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Inside
Thrilling wins



The Geneva School of Boerne and Boerne High School football teams both earned thrilling playoff victories over the weekend, allowing their seasons to continue on Thanksgiving weekend. The Eagles rallied from two touchdowns down to beat The Woodlands Christian Academy, 50-49, while the Greyhounds scored late and then held off a late Port Lavaca Calhoun charge to post a 27-24 victory. For more, see Sports, Page 6.

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Geraldine O'Neill
Ralph Eugene Cofield
Bill Collie
Hazelene Ebensberger
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Bettye Zane Stanley

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Input from many

BKCEDC's new 5-year blueprint a collaboration from community

By **KEITH E. DOMKE**
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Editor's note: Second of two parts.

More than 50 individuals from the city of Boerne and Kendall County came together to help develop the Boerne Kendall County Economic Blueprint, which is being unveiled by the Boerne Kendall County Economic Development Corporation.

"We received input from a broad section of the community," BKCEDC President and CEO Amy Story told The Star. "The plan relies on collaboration and cooperation of all our partners in the city and county."

The list of those involved included business leaders, entrepreneurs, environmental specialists and community representatives. They all participated in roundtable discussions which led to strategy development and eventually to the plan itself.

In the end, it was determined the city and county should focus business expansion on five key clusters as both look ahead and envision the future.

And those five "clusters" are biosciences and pharmaceutical manufacturing, locally made products, agriculture-technology, design and building professional services and wineries and distilleries.

The BKCEDC defined a "cluster" as a concentration of industries, talent or startups that helps to drive innovation and economic development. A

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Jackie Randolph-McEntire, right, and Amber Randolph, behind the counter, owners of Amber's Closet, on Saturday showed the Steckel family all their store has to offer.

Star photo by Zachary-Thomas Wright

Thankful for the opportunity

Woman opens store to help daughter learn the business ropes

By **ZACHARY-TAYLOR WRIGHT**
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Nestled on a back lot between Rosewood and James streets sits a red- and white-colored shop crafted by a mother's wish for her child to succeed and be reinforced by the support of her community.

Upon entry to Amber's Closet, people will find a young woman standing proudly behind a counter, welcoming guests to a store neatly tucked with clothes and accessories. The woman is Amber Randolph, and her mother opened the store to ensure her daughter had a career when she was no longer able to help her.

Amber and Jackie Randolph-McEntire started the business out of their home in May while Jackie was out of work with COVID-19 – until their homeowners association came knocking, pushing them to open a physical store on the Hill Country Mile.

Jackie said business was growing to the point that a physical store was necessary anyway as their home was so



Amber Randolph

full of clothes they couldn't park vehicles in the garage and couldn't easily walk through their house.

"It just got to be so big at the house

that we needed a retail space," Jackie said. "We just had so many people bring donations to the house."

The two got into their store at 233 S. Main St. in mid-October after agreeing to terms with the landlord in mid-August. The store had its grand opening Oct. 24.

The duo started the business when Amber graduated from Champion High School in 2017 and aged out of the special needs program in 2019 as she transitioned to a working life.

"Once you're done, you're done," Jackie said of the special needs program through the Boerne Independent School District. "Kind of like foster kids when they turn 18 in the system, right? They're released out on their own. They'll figure it out. It's the same. So, a lot of special needs parents struggle to figure out how they're going to make sure their children are successful later, and who's going to take care of them."

Jackie retired from the Navy after Amber's autism diagnosis in 2002 when she was 3 years old.

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Turkey Trot



The Boerne YMCA played host to its ninth annual Turkey Trot on Saturday morning. Opening ceremonies and the start and finish of the race took place at Boerne Plaza as hundreds of participants took off from and returned to the location. A few people dressed specifically for the event, including Carolyn Hudson.

Star photos by Keith E. Domke



Questions pop up on process to amend UDC

By **ZACHARY-TAYLOR WRIGHT**
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After the Boerne Planning and Zoning Commission met last week to discuss the Unified Development Code, it became clear the document may not be as close to completion as it appeared, despite recent discussion on amendments by Boerne City Council members.

Several planners took issue with pieces of the document, including a fundamental concern for how it will be amended in the future.

Discussion was sparked about future amendments after implementation, verbiage, traffic analysis, grandfathering into old ordinances and the city's ability to enforce state agency ordinances.

Laura Talley, Boerne planning and community development director, started the UDC update by explaining her department removed the language in Chapter 1 that defined "city council" because the council is defined in the

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Bonnie Kemp Liebmann-Molberg
July 11, 1929 – November 22, 2020

On Sunday, November 22, 2020, Bonnie Kemp Liebmann-Molberg passed away at the age of 91.

Bonnie was born on July 11, 1929, in Boerne, Texas, to L.D. Kemp and Rose (Esser) Kemp. She graduated from the Ursuline Academy in downtown San Antonio (now home to the Southwest School of Art) in 1946. She also attended Trinity University in San Antonio.

On November 22, 1965, she married the late David Liebmann of San Antonio and they had one son, Wilhelm. On September 12, 1987, she married her high school sweetheart, the late Carl “Buddy” Molberg of Fredericksburg, Texas, and they enjoyed many years of retirement together.

Bonnie was a planner and knew how to make things happen. She was one of the first women in San Antonio to become a licensed stockbroker and started her career at Russ & Company.

While at Russ & Company, she met Lowry Mays and later went on to work for him for many years at Clear Channel Communications (now known as iHeartRadio). She was instrumental in the



Liebmann-Molberg

Ralph Eugene Cofield
September 14, 1929 – November 9, 2020

LTC Ralph E. Cofield, USAF (RET), of Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas, passed away on Monday, November 9, 2020. He was born on September 14, 1929, in Reynolds, Georgia, to William and Agnes (Youngblood) Cofield.

At the age of 17, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps, soon to become the U.S. Air Force. He spent a year in Korea and, soon after his return, went through OCS and flight training. He was assigned to the 55th Wing of Strategic Air Command, where he proudly served throughout his military career. During his



Cofield

Kevin Wayne Wright
September 29, 1965 – November 18, 2020

Kevin Wayne Wright was born September 29, 1965, in San Antonio, Texas. Born to Wayne and Aline Wright. He passed November 18, 2020, at the age of 55.

Kevin graduated from Blanco High School and Texas State University in San Marcos. He is preceded in death by his father, Wayne Wright; parental grandparents, Raymond and Gladys Wright; and maternal grandparents, Richard and Julia Herrin; and his uncle, Al Bottles.

Kevin is survived by his mother, Aline Wright; brother Richard (Susan); niece Shelby Wright; nephew Remington Wright; aunt Wilta Bottles; and his cousins, Howard (Karlyn) Bottles and Kaitlyn and Keith Bottles.



Wright

Bettye Zane Stanley
August 23, 1928 – November 20, 2020

On November 20, 2020, Bettye Zane Stanley gained her heavenly wings and was called home by the Lord. Bettye was born to Ivan and Ruby (Binyon) Van Dyke on August 23, 1928, in San Angelo, Texas, but relocated to San Antonio in her early years where she lived with her family in a small duplex where she met her forever love, Rex.

Rex lived in the duplex next door and shared a common wall with Bettye between their bedrooms. The two would send “messages” to each other by tapping on the wall. As time went on, Rex served a stint in the Air Force, and Bettye waited for him. When he returned, the two married and went on to own and operate a portrait studio.

Bettye later became the church secretary for Hope Lutheran Church and also served as the church soloist. She had a lovely voice that was enjoyed by everyone who heard her sing. She went on to work for



Stanley

Leslie Corley Pickus
March 15, 1963 – November 18, 2020

Leslie Corley Pickus passed away on November 18, 2020, surrounded by her loving family. She was born to Ezra and Rosemary (Kay) Corley on March 15, 1963, in San Antonio, Texas.

She is preceded in death by her father-in-law, Herman “Buddy” Pickus. She is survived by her husband, David H. Pickus; her children, Joseph Maxwell Pickus, Samuel Corley Pickus of Boerne, Courtney Leigh Pickus of San Francisco, Blair Hamilton Pickus and An Dang of San Diego; her brother, Kyle Corley of San Antonio; and her mother-in-law, Gail Hamilton Pickus of Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Leslie received a BBA and MA from the University of Incarnate Word. She worked as the donor development officer at Hill Country Daily Bread Ministries, as well as volunteered at numerous organizations in Boerne. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Leslie enjoyed reading and exercise, including walking and boot



Pickus

early growth and success of Clear Channel and assisted with its initial public offering in 1984. She retired from Clear Channel in 1994.

Bonnie was a devoted and caring daughter and sister, and a loving and dedicated mother and grandmother. Her care and compassion for others never faltered and she was always willing and eager to offer a helping hand to her family, friends and neighbors. She was also well-known to be the life of any party and took great joy in making others smile and laugh.

Bonnie loved her hometown of Boerne and was proud of her heritage as a fourth-generation native of the area. In 1949, she was chosen to serve as the queen of the Boerne Centennial Celebration. She also served on the Boerne Home Rule Commission and assisted with the drafting and passage of the City of Boerne’s Home Rule Charter in 1995.

Bonnie loved animals of every kind. No animal ever went hungry in her neighborhood. A local Boerne veterinarian once told a pet owner that their dog was overweight and needed to go on a diet. The pet owner responded that they already had their dog on a diet, but that their neighbor kept feeding it through the fence. The veterinarian looked at the chart and then remarked, “Oh, I see you live next door to Bonnie. I guess there’s nothing we can do!”

Bonnie is also likely responsible for the placement of signs in the Boerne Cemetery that prohibit the feeding of wildlife – signs that she despised and routinely ignored. Needless to say, there are

time at SAC he was awarded multiple air medals, among them the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Ralph loved the Air Force life and the exciting challenges he encountered with SAC during the Cold War. He valued many of the friendships he made at SAC and remained in touch with several fellow “Crows” until his death.

Col. Cofield was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Raymond Lamar Cofield; and his first wife of 62 years, Nora Joan Marie (McCarey)Cofield. He is survived by his wife, Linda (Martin) Cofield; one son, Ralph Edward Cofield of Denver; one daughter, Valorie Jeanne Cofield of Floresville; a step-son, Garrett Williams (Tricia) of New Braunfels; along with several nieces and nephews.

Ralph was a member of St. Peter’s Catholic Church in Boerne and was a 3rd and 4th Degree Knight in the Knights of Columbus.

Memorial services are pending at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to a charity of your choice.

Kevin was a devoted son, brother, uncle and friend. He was a hard worker, with many achievements in retail sales. Kevin was very personable and friendly, which helped in his retail sales positions. Kevin also enjoyed cooking and baking.

His hobbies were raising sheep, cattle, and exercising.

Kevin will be missed by his compassion, sweet smile and lovingness toward all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Joyce Meyers Ministries at <https://joycemeyer.org/> in Kevin’s name. To leave condolences for the family and to view a video of Kevin’s life, visit www.ebensberger-fisher.com.

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Bettye had three children, Kathy, Dane and Tammy. Betty was a devoted mother and wife, and stayed right by her husband’s side till his passing in December of 2009. Bettye was a true matriarch of her family and leaves behind an amazing legacy.

She is survived by her daughter, Kathy; her son, Dane, and his wife, Marti; her daughter, Tammy; five grandsons; one granddaughter; and a multitude of great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Larry Van Dyke.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, November 28, 2020, at 10 a.m. at Ebensberger-Fisher Funeral Home. A private graveside service will be held at Mission Park North. To leave condolences for the family, please visit www.ebensberger-fisher.com.

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camp. She loved skiing, hiking, travel and spending time at the lake. She was fiercely protective of her family and her friends.

Leslie was a loving, wonderful mother, setting an amazing example on how to approach life. Her glass was always overflowing. She loved entertaining, often creating menus, picking flowers and vegetables from the garden. Her smile would light up a room. She enjoyed sitting on the patio, wine in hand with her friends, watching the sunset through the Italian Cypress trees, with sweeping views of the Texas Hill Country while Andrea Bocelli played in the background.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, donations are made in memory of Leslie Pickus to Hill Country Daily Bread at <https://hillcountrydailybread.com/donate/>, or in memory of Leslie Pickus to MD Anderson Cancer Center, Bile Duct Cancer Research, P.O. Box 4486, Houston, TX 77210-4486 or www.mdanderson.org/gifts.

To leave condolences for the family and to view a video of Leslie’s life, visit www.ebensberger-fisher.com.

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many cats, dogs, birds, squirrels, ducks, deer and other animals that will miss her.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her mother and father; her brother, Leonard; and her sister-in-law, Dorothy, and her husband, Carl. As she liked to joke, she was the last one on the stage at the curtain call. She is survived by her son, Wilhelm, and his wife, Diana, and their daughter, Lauren, all of San Antonio. Having lived her entire life in her hometown of Boerne, she is also survived by many cousins, lifelong friends and caring neighbors.

A private memorial service for family members will be held due to the pandemic.

If you wish to honor Bonnie’s memory, please consider a gift to Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation at P.O. Box 369, Kendalia, TX 78027 or www.wildlife-rescue.org/support/onlinegiving. To leave condolences for the family and to view a video of Bonnie’s life, visit www.ebensberger-fisher.com.

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Jodi Pereda

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Crystal Downs
Catherine Frank
Donald Gilbert
Maureen Knupp
Betty Poe
Karin Startin
Mary Thornton

Catherine Weber
Addae Kraba
Thomas Davis
Carol Smith
Bobbie Rowland
Katherine Frank
Karen Childress

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In a year like this, taking a moment to stop and remember all we have to be grateful for is more important than ever. As Thanksgiving approaches, we find ourselves in awe of our community at the Cibolo and all of the ways we have come together this year to adapt and grow.

We are grateful for you. Plans have been hard to make this year, and our community has been so willing at every turn to support our efforts to continue to steward the Cibolo and provide meaningful environmental education for all ages.

When we had to cancel Summer Camp in July and rush to create a Camp-in-a-Box experience, our camper families were willing to try something new and fully participate in a reimagined camp experience. When we had to rethink our annual Celebrate the Cibolo Gala and convert to a socially distanced picnic at the farm, you made it one of the

AT THE TRAIL



Maura Bobbitt

best galas we’ve ever had. When we had to rethink how we educate as schools were unable to attend field trips, you signed up for home-school courses and virtual learning opportunities. When we pivoted to a curbside Farmer’s Market model, you all filled your online shopping carts with our vendors’ locally made products and showed up every Saturday, rain or shine.

We are grateful for our amazing Cibolo team. No matter what this year has thrown at us, the staff and volunteers at the Cibolo have been willing to reinvent the wheel time



Fall colors abound on the Flame-Leaf Sumacs at the Cibolo.

and time again. The creativity, dedication and passion of our team has been inspiring and inspired. The team at the Cibolo believes in the meaningful work that they do, and that belief has shown up in so many

ways this year.

We are grateful for the Cibolo itself. If this year has taught us anything, it is how important our wild spaces are. It has not been lost on us how blessed we are to have 160 acres of wide-open space to offer our community at a time when gathering indoors was unsafe.

This year has reaffirmed how important our work really is, and we have been so grateful for the calming sound of the Cibolo Creek babbling over the cypress roots and the sight of the bright blue sky over the prairie. In these times of stress and uncertainty, we have the gentle reminder of nature’s perseverance all around us: the creek continues to flow cool and clear, roots continue to take hold wherever they can and the birds keep on singing every morning reminding us that it’s a new day.

From our Cibolo family to yours,

we wish you a happy, healthy and nourishing Thanksgiving.

CNC&F Happenings

Farmers Market at the Cibolo
Saturday, November 28, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 33 Herff Road. Join us for Boerne’s own farmers market. In addition to a wide selection of vendors, come enjoy workshops, kids’ crafts, garden tours and tips and historic house tours. More information is available at www.cibolo.org.

Herff Farm Herb Shop

curbside pick-up
Saturday, December 5, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 33 Herff Road. Browse through our online shop of medicinal herbs, organic teas and kits for a unique holiday gift! Curbside pick-up is available on the farm on December 5 or by appointment. More information is available at www.cibolo.org.

Spend some quality Thanksgiving time with a good book

*Come, ye thankful people come,
Raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin.
—Henry Alford*

THE BOOKWORM



Constance Keremes
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Since the first documented Thanksgiving in 1621, the day has been a gathering together of family and friends to collectively give thanks for the season’s bounties and blessings. Historian Tom Begley of Plimoth Plantation points out that the 50 pilgrims who attended that first Thanksgiving some 400 years ago celebrated not only the bounteous harvest, but also their very survival. Theirs had been a brutally harsh first winter, made all the more deadly by an epidemic of disease that took the lives of almost half of the original colony.

Now, four centuries after the pilgrims and Wampanoag nation gathered together, we are all too keenly aware of the ravages of epidemic disease and the precious gift of life itself. Whilst we long for the warmth of gathering round the table with family and friends, the COVID pandemic has upended our holiday plans.

As COVID cases rise ever higher around the world, the

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) strongly recommends that families who traditionally travel to see one another instead hold virtual Thanksgiving celebrations. A virtual experience is never as richly satisfying as an in-person encounter, but it does afford us the opportunity to remain safe and socially distant so there is no chance of transmission of disease. ZOOM, Skype, and Facetime can be used to share reminiscences of holidays past, recipes and even a favorite holiday storybook.

Thanksgiving is a most fitting time to share a beloved book with your family, especially since November is National Family Literacy Month. Established in 1994 by the National Center for Families Learning, it is a time to celebrate and promote family literacy programs. Schools, libraries, businesses and, of course, families are encouraged to participate. As the name implies, Family Literacy Month emphasizes the

importance of making reading a family affair.

Research shows that parental involvement in a child’s reading time promotes the development of literacy skills and thus academic success. As noted by the Massachusetts Department of Education, parents “create literacy-rich environments, share reading and writing activities, act as reading models, and demonstrate attitudes toward education.”

Reading Partners, a national nonprofit organization recommends the following tips for parents.

- Model good reading habits yourself. Children will be more inclined to read enthusiastically if they see parents likewise engaged in reading.
- Ask your children questions about their books to spark discussion, make them think critically and encourage higher order thinking.
- Make reading a part of every day.

During these dark days of the pandemic, the sharing of stories can spark discussion, provide solace and give us hope of brighter days to come. Small blessing as that might seem, it is one to be treasured on this Thanksgiving and all the many to come.

Little Listeners Storytime in-person, December 2

Registration is required for these holiday-themed Little Listeners storytimes, a program for children ages 2 to 5, on Wednesday, December 2. There will be two sessions, one at 9:30 a.m. and one at 10:30 a.m. Masks are required for anyone over the age of 9.

Because we must observe social distancing, space is limited to only 10 people. We will not be able to accommodate anyone, including babies, who is not registered. You can register by emailing Miss Constance at keremes@boernelibrary.org.

Mad Science: virtual program

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Holiday cheer is near

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ders of literature with you.

In observance of Thanksgiving, our library will be closed on November 26-27. We will reopen on Saturday, November 28.

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Historical Median Flow	131 cfs	

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35 Suffix with Method

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68 Tolkien menace

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89 Fantastic

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92 Shiba — (spitz breed)

93 "— Boot"

97 Foul vapor

98 Play on a life

100 Briny bodies

103 More bashful

104 Pitch-perfect?

106 30-day month

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111 Learning by memorizing

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113 "— So Fine"

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STAR SPORTS



Champion defenders Brenden Holland (10), Kohl Kennedy (44) and Tanner Lee (42) surround a Floresville ball carrier in last Friday's game.

Star photo by Chris Tilton

Chargers grab Tigers by the tail – and don't let go

By KERRY BARBOZA
Sports Editor

Before last Friday, Boerne Champion's last football game ended in a stunning loss to Alamo Heights. The Chargers had two weeks to think about the setback to the Mules that cost them this year's district title and it seems like they took it out on Floresville last Friday night.

Champion toppled the Tigers, 56-9, and solidified second place in 15-5A II. The Chargers close out the regular season Friday at home against Lockhart on the day after Thanksgiving. Kickoff for Black Friday's contest is 4 p.m.

Champion dominated in all phases of the game and held the Tigers' leading rusher to 15 yards on 11 carries after Darcion Murphy came into the game averaging 177 yards per contest. In fact, Floresville's only points in the first half came via a safety as the Chargers took a 28-2 lead into the break.

Champion coach Keith Kaiser said they did a great job shutting down Murphy who he called the best running back in the district who could perhaps be the district MVP.

"Our defense got after him, he could never get free, there was five guys going at him on every play," he said. "They finally took him out in the second quarter and in the second half he played slot receiver."

With Murphy in check, the Chargers offense opened up on the Tigers.

Davis Pike had two long touchdown catches of 66 and 53 yards from Karson Kaiser in the first half. Alex Rodriguez also found pay dirt on a short run and then Ryan Brandon hauled in a 22-yard TD pass from Kaiser for the 28-0 lead.

With 2:45 left until the break, the Tigers came up with their only points of the half with a safety to make it 28-2.

After intermission, Champion busted it open with three touchdowns in the third

quarter. Rodriguez scrambled in for touchdowns from 53 and 29 yards and then Jaden Nieves returned a punt 51 yards for another score.

In the third, Floresville finally recorded a touchdown but it didn't come from their offense after the Tigers blocked a punt and returned it for a special teams touchdown of 40 yards to make it 49-9.

Early in the fourth quarter, Cooper Marshall completed a 36-yard touchdown pass to Will Peters with 11:52 left in the game to round out the scoring.

Kaiser said it was a great response to their loss two weeks ago.

"It was good everybody got to play, that helps team morale, it was a good night," he said. "The defense played like our defense has been playing, they didn't get scored on."

Karson Kaiser completed 13 of 16 passes for 3 touchdowns, while Marshall was 4 for 8 with 1 TD.

Rodriguez rushed for 108 yards on just 10 carries for three scores, Sean Fanning and Ethan Gross carried the ball once and Trey Rucker ran with the rock 5 times.

For the receivers, Pike caught three passes for 127 yards and two scores, Brandon hauled in 4 passes for 78 yards and a score, Peters had a 36-yard TD catch, Adam Borgerding made 4 catches for 51 yards, Reed Cantrell and Kannon Brooks both snagged 2 passes and Zach Schaefer made a catch.

NOTES: With Kerrville Tivy's loss to Medina Valley last Friday, the best the Chargers can finish in district play is second behind Alamo Heights. Champion needed the Antlers to beat Medina Valley and also defeat Alamo Heights this week to force a tie for first, but Medina Valley won last week's game over the Antlers. The good news for the Chargers is that they still get to host a first-round playoff game as the second-place team in their district.



Seniors on the Champion volleyball team this year are (l-r): Annie Catlett, Sophia Harris, Hannah Relf, Natalia Schluter, Emma James and Izabelle Regnier.

Star photo by Kerry Barboza

Rouse defeats Chargers in opening round of volleyball playoffs

By KERRY BARBOZA
Sports Editor

FREDERICKSBURG – Boerne Champion faced a tough challenge in the first round of the 5A state volleyball playoffs.

The fourth-place Lady Chargers (District 26-5A) squared off against district champion Leander Rouse (District 25-5A) last Thursday in Fredericksburg.

Champion had just played in Fred's gym a few days before and beaten Kerrville Tivy in a fourth-place tie-breaker match just to make the playoffs but Rouse was a much better team than the Lady Antlers.

The Lady Raiders were able to sweep Champion to end the Chargers season at 12-11. Rouse won Thursday's match, 25-22, 25-22, 25-17.

Rouse never trailed in the first game but the Lady Chargers were close and trailing 23-22. The Raiders scored the

last two points to take a 1-0 match lead.

In the second set, Rouse jumped out to a 17-9 lead but Champion rallied with an 8-0 run to tie it up at 17-17. The Chargers pulled ahead at 22-21 but couldn't hold the lead. If Champion wins that game, then it's 1-1 but the Raiders went on a 4-0 spurt to register the 25-22 win and take a 2-0 lead.

Rouse closed it out in Game 3 after they never trailed in the set. It was tied at 1-1 early but that's as close as it would get. The Raiders went up by 8 points before winning it by 8 at 25-17.

It's the final match for seniors Natalia Schluter, Emma James, Annie Catlett, Hannah Relf, Izabelle Regnier and Sophia Harris.

This year's group of seniors helped the team keep alive it's playoff streak. A Charger volleyball team has made the postseason every year since the school opened in 2008.

Hounds advance to third round of postseason

By KERRY BARBOZA
Sports Editor

JOURDANTON – Boerne High's historic football season continues this week after the Greyhounds defeated Port Lavaca Calhoun in a classic Friday night in Jourdanton.

BHS scored late in the game and then held off a Sandcrabs charge to record the 27-24 victory.

The Greyhounds (9-2) get to play Thanksgiving weekend and face Corpus Christi Miller (8-4) in the Alamodome Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Last Friday's win was Boerne's first in the second round since 2004 and only their second in school history in that round.

Boerne senior Ethan Hamby said it's nice to help rewrite BHS football history.

"It's a surreal feeling, this is the first time in 17 years, so it's cool to be a part of a good team," he said.

Greyhound coach Che Hendrix felt like it was a program-defining win.

"It's what this team had to do in order to get over the hump, you have to play a physical, downhill, smash-mouth team," he said. "They've been a 5A and been three rounds deep the last couple of years and we knew they'd give us everything we wanted. It was a great challenge for our guys and we played our guts out and that's how you win, it was a great win."

Boerne proved to be clutch in all phases of the game Friday, especially on offense. Three of their four touchdowns came on 4th down. They were in field goal range all three times but didn't kick and opted to go for a touchdown and they got it each time.

"You've got to make tough calls in tough games and field goals weren't going to get it done tonight," Hendrix said. "We felt like if we had 4th and 1 or 4th and 2 that we had several plays for it and we hit them."

Calhoun struck first with a 92-yard run on their first play from scrimmage from QB Jarvis Stewart for the quick 7-0 lead. It stayed that way until the Hounds tied it in the second quarter on a 4th and 1 from the 8. Rashawn Galloway found Koby Hunter in the end zone to make it 7-7.

On their next possession after



JP Castro returns a kickoff 58 yards to help set up a BHS touchdown last Friday vs. Port Lavaca Calhoun in the second round of the playoffs.

Star photo by Russell Hawkins

the BHS score, Calhoun went on a 13-play drive and scored after they converted a 4th and goal at the 1-yard line on a quarterback sneak with just 18 ticks on the clock before half-time and it was 14-7 going into the break.

Once the second half started, Boerne's offense started clicking. The Hounds scored on their first three drives of the second half.

"We just executed a little better, we felt like we were doing everything we wanted but we weren't finishing off drives in the first half and in the second half we did," Hendrix said.

Calhoun had the ball to start the third quarter and moved the ball down to the Boerne 30 but fumbled and the Hounds made them pay.

BHS put together an 8-play drive that resulted in a touchdown. JP Castro had a nice 36-yard reception on the drive.

The Hounds faced a 4th and 3 at the 5-yard line and went for it. Galloway threw a jump ball to Cam Johnson in the corner and Johnson beat the defender for the ball. The Scott Hettie kick tied it up at 14-14.

Calhoun managed a field goal on its next drive later in the quarter. The kick was set up by a 42-yard completion on their second and last pass of the game and only 19th attempt all season. The FG was good and it was 17-14 in favor of the Sandcrabs.

Boerne responded with its third straight TD of the half for their first lead of the game. Castro had a nice return of 58 yards on the kickoff that set up

the Hounds at the Calhoun 39.

On a 1st and goal at the 8-yard line, Galloway kept the ball and ran it in to make it 21-17 after Hettie kicked the extra point with 0:54 left in the third.

However the Sandcrabs answered with a drive that went 10 plays and chewed 5:17 off the clock after Stewart carried it in from the 5-yard line and they were up 24-21 with 7:32 left in the game.

Boerne responded with a championship drive and went 65 yards on 14 plays. They converted three 3rd downs on the drive and faced a 4th and 2 from the 5 with less than four minutes to go.

A field goal would have tied it and Hendrix said that was the only time he seriously thought about kicking a field goal on 4th down all night.

"We called timeout and discussed it for almost the entire timeout and decided to go for it," he said. "We had a play we liked and we ran it and we got it done."

On 4th down, Galloway rolled left and found Matt Michalec in the back of the end zone. The throw was a little low but Michalec made a sliding catch and the Hounds went back on top 27-24 for the fifth tie or lead change of the second half.

The extra point was no good but it didn't matter in the end. After the kickoff, the Sandcrabs had 3:13 to work with and moved the ball to the Boerne 36. Calhoun faced a 4th and 4. Just before the play, Hamby had blood on his knee

and had to leave the game so Hendrix burned a timeout so that he could reenter after the break.

"I started bleeding so I had to get taped up and we called a timeout," Hamby said.

On the play, Stewart rolled to his left and looked like he wanted to throw. Instead he pitched it and the play was stuffed for no gain as the Greyhounds made a big play in a game full of big plays.

"(Tanner) Lundy was there, then Will Pearson and Braden Baize, it was a gang tackle," Hendrix said.

Lundy finished with 11 tackles, Hamby had 7 and Pearson made 5 stops and assisted on another.

"It was the most physical game I've ever played, it was a good one, it was fun, I enjoyed it," Hamby said. "It was everything I expected, it was a good challenge."

NOTES: Steve Johnson, Calhoun's all-time leading rusher, didn't play on Friday after he suffered a concussion during practice last week. Johnson has 1,754 rushing yards this year and has 6,000 in his career. **Hendrix** said they would have liked to have played the Sandcrabs with Johnson in the lineup. "You hate for anybody to get injured, I felt bad for that kid. You hate for him to miss a game like this because he's a heck of a football player," the coach said. "I've got a ton of respect for him and he's been their best player and they were hurting with him not playing."

Geneva rallies to stun The Woodlands Christian Academy

By KERRY BARBOZA
Sports Editor

If it's playoff time then two things seem to be certain for the Geneva School of Boerne football team.

They'll be playing Thanksgiving weekend and they'll also beat The Woodlands Christian Academy in the playoffs.

Last Saturday, the Eagles were trailing by 14 points with just over three minutes but rallied to stun The Warriors, 50-49. It's the third straight season that Geneva has defeated The Woodlands Christian Academy in the playoffs.

With Saturday's dramatic win, the Eagles advance to the second round of the TAPPS playoffs on Thanksgiving weekend. The game is set for Saturday at and against St. Michael's Catholic Academy, 2 p.m., in Austin.

Geneva trailed 49-35 with 3:11 left in last Saturday's game. The Eagles moved the ball down the field and scored on a 17-yard touchdown reception from Cade Barone



Geneva QB Cade Barone threw for 517 yards and 5 TDs, while accounting for all of the team's rushing yards in Saturday's first-round playoff win last Saturday.

Star photo by Pam Akin

to Ethan Valdez. The Eagles went for the two-point conversion and got it after Barone hit Jackson Young and the lead was down to 49-43.

Geneva went with an onside kick and George Vina recovered to keep the Eagles in the game.

Barone lead the team down the field and capped the drive with a three-yard touchdown run with less than a minute left on the clock. The extra point was good and Geneva was on top by a point at 50-49.

The Woodlands Christian Academy still had a chance

and 58 seconds to work with but Aidan Christal intercepted a TWCA pass to secure the victory.

Geneva rolled to 544 yards of offense and was led by Barone who was 33 of 55 passing for 517 yards and 5 touchdowns. Barone was also the team's leading rusher with 27 yards and was the only Eagles player to gain any rushing yardage.

Ethan Valdez had a great afternoon catching the ball and snagged 15 passes for 201 yards and 3 TDs, Sam Armstrong finished with 6 catches for 101 yards and a score, Aidan Christal hauled in 3 passes for 59 yards and a TD, Jackson Young finished with 4 grabs for 68 yards, Jayden Mccammon had 2 catches for 42 yards, Luke Valdez recorded 2 catches for 39 yards and Landon Worrich had a 7-yard reception.

Defensively, Grant Mowery finished with 5 tackles, one for a loss, 8 assists and an interception, while Christal and Armstrong both had picks in the game.

Area basketball teams in action

By KERRY BARBOZA
Sports Editor

Area basketball teams were in action last weekend and because of the holiday this week, most will play either Monday or Tuesday or both days as they get in their final games before Thanksgiving.

The Champion boys beat Southwest on Saturday and are scheduled to play La Vernia

Monday and Wimberley on Tuesday, both at home.

The BHS boys defeated Veterans Memorial on Saturday and visited Medina Valley Monday and host Brackenridge Tuesday.

The Comfort boys beat Carizo Springs on Friday and hosted Fred Monday before visiting Center Point Tuesday.

The Geneva boys were in the Gateway Invitational tourney

over the weekend and took first place. They visited Holy Cross Monday and host Dilley on Tuesday.

On the girls side, the Lady Chargers defeated Fredericksburg Saturday and visited Marble Falls Monday before hosting Lanier Tuesday.

The Lady Hounds of Boerne High remain unbeaten after they beat Smithson Valley on Friday

and were scheduled to host Highlands on Monday.

The Geneva girls picked up a tight victory over St. Michael's on Friday and won't play again until Dec. 1.

Comfort's girls team is currently in COVID quarantine and won't take the court until Dec. 1.

For more on all the area basketball teams, see Friday's Boerne Star.

Dugosh Bowling League, November 17

Team Name	W - L	High Game
Leon Springs Plumbing	113-55	234 Max Maxwell
Kingpins	99-69	233 Paul Hess
Beer 4 My Horses	98-70	208 Max Maxwell
Chicken's Chop Shop	96-72	205 Brett Hensley
Dependable Roofing	82-86	204 Terry Gearhart
Solid 10	70-98	200 Christian Hicks
Rhapsody Labs	56-64	197 Christian Hicks

High Series
636 Max Maxwell
603 Paul Hess
578 Christian Hicks
548 Terry Gearhart
547 James Schmidt
538 Brett Hensley
529 Aaron White

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BOERNE POLICE DEPARTMENT
November 11
1:30 a.m., I-10 mile 538 - One person was arrested during a traffic stop.
2:07 a.m., 100 Lina - A father reported his teen daughter snuck out of the house.
4:26 a.m., 100 Lina - One person was arrested during a traffic stop.
8:14 a.m., 100 Staffell - A man reported someone left a bag at his front door with a typed note on it.
9:55 a.m., 100 Winding River - A caller

reported seeing a child being smacked across the face then dragged into the house by an adult.
1:15 p.m., 100 Dusty Corral - A man said someone stole a large plant from his front yard.
1:54 p.m., 100 Mustang Run - A man asked for help relighting his pilot light.
2:45 p.m., 400 W. Bandera - A man reported a homeless woman threw an empty tequila bottle at his truck.
3:50 p.m., 100 Whisper Way - A woman reported stuff was stolen off her porch.
4:23 p.m., 600 W. Bandera - About an hour after reporting his Glock .45 was missing, a man called back to say he found it.
6:27 p.m., 100 Oak Grove - A woman complained her uncle was harassing her with text messages.
9:06 p.m., Cascade Caverns Rd. - After a caller said a young neighbor child ran to her apartment saying his mother was beating him and threw a microwave at him, police arrested mom and called the child's grandparents to pick him up.
Officers also made 14 traffic stops, assisted the public six times, another law enforcement agency twice and an EMS crew three times, worked five non-injury wrecks,

made two welfare checks and handled three traffic hazards, one animal call, 42 security checks and seven false alarms.
November 12
7:41 a.m., 700 River - A man wanted police to make a fellow stop walking his dog past his apartment because the pooch had already bit the maintenance man.
12:41 p.m., Cascade Caverns Rd. - A woman reported someone filed for unemployment using her name.
3:38 p.m., 100 Menger Springs - An ER nurse asked an officer to come secure an injured game warden patient's duty weapon.
4:17 p.m., I-10 mile 539 - When police caught up with the van a caller reported seeing "Help, we've been kidnapped" in the dust, they found it was a bunch of guys playing a prank.
5:10 p.m., 1400 S. Main - A caller reported a woman was dancing in the middle of the street.
5:14 p.m., 300 Lasso Falls - A caller found men's clothing and condoms and kids clothing in the children's playground.
5:39 p.m., 100 City Lake - A woman said a drunk in the water became argumentative

when asked to turn down his music.
Police also made 32 traffic stops, assisted the public nine times, another law enforcement agency once and an EMS crew once, checked out one suspicious person and a 911 hang-u call, worked three non-injury wreck, made two welfare checks and handled three reckless driver reports, two traffic hazards, one civil matter, three animal calls, 29 security checks and one false alarm.

KENDALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
November 11
9:45 a.m., 200 N. Hwy. 87, Comfort - After a caller complained a neighbor was trespassing to get her dogs off the caller's property, the neighbor complained the property owner was baiting the dogs with hot grease to get her to trespass.
2:03 p.m., 100 Sage Oaks Tr. - A woman reported gunfire from nearby was coming near her house.
2:12 p.m., 100 Main St., Comfort - A New Mexico police officer said a resident there was a victim of fraud by a Kendall resident.
2:19 p.m., 100 Oak Bluff Blvd. - A woman complained her ex took her cell phone and refused to give it back.

4:05 p.m., 100 Cool Rock - A caller reported equipment was taken.
5:39 p.m., Wasp Creek Rd. - A woman said money and medications were missing and she worried about her uncle using telekinetics to harm her and her mother.
6:43 p.m., Dodge Rd. - A man reported a trespasser tried to rob his mother.
6:46 p.m., 100 Cool Rock - A caller reported three trucks were trespassing on the greenbelt between properties.
Deputies also made 27 traffic stops, assisted the public six times and an EMS crew once, worked two non-injury wrecks, checked out one suspicious person and handled one reckless driver report, two traffic hazards, two civil matters, one animal call, 11 security checks and two false alarms.

November 12
3:47 a.m., 1000 Front St., Comfort - After a woman said her drunk ex choked and struck her, deputies arrested him.
6:04 a.m., Staudt St. - A man turned himself in at the jail.
6:07 a.m., 1000 Front St. - A man complained the car blocking his driveway belongs to a neighbor who was arrested last night.

8:32 a.m., 39900 I-10 - A deputy talked to Air Force personnel training at the Boerne Lake about fences they shouldn't jump and property lines they shouldn't cross.
10:43 a.m., Chaparral Hill Dr. - A caller complained about getting inappropriate messages on his cell phone.
1:06 p.m., 100 Flat Rock Dr. - A woman reported mail was stolen.
1:45 p.m., 100 Rocky Bluff - A burglary was reported.
1:47 p.m., 100 Cool Rock - A woman reported fraud.
2:17 p.m., 100 Main St, Comfort - A caller reported fraud after not receiving the merchandise she ordered and paid for.
6:59 p.m., 100 N. Hwy. 87, Comfort - A woman complained a neighbor opened her kennel and let all her dogs loose as part of ongoing issues.
Deputies also made 14 traffic stops, assisted the public six times, another law enforcement agency once and an EMS crew once, checked out two suspicious vehicles and a 911 hang-up call, worked three non-injury wrecks and handled one reckless driver report, three traffic hazard, three civil matters, one animal call, 10 security checks and one false alarm.



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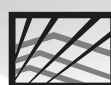
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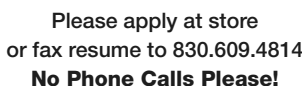
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Koerner, Manzo, WWII vets highlight Fair Oaks Ranch Veterans Day program

Texas Veterans Commission Chairperson Laura Koerner served as the special guest speaker at the annual Fair Oaks Ranch Rotary Club Veterans Day Salute on November 11 at the Fair Oaks Ranch Golf & Country Club. Koerner, a Naval Academy graduate, discussed the many services the commission provides to the 1.6 million veterans residing in Texas. Attendees also were entertained by the musical talents of retired U.S. Army Bandmaster Commander and trumpeter James P. Manzo, who led the audience in

renditions of the National Anthem, the Armed Forces Medley, Taps and God Bless America. In addition to the club's veterans, Rotarians also recognized two local veterans of World War II, Marine Corporal D.G. (Mac) McWilliams, who served from 1943-46, and Navy Commander R.W. Pratt, who served extended tours of duty both in World War II and in the Korean War. Fair Oaks Ranch Mayor and Rotarian Garry Manitzas read a formal city proclamation honoring all the community's many veterans.

Vets receive holiday gift, two receive new homes

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At least 70 people gathered, cheering and laughing, around the stage for the 10th annual Turkey for Troops event last Friday at the Toyota of Boerne dealership to watch as two disabled veterans received mortgage-free homes from the Military Warriors Support Foundation and several donor companies. Before a ceremonial key was publicly handed to the two disabled veterans, KJ-97's Randy Carol performed the national anthem as five members of The American Legion Family Post 309 from San Antonio presented the colors. Jorge Cruz, current police officer, was one of the recipients of a home. Cruz is a single father of a young daughter and served in the Army from 2010 to 2015. Cruz was one four to six soldiers injured in Afghanistan when his vehicle struck an improvised explosive device. Cruz experienced a brain injury and has dealt with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and depression since returning home. The second recipient, Jonathan Nunemaker, is a husband and father of six daughters, one of which has passed away, information about him states. Nunemaker served in the Army from 1997 to 2013. He's been married for 19 years and his daughters range in age from age 5 to 17. Nunemaker was in Baghdad in 2004 when his legs were injured in a mortar attack. He still has shrapnel in his legs.

Lt. Gen. Leroy Sisco, chief executive owner and founder of Military Warriors Support Foundation, said these were the 887th and 888th homes the organization has been able to supply disabled veterans. Not only were homes given away, but about 6,500 \$15 Walmart gift cards for turkeys were given to military veterans. Vic Vaughan, owner of Toyota of Boerne, said the company, in partnership with several other companies, purchased the

gift cards. The participating companies included Walmart, Security Service Federal Credit Union, Keurig Dr Pepper, I Heart Radio, KSAT ABC Channel 13 and Military Warriors Support Foundation. All of the gift cards that weren't picked up will go to Hill Country Bread Ministries – a regional resource center in Boerne that delivers supplies to struggling families, including food, clothing diapers and more.

"We won't have as many this year," Vaughn said. "But, I'm OK with that because Hill Country Daily Bread needs the help. They have a lot of unemployed people who lost jobs and need food." Vaughan said \$7,500 worth of Walmart gift cards were purchased last week for the Hill Country Bread Ministries, in addition to any leftover gift cards that will go the organization.



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Hazelene Karger Lansing Ebensberger

May 23, 1925 – November 18, 2020

Hazelene Karger Lansing Ebensberger was a loving and caring mother who passed away on November 18, 2020. She was born in San Antonio, Texas, on May 23, 1925. She was the daughter of Chester and Laurine (Schrader) Karger.

She married Douglas Lansing in 1943. He was a B17 pilot in World War II and later became a prominent architect in San Antonio. He died in 1968 after 25 years of marriage. They were truly blessed having two surviving wonderful, devoted children, son Douglas Lansing Jr. and daughter Cheryl Lansing. She is also survived by her brother, Chester Karger and wife Sue and very loving nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her brother, Kenneth Karger, who passed away in 2019. Hazelene was made a life member of the Woman's Auxiliary of



Ebensberger

American Institute of Architecture and a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in San Antonio. She was also a Girl Scout leader for nine years and was still close to them. She married George Ebensberger in 1975, and they had 35 years of marriage before he died in 2008. They made many friends in Boerne and enjoyed playing bridge and spending time with them.

She became a member of St. Helena's Episcopal Church in Boerne, and donations may be made there at <https://sthelenas.net/giving/give-to-st-helenas> or charity of your choice.

A graveside service is planned for Saturday, December 5, 2020, at 11 a.m. at Mission Park North Cemetery. To leave condolences for the family, visit www.ebensberger-fisher.com.

Arrangements with Ebensberger-Fisher Funeral Home of Boerne.



Geraldine O'Neill

March 16, 1942 – November 5, 2020

Geraldine (Fritzie) O'Neill Nee Devlin, born March 16, 1942, in Brooklyn, New York, and died November 5, 2020.

Beloved wife of the late John P. O'Neill and daughter of the late Mary and Patrick Devlin. Sister of the late John P. Devlin and wife Florence. Aunt to Lee Ann Conrad and husband Andrew and Hugh Devlin and wife Paula. Fond great-aunt to Bridget and Deirdre Devlin and Rebecca, Sarah



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and Jesus Conrad. Dear friend to many cousins.

Former resident of Brooklyn, New York, Staten Island, New York, and Hudson, Florida. Most recently resided in Boerne, Texas, with her beloved JJ.

Funeral Mass to be held at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, Boerne, Texas, on a later date.

Arrangements with Ebensberger-Fisher Funeral Home of Boerne.



Bill Collie

Bill Collie of Comfort passed away on Tuesday, October 27, at the age of 71 years.

A celebration of life will be held on Tuesday November 24, at 2 p.m. at Comfort Baptist Church.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Wilson and Frances (Collar) Collie, and parents-in-law, John and Doris (McCreless) Sweeney.



Collie

He is survived by his wife, Ellen; son Aaron (Beverly) Collie; and daughters Paige (Russell) Moore and Summer (Chad) Cassidy; his nine grandchildren, Matthew (Celise) and Mason Collie of Houston, Briley and Jackson Moore of Boerne, Wade, Hank and Harlon Cassidy of Lander, Wyoming, and Caleb and Hope Van Geffen of Comfort; and his sisters and brother, Lynda Wynn and Camille Collie of San Antonio and David (Christine) Collie of Mesa, Arizona.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to one of the below organizations, or a worthy cause of your choosing: Wounded Warrior Project, Disabled American Veterans or Hill Country Memorial Hospital, Fredericksburg, Texas.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT Knudson – Hejl



Erik and Jan Knudson of Boerne are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Meghan Elise Knudson, to Jacob Lee Hejl, son of Steve and Rhonda Hejl of Pflugerville.

The bride-to-be is a 2015 graduate of Boerne Samuel V. Champion High School, a 2019 graduate of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and is employed as a cardiac cath lab nurse at Baylor Scott & White Medical Center in Round Rock, Texas.

Her fiancé is a 2011 graduate of Hendrickson High School, a 2017 graduate of the University of Texas-San Antonio, a 2019 graduate of Baylor University and is employed as a cardiovascular operating room nurse at St. David's Medical Center in Austin, Texas.

The couple have planned a January wedding.

Interstate fire



A pickup truck hauling a trailer caught fire along eastbound Interstate 10 between Boerne and Comfort at about noon on Sunday. According to a witness who lives near the scene, a couple of explosions were heard at the location, which was near the Kendall County Youth Agricultural & Equestrian Center. It appeared two individuals safely had exited the vehicle as it began to burn, the witness said. Both eastbound lanes of traffic were blocked while fire department and Kendall County Sheriff's Office personnel responded and worked the scene. After the fire was extinguished, one lane of traffic was allowed to pass until the scene was cleared. Attempts to reach the sheriff's office for more information were unsuccessful.

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FOR discusses stormwater plan

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There was a lot of conflicting discussion, but very little action, on the stormwater capital improvement plan discussed during a special Fair Oaks Ranch City Council meeting last week. During the meeting conducted through Zoom, council members were on different pages in terms of what projects they would like to see completed and how they want to finance such projects.

The council began the process of its stormwater capital improvement plan in 2018.

Three cost categories were identified in completing the projects, including the capital improvement plan debt, program support for expanded administrative work and ongoing maintenance.

The council was presented with several scenarios for funding the improvement projects. The suggested scenarios split the cost of the three categories among a newly proposed stormwater utility fee and the general fund. The first scenario funded all the costs associated with the capital improvement plan with a new stormwater utility fee, which is the option most council members said they favored.

Mayor Garry Manitzas said he favored funding the plan with a new utility fee because using maintenance and operation funds from the general fund would hamper the city from performing future projects and maintenance that fall outside of this list of stormwater projects.

The maintenance and operation funds are collected through a tax, which is collected with property taxes. For Fiscal Year 2021, the M&O tax rate is 34.09 cents per \$100 of taxable valuation of property, which is about a 3 percent, or 1.03-cent per \$100 valuation increase, over FY 2020.

Five council members opted for a single-tier fee schedule, which would charge all single-family Fair Oaks Ranch property owners \$16.68 a month through a new stormwater utility fee if it was approved with no subsidization from the general fund to pay for the upgrades.

The council was shown a four-tier fee schedule, which would charge different monthly stormwater utility fees based on the square footage of impervious property ownership. Impervious property is defined as any surface water cannot penetrate and absorb into, including gravel, roofs, pavement, driveways and patios.

Council member Laura Koerner opted for the single-tier fee schedule because she said a four-tier schedule had a potential to charge people with more square footage an exorbitant amount.

Council member Snehal Patel expressed concern for how "impervious" was being defined because it would impact if she favored a four- or single-tier fee schedule. Sarah Buckelew, finance director for Fair Oaks Ranch, said the city generally defines impervious as any surface that doesn't readily absorb water.

Patel said a multi-tier fee schedule could incentivize people to avoid adding impervious cover to avoid paying a higher stormwater utility fee.

The master plan for the capital improvement plan categorizes projects in two ways.

First, they are categorized by level of analysis the project received. "A" level projects received the highest level of analysis, and the level analysis descends with the letter of the alphabet.

Second, projects were categorized by priority using a score chart to tally a score based on estimated cost, source and destination, risk to public infrastructure, the number of homes affected, erosion issues, applicability of green

infrastructure and city priority. Source, city priority and risk to public infrastructure had the highest weight value of 3, followed by estimated cost at 2, number of affected homes at 1 and erosion issues and green infrastructure applicability both with a weight value of .5.

Eight projects ended up falling under the priority one category, but two of these projects may be resolved already, pending further analysis, and one project may be managed by the Texas Department of Transportation.

Although the council was presented a five- and 10-year plan of financing the stormwater improvements, council members weren't willing to commit to projects beyond the Priority One list that was presented to them.

Council member Steve Hartpence and Mayor Pro Tem Roy Elizondo both suggested the council have a look at spending on capital improvement projects on a case-by-case basis, rather than approving all project expenditures at once.

Buckelew said she will compile more detailed information on the council's favored financial decisions to present at a later date. There is no set meeting time to discuss the improvement plan at this time.

AMBER FROM PAGE 1

"I knew that she was more important than the Navy," Jackie said.

Jackie said there has been huge support from the community since they opened the business. She said people have come by in droves to donate when they hear Amber's story.

"We've just had such an outpouring of support of donations coming in once people hear our story," Jackie said. "They've just been like, 'Oh, I've got some stuff. Let me clean out the closet.'"

Jackie said the two are grateful for all the support from community members who show up to donate quality items and to support the business through purchases.

"We're grateful for the community and all of the support they've given us and helping get this off the ground," Jackie said.

"She's gotten really good about looking at the donations when they come in," Jackie said of her daughter. "She'll say, 'No, this has stains, or it has rips' and 'Yes, I think this is good' or 'No, I don't think this is good.'"

Jackie said Amber had a design class at Champion which has helped her decide what clothing and accessories to accept.

"Well, we did learn how to do the sewing machine and types of clothing," Amber said of her experience from the

class. "We made pajama pants. One time during one holiday, Christmas, we made our homemade ornaments out of fabric. I was literally the first one done because I already knew how to sew."

Jackie said Amber also gained helpful business experience by working at CuStumm Design & Tees for seven years through the BISD program. There, she said she worked to sort the different colors and fabrics, learning how to put colors together properly.

"My talent pretty much is fashion," Amber said.

Jackie said she doesn't want the store to be recognized as a thrift store but as a place to purchase clean, upscale clothing and accessories comparable to Saks Fifth Avenue or Neiman Marcus at a reasonable price.

"We want people to know we have quality things," she said. "There's stuff here from Saks, Neiman's, Julian Gold. We have Louis Vuitton's brand new, ready for sale, never owned before. So, we're taking exceptionally well-cared-for clothes. The others we're turning away."

Jackie said about two weeks after opening, a woman from Fair Oaks Ranch came in and donated three boxes full of Coach purses with matching wallets, shoes from White House/Black Market and other "really, really nice things."

She said gracious women from the Dominion, Cordillera Ranch and Fair Oaks Ranch neighborhoods have donated to the business as well.

Jackie and Amber price items

by researching their retail value online while also considering the amount of usage upon arrival at the store. As Jackie went from pricing one item to another, she lifted a pair of unworn Coach loafers she said originally sold for \$179 that she priced at \$50. She tugged at a green, sequined prom dress she said was originally \$600 but is selling for \$175.

"I'm really trying to price things to move but also for those who are watching a budget," Jackie said.

She gestured to the second floor, which overlooks the register and the entire first-floor women's section, showcasing a collection of men's blazers that a woman sold to the store for a good price after her husband passed away.

"We've had people come in and say, 'Ugh. \$50 for a pair of pants?' Jackie said, emphasizing the store's focus on quality items.

The business does accept certain donations but also can operate on consignment.

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