shows: "I Ought to be in Pictures" with one night of pay what you can and bring canned and boxed goods for Christian Assistance Ministries. Other shows: "Clue" in June and "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." Other attractions at HCAF: A fiber show in the Visual Arts Gallery and Southern Sky Music Café.

Tourism

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traveling from more than 50 miles outside the county. They are able to track where visitors live such as international, out-of-state or Texas region, as well as specific destinations of interest.

Through Expedia the KCVB tracks visitor demographics such as age, income, households with children and special interests such as foodies or oenophiles. These analytics help the KCVB target advertising campaigns and identify tourism trends.

"Interestingly, the largest tourism group to Kerr County by age is the 65-

plus group with 45-plus and 55-plus following closely," said Davis. "Also, 30-year-olds with families are really strong as is the couples market. We also are seeing a lot of interest in Kerr County from residents in the Valley.

"Probably the biggest surprise is the huge traffic to HCAF/Stonehenge II. I always thought it was high, but I was surprised by the large number of overnight tourists versus day trippers who visit Stonehenge."

Davis and her team nicknamed April 15 weekend "Wildflower Weekend," because the second Friday prior to April 15 the hotels are 85 percent booked.

They have not specifically identified if the tourists really are coming to see the

wildflowers, or they just have cabin fever. Either way, Davis hopes these newer digital research tools may offer more answers.

Next year she hopes to expand research tools and conduct a spending analysis with See Source and track average daily rentals and examine reservation forecasts for VRBO, Airbnb and HomeAway through AirDNA. All research is dependent on funding from the City of Kerrville hotel and motel occupancy tax.

Another KCVB initiative is addressing the enthusiasm for art in the area.

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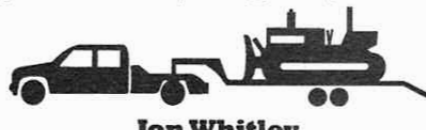
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Sports

Summer Adult Co-Ed Soccer League accepting registration

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The team entry fee is \$350 and is due by May 28. Late registration will be accepted until June 4, and a \$50 fee will be assessed. A minimum of six teams is needed to begin the league.

The season will begin June 8 and will follow a standard league format. Format will be 8v8 play with the top four teams advancing to the playoffs at the end of the season.

Games will be played at the Kerrville Soccer Complex located at 117 Sweeper Lane. Games will be held every Tuesday and Thursday.

A mandatory captain's meeting will be held Friday, June 4 at 5:30 p.m. at the recreation hall located at Kerrville-Schreiner Park (2385 Bandera Hwy.). Teams must have representation at the meeting, with a maximum of two reps per team.

Those who are interested in playing but do not have a team can contact the Parks and Recreation Department to be considered for pick up by one of the established teams; however, this is not a guarantee.

Registration packets which include the by-laws and waivers are available for pickup at the Parks and Recreation Department, located at Kerrville-Schreiner

Park, 2385 Bandera Hwy., and online at www.kerrvilletx.gov.

Interested in being a referee? Referees are paid \$20 per game with as many as six games per week. No license is required, but it is highly preferred. If you are interested in becoming a referee, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (830) 257-7300 or recreation@kerrvilletx.gov.

For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (830) 257-7300, recreation@kerrvilletx.gov, visit the city's website at www.kerrvilletx.gov, or follow us on Facebook at City of Kerrville TX - City Hall or Instagram at cityofkerrville.

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AYSO United HC Tryouts/Assessments: May 25-26, Kerrville Soccer Complex

p.m.
For girls born 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007

Current and Prospective Competitive players should attend

Tuesday, May 25 - 6-7 p.m.

For boys and girls born in 2010, 2011

For boys born in 2009

Tuesday, May 25 - 7-8 p.m.

For boys born in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008

Wednesday, May 26 - 6-7 p.m.

For girls born in 2008, 2009

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Arrest

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Louvier died of his injuries and was pronounced dead by Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Bill Ragsdale. An autopsy has been ordered.
 Damacio Sandoval, Jr. was arrested for Murder and Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon and booked

into the Kerr County Jail on a combined \$1,000,000 in bonds.
 This investigation is ongoing.
 As with all criminal cases, charges may be added or modified prior to trial.

Derby

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Kayakers and canoers also competed for prizes to bolster the excitement as PTO parents and teachers shouted out to the crowd.
 There were a load of prizes up for grabs. The top three ducks were bought by Amanda Potter, Gene Allen and Jeff Talarico.
 PTO president Andrea

Woodruff led the charge with announcements. A big tip of the hat goes out to the students' top sales of ducks: 1st Place - Elisabetta "Bebe" Bonvino, Kindergarten, 665 ducks; 2nd Place - Haley Alvarado, 4th Grade - 632 ducks; and, in 3rd Place - Grayson Guevara - PreK-4, 366 ducks.

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Puzzle on Page 4

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Sudoku
 Solution to Puzzle on Page 8

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Solution to Crossword on Page 4



1. GEOGRAPHY: Once known as the Gilbert Islands, what is the current name of the island nation?
 2. ADVERTISING SLOGANS: What product's slogan is, "It gives you wings"?
 3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president to die in office?
 4. MOVIES: What was the town's name in the movie "It's a Wonderful Life"?
 5. ANATOMY: In what part of the human body is the ulna located?
 6. TELEVISION: Which 1960s sitcom featured the catchphrase, "Sorry about that, chief"?
 7. HISTORY: In which century did England's War of the Roses take place?
 8. LITERATURE: The setting of which children's book is a place called Puddleby-on-the-Marsh?
 9. MATH: What Arabic number is represented by the Roman numerals DCIX?
 10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What does a cytologist study?
- Answers
1. Kiribati
 2. Red Bull
 3. William Henry Harrison
 4. Bedford Falls
 5. Forearm
 6. "Get Smart"
 7. 15th
 8. "The Story of Dr. Dolittle"
 9. 609
 10. Cells



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Koy and Betty Coffey

Mother's Day

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Country Ranch Thrift Store, Hunt Garden Club, making new friends and joining Granddaughter Stephanie with her Perfect Surroundings Boutique. She would put out a few of her antiques to sell which really made Stephanie and her bond even closer. She and Stephanie were doers of Can do Anything.

We all three traveled together on one trip we were in New York and cruised the East Coast. Stephanie pushed Mommie in a wheelchair to ground zero, up and down 5th Ave. What a way to enjoy life.

Mommie and I took that closing trip to Panama to see where my Dad died in 46. Laughter and tears brought us even closer together.

Mommie's giving spirit of You Can Do It helped save my son's life by encouragement when he needed it most. Now she is in Heaven but has left inspiration of hard work pays off and have fun along the way (while always dressing cute) to her children and Grandchildren.

Morgan, Stephanie's will soon graduate from Texas Tech, I mention this because she inherited You Can Do It too. Her saying "I can do it myself, Gammie" still holds true.

Left in Perfect Surroundings on Old Ingram Loop is Maxine's Coffee Bar in her honor.

Koy Coffey has fond memories of her mom, Betty Kring Coffey:

Betty Kring Coffey was born in Houston, Texas, 1934, to Bill and Bea Kring. She had three sisters, Judy, Patty &

Peggy who always called her "little sis."

While visiting her grandmother in Bay City one summer, she met the love of her life, Bruce Coffey. They saw each other every summer and stayed in touch throughout the year. After high school, Bruce joined the Air Force and Betty went to college. In 1956 after Betty graduated from Sam Houston State University, Bruce proposed and they got married.

Bruce and Betty became parents in 1958 with the birth of their daughter, Koy. They moved from Houston to Bay City where Bruce had an electric company, and Betty taught school. They lived on a ranch and throughout their 50 years of marriage, they loved spending time together. Whether it was bailing hay, moving livestock, organizing student events, helping at a church event, or volunteering at a 4-H, rodeo, sports, or community event, the Coffers were always there.

They also loved spending time with family and friends. Once retired, Betty and Bruce moved to Kerrville. They both loved history and genealogy.

Their goal was to travel to every state in the U.S. (including Alaska) to learn more about their families, and they did. Talk about determination J. They truly enjoyed meeting people, sharing stories, and getting to see all of the beautiful scenery along the way.

Neither one of them ever met a stranger. In 2005, I made a promise to my Dad I

Council

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the winners. "Hopefully we can put all this behind us and move forward. We all want to do the same thing for the city but I don't think the direction of the council will change that much."

The three election winners took their oath of office on Monday during a council workshop.

In a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 4, council accepted the annual audit for the year ending September 2020 by Garza/Gonzales & Associates. The audit presented an Unmodified, or "clean," opinion. Eli Garcia said city staff was very helpful during the audit. "You're in good shape," he added.



Annabel Lee Pillow

would always take care of Mom. About an hour later, God decided it was time to take him to his eternal home. At that moment, I learned what "eternal love" is all about.

I was very fortunate to have an awesome Mom & Dad who taught me about life, and the importance of helping others through hands-on experience. There are a few things I can remember most that my Mom told me, "Don't be afraid of going for what you want, think of all the fun you'll have along the way" and "Be thankful for everything you have, don't forget that God is the one who makes it all possible." I lost my Mom on Easter Sunday, 2020. I miss her daily but am happy she and Dad are together again.

Thank you Mom for showing me how to be so strong and loving at the same time.

Kathleen Hudson pays homage to her mother, Annabel Lee Pillow:

Annabel Lee had five children. I was the oldest. She became an only child at age 5



Photo by Irene Van Winkle

After the recount of votes in the Ingram City Council election, three newly elected members took their oaths of office on Monday. Shown here from left, are Robert Kimbrough, Bill Warren and Bridget Dale. Kimbrough and Warren have previously served, and Dale is new to the position.

Band

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Moore High School, Center Point High School, LBJ High School and Harper High School.

For Concert and Sightreading contest, ensembles must perform three UIL-approved pieces that they have been working on that semester.

Judges listen and rate the bands against themselves through categories of Tone, Technique and Musicianship.

Next, the band must learn a piece in seven minutes, without playing a single note until the director counts them in at the end of the allotted time.

Bands only have one opportunity to play through the Sightreading piece. Bands are awarded a score of 1-5 (1 being the best) based on the judges' expertise and opinion.

The Warrior Band performed first in the day, and received "Straight 1s" for their performance in Concert and Sightreading competition, a perfect score in the UIL system.

These "1s" rounded out a

hallmark year, adding to their "Straight 1s" performance from marching season, where they advanced to area competition, earning 5th overall and an Area Finalists position.

"These students just needed someone to believe in them, someone to be on their side. They all had the potential to be great, they just needed someone to tell them it is OK to realize their own greatness," Bigott said.

Bigott has been teaching for four years, all of them at Ingram ISD.

"Next year is a state year for marching band, and we are looking forward to advancing past Area competition and being a state-qualifying program," he said.

"Band doesn't have an off-season, and now the Warrior Band should be known as a force to be reckoned with."

The Warrior Band program has already selected its next year's show and begun leadership tryouts, and designing the show for their run at state next year.



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