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And the winners are ...

Chamber names recipients of annual awards

KEITH E. DOMKE
Managing Editor

The treasures of the deep were many on Saturday night as the Greater Boerne Chamber of Commerce celebrated its best by honoring organizations, businesses and individuals making a difference in and around the city and Kendall County.

The chamber played host to its annual awards gala, albeit a few months later than usual because of the COVID-19 pandemic, in the Cana Ballroom. Because of ballroom protocols, fewer people than normal attended, but they enjoyed a social hour, dinner and the awards ceremony before a disc jockey closed the evening with music.

Traditionally, the gala takes place in January, but the pandemic delayed things this year until chamber officials felt conditions were safer to conduct a larger gathering. Still, attendance was reduced about 40 percent from previous years as a precautionary measure. Few people donned masks during the event.

Emcee Rob Weller played on the Treasures of the Deep theme of the evening as he spoke about those



The Greater Boerne Chamber of Commerce played host to its annual gala on Saturday night in the Cana Ballroom. Several organizations, businesses and individuals were recognized with awards during the evening. ABOVE: Olivia Burdick, Rainbow Senior Center at Kronkosky Place executive director, smiles to the applause as she walks toward the stage after she was named the 2020 Businesswoman of the Year. LEFT: Guy and Joi Sanders, owners of Richter Boerne/153 Main, share a lighter moment as they pose for pictures in the ballroom lobby. Guy was named the 2020 Businessman of the Year and Joi received the KCA Services Community Leader Award. Star photos by Keith E. Domke

organizations, businesses and individuals nominated for the various awards during a year like no other because of COVID.

"When times were darkest, you stood your strongest," he said of the nominees and the community in general. "We got knocked down,

but we got back up and are still standing."

He then told all those in the audience to give themselves an ovation.

Weller discussed how an ocean voyage needs several things – an ocean, a hard-working crew, a worthy vessel and a worthy captain.

"The leadership of a captain takes courage, strength and an unwavering commitment," he said. "This community stood stronger, and we honor you, the captains of our community. You led the ship, the USS Boerne, through strong seas until the day we had calm tides and seas."

Weller added that as the community sails along, "We honor our captains and crews and revel in a shared pride of resilience."

Five awards were given after open nominations were received

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Felon gets jail terms stacked

ZACHARY-TAYLOR WRIGHT
Staff Writer

In an usual turn of events Friday, 451st District Judge Kirsten Cohoon stacked sentences on two separate charges for 22-year-old Jaiden Lopez, who plead guilty to two second-degree felony charges of sexual assault of a child. Lopez was sentenced to eight years in state prison and 10 years of deferred adjudication after he is released.

According to an arrest warrant affidavit, the victim was interviewed and detailed the event. The victim said Lopez, who was dating her sister, assaulted her on May 25 while she was at her sister's apartment helping them move. The affidavit states the victim was

transported to Christus Santa Rosa Children's Hospital just after midnight the morning following the alleged assault, where a sexual assault nurse examination was performed.

In the affidavit, Lopez confessed to committing the sexual assault and recounted the same details as the victim. In the victim's recount, she stated that Lopez ran to the bathroom after the assault and emerged, saying "Sorry, I shouldn't have done that." Lopez was arrested May 36 and remained in the Kendall County Jail until his sentencing Friday.

Before Cohoon's final sentencing, the defense asked that Lopez be given de-

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New FOR council members



Outgoing Fair Oaks Ranch Mayor Garry Manitzas, right, congratulates Chesley Muenchow after she, Emily Stroup, left, and Scott Parker took the oath of office during the FOR City Council meeting last Thursday. Manitzas gave the oath to the new council trio, as well as to new Mayor Greg Maxton. See Page 6A for another picture. Star photo by Zachary-Taylor Wright

FOR calls for special election

Council sets July 31 date

ZACHARY-TAYLOR WRIGHT
Staff Writer

The Fair Oaks Ranch City Council formally called for a special election Thursday to fill the Place 3 vacancy left after the resignation of Steve Hartpence and addressed its decision to contract election services through Kendall County rather than hosting the election at city hall.

After discussions, council members ordered the election with a 6-0 vote. Election Day will be July 31, and three FOR residents already have but their bid in to fill the seat – Michelle Bliss, Rusty Armstrong and the losing Place 6 candidate in the May 1 election, Stephen D. May.

Hartpence intentionally resigned with more than a year left in his term to require the city council to call a special election under the city's home-rule charter to fill the vacancy rather than appointing a holdover.

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Comfort seniors, parents want answers

KEITH E. DOMKE
Managing Editor

Some parents of Comfort High School seniors vividly are upset and concerned for their children's well-being after the CISD administration disciplined their children with "punishments that don't fit the crime." The reactions are in response to how their seniors are spending their last couple of weeks in school in a setting one

Traditional class prank leads to in-school suspensions

parent called "like prison" following the traditional "senior prank."

"This is supposed to be the best two weeks of their life," said Hope Jay, the mother of two CHS students who are scheduled to graduate later this week. "It's devastating for these kids."

The situation centers on 40 of Comfort's 78 high school seniors. Last Monday, May 17, they were given in-school

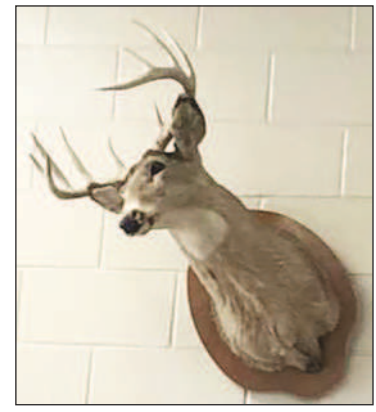
suspensions for the final two weeks of school and were told they will not walk across the stage during this Friday's graduation ceremony if anything else happens or if they don't cooperate.

"These are good kids," Jay said. "They're the top 10, the valedictorian, the salutatorian, the class officers. They're all

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Jay



The twisted deer head inside Comfort High School. Courtesy photo

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Dr. Richard Paris Sharp, 67, passed away peacefully at his home in Boerne, Texas, on May 21, 2021, surrounded by his beloved family.

He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Donna Collins Sharp; his three daughters, Kenzy Kay, Haley Marie and Sidney Paris Sharp; and his sisters, Lanna Darlene, Jan Ella and Lisa Marie Sharp. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, George Zepeda; and his parents-in-law, Sandy and Chet Collins. He is preceded in death by his parents, Paris Mills and Marie Emory Sharp.

Born and raised in Milford, Delaware, Dr. Sharp received a bachelor of science degree at the University of Delaware, then a doctor of optometry degree at Philadelphia College of Optometry. He joined the staff of Omni Incorporated, and later in 1988 joined the staff of Eye Institute of San Antonio. He continued his career as an optometric glaucoma specialist, and in 1999 with founding partner Steve Campbell established Sharp Eye Consultants. They grew the business to four currently successful operating facilities located in downtown San Antonio and surrounding areas. He retired in 2018.

Dr. Sharp also served as president of the Bexar County Optometric Society in 1990. As such, he played a significant role in lobbying the Texas State Legislature, which resulted in the passage of important



Sharp

state-wide prescription-writing reform for optometric practitioners. In addition, Dr. Sharp was appointed adjunct faculty preceptor at the University of Houston College of Optometry in 1990. He also helped to develop curriculum for the first school of optometry offered at the University of Incarnate Word, San Antonio, where he later served as an assistant professor from 2009-17.

Rick, as friends and family called him, was an avid weightlifter, marathon runner and triathlete and played piano by ear. In 1997, he starred in a Vietnam-era tale, "Finding McKinney," an independent film out of Austin, Texas, which can be found on YouTube.

Rick's wife and daughters were the loves of his life. He was devoted to them and to the pursuit of their dreams and aspirations. He always encouraged them to reach beyond the stars. His three sisters also will miss his love and support.

Since he grew up 20 minutes from the Atlantic Ocean, he loved vacationing with his family at the beach. South Padre Island, Texas, and Prime Hook and Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, were among his favorites. Estes Park, Colorado, was another family retreat where he shared his love of rock climbing and hiking.

Rick's love of Christmas was unmatched. On Christmas Eve, he dressed up as Santa, pretending he had just emerged from the chimney as Donna ushered his toddler daughters into the living room. As he turned and nodded, the wide-eyed little ones were whisked back into the bedroom. He then threw tennis balls on the roof to simulate reindeer's hooves. It worked. On

Christmas morning, the girls were required to find the hidden baby Jesus piece from the nativity scene before opening presents. This served as a reminder of the real reason we celebrate Christmas.

Music was an important part of Rick's life, especially at Christmas. When his daughters were in elementary school, he initiated the tradition of Family Christmas Eve Karaoke at the Sharp house. Eventually, the adults got in on the act and the joy of song filled everyone's hearts and minds. Rick's version of Elvis' Blue Christmas is unforgettable.

Always curious, always learning, always passionate about life; a man of courage and inspiration who celebrated life every day – that is Rick Sharp's legacy.

A celebration of life will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. at Cibolo Creek Community Church.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to ALS Association of Texas, 14555 Dallas Parkway, Ste. 100-219, Dallas, Texas 75254 or www.alstexas.org/donate.

To leave condolences for the family and to view a video of Dr. Sharp's life, please visit www.ebensberger-fisher.com. Arrangements with Ebensberger-Fisher Funeral Home of Boerne.



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BIRTHDAYS

May 23

John (Jack) Brearley
Viola Dean
(Michael) F. Mola
Aurora Rojas
Milton Shoquist
Darlene Moshluk
Patti Cox
Roberta Churchin
Marilyn Carney

MAY 26

Blanca Hernandez
Phyllis Martin
Kim Rutherford
Gene Pierce
Kathryn Carroll
Virginia Green
Larry Verley
David Herbst
Linda Pope-Jones

MAY 27

Louis Roney
Raymond Gruben
Mary Heinen
Louise Rockey
Willoa Shults
Linden Shaddy

BURN BAN



Lois May Wilkinson Keenan

April 10, 1925 – May 5, 2021

Lois May Wilkinson Keenan of Boerne, Texas, passed away at the age of 96 on Wednesday, May 5, 2021. Born in her parents' bedroom on Good Friday, April 10, 1925, the youngest child of Gwendolyn Marie Devoll and James Salmon Wilkinson, M.D., Lois grew up with her two older brothers, Jim and George, in their home in Germantown above their fathers 24-hour-a-day medical practice.

She was the great-granddaughter of Sarah W. Howland Devoll, M.D., a graduate of The New England Female Medical College in 1872, a pioneer for women's rights who made the path easier for women of later generations to practice medicine, and the great-granddaughter of Zebedee Augustus Devoll, captain of the whaling ship "Lagoda," who sailed the globe during the mid-1800s and whose ship is currently on display in the New Bedford, Massachusetts, Whaling Museum.



Keenan

Lois was a proud member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants. A 1943 graduate of Germantown High School and a Phi Beta Kappa honors graduate of the University of Pennsylvania in 1946, Lois majored in political science and minored in Latin American studies. Due to the demands of WWII, she experienced an accelerated three-semester schedule, including evenings and Saturday's, and graduated in three years.

Upon graduation, she was hired by the Philadelphia City Planning Commission to take on projects to rejuvenate parts of Philadelphia, including Independence Hall Mall, tearing down the "Chinese Wall" (Pennsylvania Railroad Viaduct), the planning of the Schuylkill Expressway, developing Society Hill, a proposal for a United Nations site (later lost to the city of New York), under a dynamic director, Edmund Bacon, father of the actor Kevin Bacon.

Married in 1950 after a seven-year courtship with Jim Keenan, head of a pipe fabrication business in Philadelphia, she moved to Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, for

the next 45 years and raised five children.

Predeceased by her brothers James and George and her husband of 39 years, James V. Keenan, she is survived by her five children, Lois M. Keenan, Esq., James V. Keenan, D.D.S., Steven J. Keenan, M.S., John K. Keenan, J.D., and Lynn M. Keenan, M.D. Lois was also grandmother to eight and great-grandmother to five.

A funeral Mass will be held at St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Boerne at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 24, 2021. Instead of floral remembrances, the family recommends that donations be made to the Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center and the city of Boerne Animal Services.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of the staff at Holt & Holt Funeral Home of Boerne. To share words of comfort with the family, please visit <https://www.holtfh.com>.



Kyle Ray Watson

March 18, 1959 – May 21, 2021

Kyle Ray Watson, 62, beloved husband, father and son, went to be with the Lord Friday May 21, 2021.

Kyle was born March 18, 1959, in Fort Stockton, Texas, to Mary Anne (Pruitt) Watson and Ector Ray (E.R.) Watson Jr. He graduated from Fort Stockton High School in 1977. His high school activities included playing drums in the band and running track and he excelled in basketball, his favorite sport. He attended Texas A&M University and completed his civil engineering degree in 1983.

After working for five years at Tetco Engineering Co. in Odessa, Texas, he received his certificate of registration as a professional engineer.

One year before graduating from Texas A&M, Kyle married his high school sweetheart, Julie (Johnson) Watson on August 14, 1982, and they raised two wonderful daughters. Their journey together began in Odessa, Texas, for 16 years, then Houston, Texas, for 10 years, La Place, Iowa, for seven years and the last four years in Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas.

During those years he worked for several companies,



Watson

including Kelley Coppedge, SMB Engineering, Ref-chem and Fishbone Solutions. The last 12 years he worked for Valero as the director of major projects at the Valero Headquarters in San Antonio, Texas. He retired after 37 years from the career he enjoyed.

As a professional planner, one of his great loves in his personal life was to plan the ultimate vacation and travel with his wife and family. He had a passion for running and completed a life-long goal of finishing a

26.2-mile full marathon and a 13.1-mile half marathon. He didn't stop there and completed the Rouge Orleans, a 126.2-mile team relay race from Baton Rouge to New Orleans, Louisiana.

His favorite pastimes included watching movies, with sci-fi as his favorite genre, working on puzzles and playing games with friends and family. He was a great handyman and used his knowledge to complete many projects he dreamed up around their home, including their backyard oasis where many loved to relax and enjoy.

He was a faithful Christian throughout his life, most recently serving as deacon at the Boerne Church of Christ. His love of the Lord and musical talent led him to

his favorite way to serve as a song leader, leading the congregation in worship.

Kyle's father, Ector Ray (E.R.) Watson Jr., preceded him in heaven. He is survived by his wife, Julie, and his two daughters, Cassie Burch of Dallas, Texas, and Candice Ramirez of Brenham, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to his favorite charitable organizations, Hope for Haiti's Children, P.O. Box 62328, Cincinnati, Ohio 45262, or Boerne Church of Christ, 1 Upper Balcones Road, Boerne, TX 78006.

A celebration of life will be held Tuesday, May 25, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Boerne Church of Christ.

To leave condolences for the family and to view a video of Kyle's life, please visit www.ebensberger-fisher.com. Arrangements with Ebensberger-Fisher Funeral Home of Boerne.



Johnnie Lee Storm

August 6, 1936 – May 15, 2021

On Saturday May 15, 2021, John Storm, loving husband and stepfather, passed away at the age of 84 in Boerne, Texas.

John was born on August 6, 1936, in Chariton, Iowa, to Levi and Mary Storm. He served in the United States Navy at the end of the Korean War and then served in the United States Army.

John married Dana (Bohannon) Greenwood on May 30, 1977, after meeting her on a business trip to Houston two years earlier.

After his service to our country, John worked for Rockwell International and Boeing as an Aerospace Engineer. At the pinnacle of his career John led a team of over 300 engineers responsible for research and engineering on the B-1 Bomber Program before retiring in 1996. He was known for his strong intellect and exceptional leadership during his career.

John was an avid golfer, both as a spectator and player. He and Dana moved to Pinehurst, North Carolina, to enjoy the many golf courses



Storm

and beautiful countryside during their retirement. In 2000 they relocated to San Antonio to assist with the care of Dana's parents.

John was a constant reader of novels of international intrigue, spies, and adventure. He was also an original "do it yourself" home remodeler and loved woodworking, a passion that he passed down to his son.

John was always dignified and one of the kindest persons that people could have known. His faith in our Lord was clear and his compassionate spirit was a blessing to his family and friends.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Levi and Mary, and his older brother Eddie. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Dana, and her children, Jessica (Greenwood) Marsh and Jon Greenwood, as well as three grandchildren, Nolan, Nicole and Garrett Greenwood.

A celebration of life service will be held on May 29, 2021 at 11 am at the Trinity Presbyterian Church, 31 Ammann Road, Boerne, Texas 78015. The service will also be streamed live at: trinityboerne.org/livestream

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Dale Frank Bohman

April 2, 1942 – May 19, 2021

Dale "Frank" Bohman, 79, surrounded by his family, peacefully passed from this life on May 19, 2021. Frank was born in Elko, Nevada, on April 2, 1942, to the late Wilson "Dale" Bohman and Jean Holbrook. He is the oldest of eight siblings.

Frank was a life-long member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. As a 19 year old, he served a two-year mission in the New Zealand North Mission, teaching others about Jesus Christ and the blessings that are available to all, through His Restored Church. Throughout his life, Frank served in many church callings, but his passion for missionary work always stayed strong.

He loved to share his testimony with others and give away Book of Mormons to friends and strangers alike. Frank's desire was to help others come unto Christ, know of His goodness and experience the peace that only He can offer.

Frank met his sweetheart, Linda Ann Taylor, of Ogden, Utah, in a ballroom dance class while attending Weber State University. Frank was a confident dancer and Linda was his perfect partner. They were married in the LDS Logan Temple on Aug 12, 1965, for time and all eternity.

After graduating from college and becoming a certified public accountant, Frank and Linda moved to Glendale, California, where they started their family. Other jobs took them to Roy, Utah; Sheridan, Wyoming; Phoenix, Arizona; Buhl, Idaho; and finally to San Antonio, Texas, where they have lived since 1982. Together, they created a fun and loving home for their sons and a place where friends and family could gather.



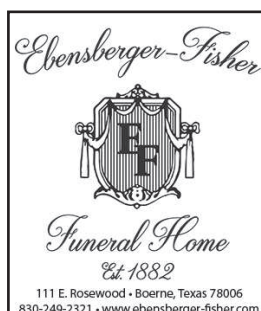
Bohman

Frank was preceded in death by his parents; twin brother Fred, brother Gary, sister Catherine B. Atwater, son Daniel and stillborn son Darren. He is survived by his wife, Linda; sons Dale (Jac), David (Amy) and Stephen (Heather); 13 grandchildren, Tanner (Kayla), Coty, Tucker (Rachel), Lane, Tyler, Ashley (Erik Christensen), Spencer, Alyssa, Arianna, Wilson, Carter, Daniel J. and Benjamin; six great-grandchildren; brothers Burt and Gene; and sisters Suzanne and Annette.

A viewing for family and friends will take place on Friday, May 28, 2021, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Ebensberger-Fisher Funeral Home. A celebration of Frank's life will be on Saturday, May 29, 2021, at 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 203 Stonegate St., Boerne, Texas 78006. The service will also be broadcast online and may be viewed by following this link to the Scenic Oaks Ward website, where the link to the funeral service will be found. The burial will be at The Boerne Cemetery immediately following.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to the Missionary Fund of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at www.donate.churchofjesuschrist.org/donations/church/missonary-fund.html, or to Hill Country Family Services at www.hcfs.tx.org/donate. To leave condolences for the family and to view a video of Frank's life, please visit www.ebensberger-fisher.com.

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Moondance concert series kicks off Saturday

As the days get longer and the flowers start to bloom, that means summer is just around the corner. Summer in Boerne is synonymous with the Moondance Outdoor Concert Series at the Cibolo Nature Center.

On the Saturday closest to the full moon from May through October, the Cibolo brings the community together to dance under the stars and listen to live music in a beautiful outdoor setting.

Bring your lawn chairs, coolers and a picnic to the Oak Motte and get ready for a beautiful summer. See our calendar on Cibolo.org. The first Moondance is this Saturday, May 29, and features the Almost Patsy Cline Band, a favorite from previous Moondances that is sure to play some of your favorite tunes.

Next month's Moondance features Britt Ballenger, our local Texas Country favorite, on June 24. His musical accomplishments include opening shows for the likes of Ray Price, The Texas Playboys, Gene Watson, Hank Thompson, Collin Raye, Steve Wariner, John Michael Montgomery, Aaron Watson, Gary P. Nunn, Roger Creager and Parker McCollum.

Keep those dancing shoes



handy for our show on July 24 when we welcome the Dirty Rotten Swingband. This band is a new project spearheaded by Theresa Britt, who has developed her own diverse setlist that includes jazz standards and blues. Come ready to dance and sing along to some old favorites.

On August 21, the Cibolo is excited to host Big Cedar Fever, a western swing band based out of Austin. Its beautiful harmonies and tight arrangements are sure to get your feet tapping. The trio includes Georgia Parker on jazz-box guitar, Ian Lee on fiddle and Nick Lochman on the upright bass.

We then will welcome Blake Torrey to the stage on September 18. Torrey is a country singer-songwriter from Central Texas. His debut EP, *Toast to the Stars*, is set for release on June 30. The new release features three songs written by Torrey and his first radio single, "Last Night."

The last concert of the year



The Moondance Outdoor Concert Series offers a variety of music for all generations, Big Cedar Fever is a fan favorite.

on October 23 features longtime favorite The Lost Mule Band. Its eclectic mix of traditional country, classic rock 'n' roll, blues, and Texas swing will close out this year's series with a bang that is sure to have something for everyone.

The Moondance Outdoor Concert Series would not be possible without the generous support of Frost Bank, The Boerne Star and The Brandon Fund. This time-honored tradition began as

a memorial for Brandon Gallagher-Manning, who died tragically in a car accident on Interstate 10 in 2001. Since then, his love of music and camaraderie has continued at the Cibolo Nature Center where we gather every year to support and enjoy local musicians.

We will have food trucks on site, and you are welcome to bring picnics and coolers as well. Admission to the series is \$15 for non-members, \$10 for member-sand \$5 for students. Children are

free. Tickets will also be available at the door. For more information, please visit cibolo.org.

CNC HAPPENINGS Farmers Market at Herff Farm

Saturday, May 29, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 33 Herff Road. Spend your Saturdays at Herff Farm. Explore the gardens and trails, attend gardening workshops, guided hikes, programming for children and Yoga classes and purchase locally grown and crafted products from our Farmers Market vendors. More information is available at www.cibolo.org.

Yoga-Adult wellness class

Saturday, May 29, 10-11 a.m., 33 Herff Road. Join our community in a friendly and inclusive outdoor Yoga class with a focus on mindfulness and awareness that allows you to explore what feels good in your body. Don't forget your mat and a water bottle! Register at www.cibolo.org.

Moondance concerts

Almost Patsy Cline
Saturday, May 29, doors open at 7 p.m. and music starts at 7:30 p.m., 140 City Park Road. Grab your lawn chairs, coolers,

picnic, and head on over to the Cibolo Nature Center for some music and fun under the majestic oaks! Food trucks will be on site. For the complete schedule and for ticket information visit www.cibolo.org.

Yoga-Adult wellness class Movement Mondays

Monday, June 7, 10-11 a.m., 140 City Park Road, Boerne. Movement Monday at Cibolo Center for Conservation every first Monday of the month March-December.

We will start each Yoga session with a wellness hike so we can be surrounded by the inspiring beauty and peace of nature. Don't forget your mat and a water bottle! Class space is limited so register today!www.cibolo.org.

Night hikes for adults: Fireflies (adults 18 and up)

Friday, June 18, 7:30-9 pm, 140 City Park Road. Come see our native fireflies, a vanishing beautiful Texas treasure. You never know what you will find, so join us for this wildcard night hike through the Cibolo. It is recommended you bring a flashlight and walking shoes. Register at www.cibolo.org.

Busy summer planned at Patrick Heath Public Library

Summer is just around the corner, and what a glorious one it will be as we slowly emerge from the onerous pandemic restrictions of 2020. At long last, our Youth Department will be able to provide the in-person summer programming for which families have so longed.

It is neat that our theme this summer is as playful and carefree as we are all now feeling: Tails and Tales, a Celebration of Animals. (Should you be a teen or adult, we have not forgotten you! Our wonderful adult and teen librarians and specialists have scheduled a myriad of programs for you. Check out our website for details.)

Tails and Tales!

Safari Summer 2021
Starting the week of May 31, stop by the Youth Department to pick up your book bag with your log and calendar plus a free book and animal buddy button!

Follow the Tail Trail

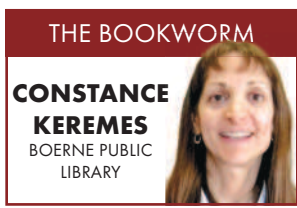
Color each of the days on the cub's tail as you read at least 20 minutes a day. Turn over this log to see fun summer events and programs in June and July. Turn in your map before 5 p.m. on July 26. You will be entered into a drawing to win a \$50 Amazon gift card.

Take a Walk on the Wild Side:

Safari Story Walk
Stroll along the Old Number 9 Trail behind our library and embark on a story safari. Available all summer long.

June and July

Don't miss our Marvelous Monday performances at the amphitheater at 10 a.m.
• June 7: *Twisty Tales* with Mark Fuller. Enjoy a riotously hilarious



telling of "The Three Little Pigs" with balloons.

- June 28: *Astonishing Mr. Pitts*. Roaring fun with this master of puppetry, magic and ventriloquism.
- July 26: *Percussion Things*. High-octane at its highest is guaranteed when this percussion-driven jazz band hits the stage.

Every week, June 7-July 26

Art-to-Go bags. Pick up a fun craft that you can do at home each week.

Tails Tuesdays, every Tuesday, 10 a.m. Meet a frolicky furry animal on our back lawn as brought to you by Happy Tails Mobile Petting Zoo.

Babies and toddlers

- **Sensory Studio on the Patio, every Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.** Babies through age 2 will delight in this free play session.
- **Little Listeners on the Lawn, every Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.** Young children ages 2 to 5 are invited to our outdoor storytime on the back lawn.
- **Book Babies on the Lawn, every Thursday, 9:30 a.m.** Babies through age 2 are welcome to enjoy a special outdoor storytime.
- **Tiempo de Cuentos, every Thursday, 10:30 a.m.** Children of all ages are welcome to enjoy stories and songs in Spanish and English.

Frisky Fun Friday

- **June 25, 10 a.m.** Meet Pete the Cat, at our PURR-fectly delightful party.

- **July 23, 10:00 a.m.** Meet Piggy and Elephant, and enjoy a rollicking time with these fun fellows.

Savory Saturday: Critter Cuisine

Every Saturday, 10 a.m., June 12-July 24. Elementary-school boys and girls are invited to join us on our outside deck to create an edible animal each week. Space is limited to 25 children! First come, first served.

Children's Corner Facebook page

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- **Monday, July 12:** Visit our Children's Corner Facebook page for a virtual visit with the renowned author/illustrator Don Tate.

Read It and Eat It Tween Book Club

Fridays, noon: Pages and pizza are on the menu at this book club for students in grades 4-5. We will be reading author Rosanne Parry's new book, "A Whale of the Wild," a riveting animal adventure novel about a young orca whale which must lead her brother on a perilous journey to be reunited with their pod.

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Tune in to Boerne Radio (KBRN FM 103.9) for a weekly Saturday storytime at 9 a.m. Enjoy a dramatic reading of a quality story suitable for the entire family. We are most grateful to Boerne Radio for this opportunity to bring the wonder of literature to the community.

Special May 29 event for teens

Author Sophie Jordan has a new YA novel coming out, "Sixteen Scandals," a funny adventure set in the Regency period. She will do a Zoom program for teens on Saturday, May 29, at 2 p.m. Contact Caren Creech to register at creech@boemelibrary.org.

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As part of our 10th birthday celebration the library will be giving out our newly designed library cards. They feature our colorful, new logo. New patrons get one for free and existing patrons can get one for just \$1 per person. What a great birthday deal!

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BOERNE STAR & RECORDER

Special legislative session coming this fall

Texas lawmakers will adjourn the regular session on Monday – Memorial Day – but Gov. Greg Abbott already has indicated he will call a special session in the fall to grapple with redistricting after detailed census results finally are released.

Last week, Abbott told lawmakers he would put them in charge of deciding how to spend nearly \$16 billion in federal money the state received for COVID-19 recovery efforts. During the first two rounds of stimulus funding, Abbott decided how the money would be spent, which angered some legislators.

The special session comes just months before the 2022 primaries, with Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, Attorney General Ken Paxton and Comptroller Glenn Hegar all planning to seek re-election.

That raises the possibility of other topics being added the special session that could appeal to the governor's base, according to the San Antonio Express-News. Abbott has drawn one primary opponent, former state Sen. Don Huffines.

Mask mandates disappear

Abbott last week issued an executive order banning all government and public entities from mandating the wearing of

masks. The order went into effect May 21, except for public schools, which can require masks until June 4.

Local governments or officials can be fined up to \$1,000 for requiring the wearing of masks, although businesses can still require them. Most large retailers, such as Walmart, Costco and Target, announced they were ending mask requirements.

However, state-supported living centers, government owned or operated hospitals, state prison juvenile justice facilities and county and municipal jails are exempt from Abbott's order and can still require masks be worn.

No COVID-19 deaths

For the first time since March 21, 2020, the state's Department of State Health Services on Sunday, May 16, said no deaths related to COVID-19 were reported.

The milestone was noted by Abbott and others, though celebrations were tempered at least among some, the Houston Chronicle reported. The hiatus was short-lived, however, as DSHS reported 23 new deaths the following day.

The number of Texans hospitalized who are COVID-19 patients is at its lowest level since last

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

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June, according to DSHS, with 2,070 cases that were lab confirmed as of Sunday.

The number of new cases in the past week in Texas, as reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University, stood at 12,290, down 17.5 percent from the previous week and continuing the steady decline statewide. A total of 269 deaths were recorded statewide for the same time frame.

Meanwhile, the number of Texans who are fully vaccinated reached nearly 9.8 million.

Drought conditions easing

Much of the state has experienced a soggy May thus far, with widespread precipitation blanketing much of the eastern and central regions. As a result, drought conditions have eased except in the Panhandle and West Texas and the counties around Laredo on the border.

The Texas Water Development Board reports a total of 44 percent of the state's area is now under

moderate or worse drought conditions. By comparison, we reported on April 4 that drought conditions existed in more than two-thirds of the state.

Texas opts out of plan

Abbott last week announced the state will no longer accept federal jobless assistance funds after June 26, including the extra \$300-per-week approved earlier this year by Congress.

The state is also leaving a federal assistance program that provides aid to self-employed and gig workers not normally covered by unemployment insurance. The move is intended to encourage people to return to work, as restaurants and other businesses say it is difficult to attract workers.

"The Texas economy is booming, and employers are hiring in communities throughout the state," Abbott said. "According to the Texas Workforce Commission, the number of job openings in Texas is almost identical to the number of Texans who are receiving unemployment benefits. That assessment does not include the voluminous jobs that typically are not listed, like construction and restaurant jobs."

The state's jobless rate was 6.7 percent in April, according to the Texas Workforce Commission.

down from the record high of 12.9 percent in April 2020.

Hughs to step down

Texas Secretary of State Ruth Ruggero Hughs will step down at the end of May, she announced last week. Hughs was appointed by Abbott in August 2019.

However, the Texas Senate never formally confirmed her nomination. Abbott will now be free to appoint a new secretary of state, who could be confirmed during the upcoming special session.

College savings plans

The state of Texas offers three tax-advantaged plans for higher education – the Texas College Savings Plan, the Lone Star 529 plan and the Texas Tuition Promise Fund. Parents can learn more about the plans by watching a webinar at 1 p.m. on May 26 and four additional dates in June and July. Register for the webinar here: <https://www.texastuition-promisefund.com/events/>.

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THE BOERNE STAR ONLINE POLL

On May 18, Gov. Greg Abbott issued an executive order prohibiting governmental entities in Texas, including school districts, from requiring or mandating mask wearing. With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, did the governor overstep his authority in issuing the mandate? Why or why not?

■ Yes 38%
■ No 62%

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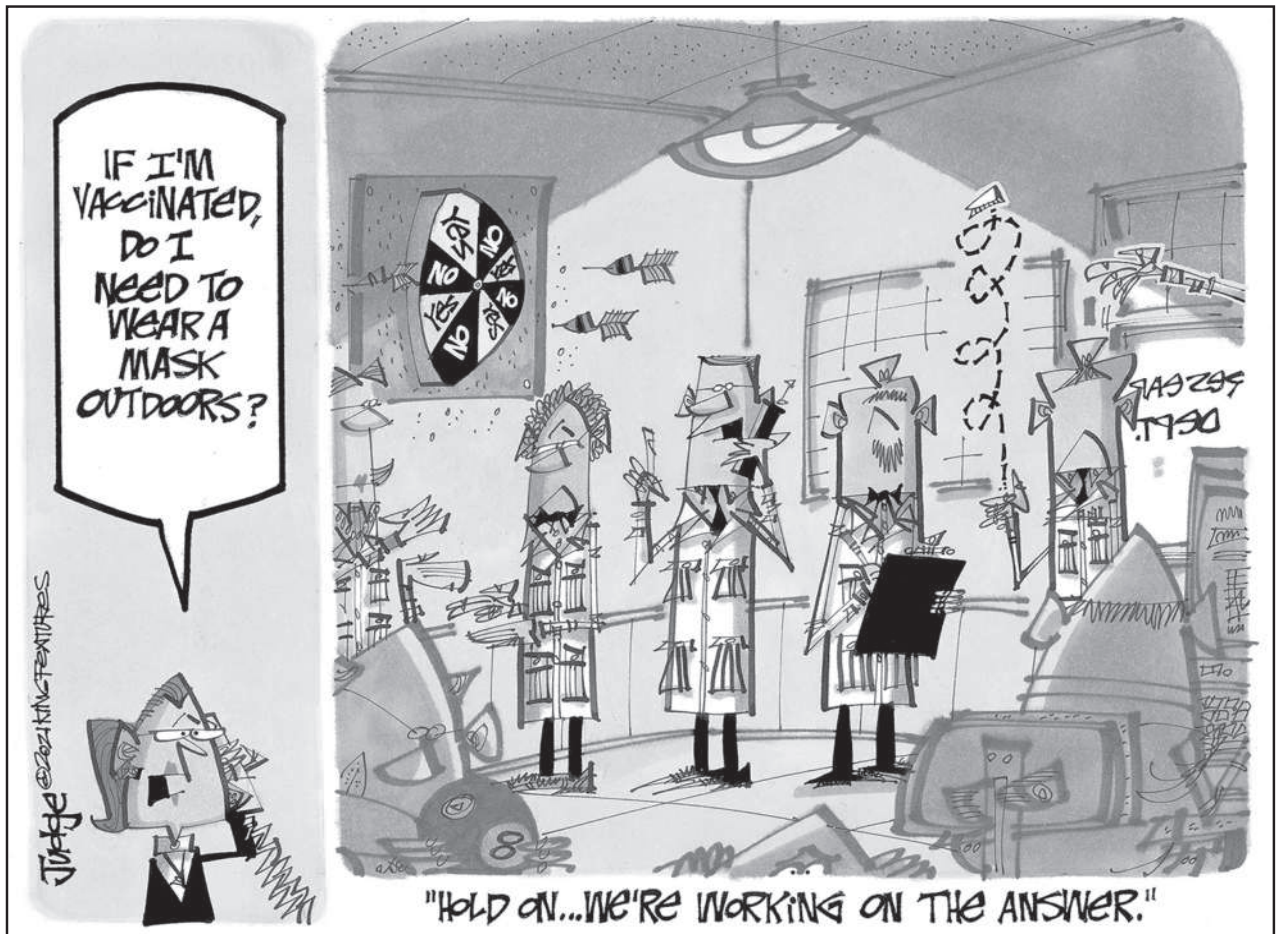
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– 1 Peter 3:15

WORTH QUOTING

"Others can stop you temporarily – you are the only one who can do it permanently."
– Zig Ziglar

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Recapturing holiday's significance

Q: This spring I've started to realize that, sadly, our family has allowed Memorial Day to become nothing more than a day to celebrate the onset of summer (and eat too much). Even though our kids are fairly young, I want to help them understand what this holiday is truly about. How can we recapture its significance?

Jim: I appreciate your question, because some years I've been guilty myself of being neglectful. Let's all resolve to do better.

While the establishment of Memorial Day as an official holiday was to come later, I think Abraham Lincoln captured its purpose best when he penned these words to his Gettysburg Address:

"It is for us the living ... to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us – that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion ..."

I'll take it a step further by saying that we have more than one million reasons to honor Memorial Day. That's a big number at any time. But Memorial Day is the occasion when we specifically remember more than one million Americans who have died in war on behalf of us all.

That figure is astounding by itself.

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

JIM DALY



But it's even more sobering when you reflect on this: Behind every number is a name, and behind every name is a family whose entire world changed forever because that soldier didn't come home. Every number represents the loss of a husband, a son, a brother – or, in some cases, a wife, a daughter, a sister. Factor in those intangibles, and the sense of loss is almost too staggering to comprehend.

That's why it's so important for us to remember – and teach our children – what Memorial Day really means. It's about honoring the memory of men and women who gave up their lives so we all could carry on with ours in freedom. We can't let all of that get cheapened into nothing more than an extra day off of work, a fun day at the lake, or hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill.

I'd suggest some of these ideas for commemorating the day as a family:

Attend a Memorial Day ceremony and/or place flowers on the gravesite of a fallen soldier.

Write letters of gratitude and remembrance to someone who has lost a loved

one in service to our country.

If you know (or can meet) a service veteran – a family member or an acquaintance through church or another venue – take your children to see that person and listen carefully to whatever experiences he or she is willing to share.

Watch an age-appropriate movie or TV program that thoughtfully presents the struggles and sacrifices of our servicemen and women.

Make an American-themed dessert and host someone mourning the loss of their loved one.

Fly the colors. Take time to learn about the history of the flag and "The Star-Spangled Banner."

This Memorial Day, as we think of the liberties we're so blessed to enjoy, let's ask God to protect our troops who currently stand in harm's way and to comfort the families who long for their safe return. But let's also reflect on those one million men and women and the sacrifice they made. As the saying goes, "Freedom isn't free." It was bought with the blood of our soldiers who deserve our gratitude and solemn remembrance.

Finally, to those who have ever served in any of the military branches – thank you.

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LIFE TRIBUTES



Juan I. Ramirez June 17, 1945 – May 21, 2021

Juan I. Ramirez Diaz, 75, of Boerne, passed away on Friday May 21, 2021. A visitation will be held on Thursday, May 27, 2021, at Holt & Holt Funeral Home from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., with a recitation of the Rosary at 7 p.m. Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, May 28, 2021, at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic

Church. Juan I. Ramirez Diaz was born on June 17, 1945, in Piedras Negras to Doroteo and Soledad Ramirez. Juan married the love of his life, and



Ramirez

they raised five wonderful children together. Juan was a loving and protective husband, father and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife, Hilda G. Ramirez; his children, Sonia Cordero, Juan I. Ramirez Jr., Rolando Ramirez, Nancy Morales and Nereyda Garner; his grandchildren, Susana Rojo,

Sonia Gaytan, Gonzalo Cordero Jr., Anthony Ramirez, Vanessa Ramirez, Angelica Carlos, Alyssa Lopez, Michael Lopez, Jorge Gutierrez, Alejandro Morales Jr., Christian Morales, Cassandra Medina, Eric Morales and Grayson Garner; and seven great-grandchildren.

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earlier this year. The chamber also presented a small handful of other awards.

The chamber process allows anyone to nominate any chamber-member organization, business or individual anonymously.

Hill Country Family Services was named the Nonprofit of the Year and was one of 20 organizations nominated. Executive Director Staci Almager accepted the award.

"The winning organization operates at the intersection of urgent need and lasting change," Weller said in announcing the winner. "They are dedicated to fostering mental and physical wellness, stability and independence for those in need in Kendall County."

Two business of the year recognitions were next – one for those with more than 50 employees and the other for those with fewer than 50. H-E-B of Boerne and Wheeler's Western Outfitters & Feed won the awards, respectively. Five large and 21 small businesses were nominated.

"This business winner's core values include drive, innovation, commitment, community, service and heart," Weller said of H-E-B Boerne. "One nominator put it simply when asked why they nominated this business. 'Their dedication to the community, their loyalty to their employees, and their exemplary service.'"

In announcing Wheeler's, Weller said, "The winning business' philosophy is to treat customers like family and offer them the best selection, well-made brands and genuine customer service

in creating a full-service destination store. One nomination stated, 'Over the past three years, this business has helped nonprofits raise over \$180,000 and has done so much to support their local community through many sponsorships and other fundraising events.'"

Guy Sanders of Richter Boerne/153 Main earned the Businessman of the Year award and was one of 12 nominees. Olivia Burdick, executive director of the Rainbow Senior Center at Kronosky Place, was named the Businesswoman of the Year. She was one of 10 nominees.

"This year's winner opened a business that not only survived during the pandemic, but it also thrived," Weller said when speaking about Guy Sanders. "One nominator stated that this gentleman 'has become one of the strongest advocates for downtown Boerne and does an amazing job collaborating with other businesses in the area. He is a strong believer in the theory that helping everyone achieve success will bring him success.'"

In speaking about Burdick, Weller said, "This great businesswoman exhibits exemplary leadership in her organization and in our community. She fosters a culture based around exceptional customer service. One nominator stated that she 'is one of the most caring and selfless individuals in our community. She gives her time, talents and natural gifts to our great community, and we are all better for having her.'"

Frost Bank's Kevin Thompson, 2020 chamber board president, and Ebensberger Funeral Home's Jo Lynn Fisher, the current board chairperson, gave out the awards.



Winners of 2020 Greater Boerne Chamber of Commerce awards were, from left, Guy Sanders, Richter Boerne/153 Main, businessman of the year; Joi Sanders, Richter Boerne/153 Main, KCA Services Community Leader Award; Russell Noll, Chairman's Award; Blake Patterson, Alejandra Bass and Dale Garner, Wheeler's Outfitters & Feed, small business of the year; Olivia Burdick, Rainbow Senior Center at Kronosky Place, businesswoman of the year; Staci Almager, CEO of Hill Country Family Services, businesswoman of the year; Tommy Brownfield and Matt Pedroza, H-E-B, large business of the year; and Jacques DuBose, American Red Cross Hill Country Chapter, ambassador council member of the year. Star photo by Keith E. Domke

Thompson, because he was the 2020 board president, presented a chairman's award. It was given to Russell T. Noll. Jacques DuBose of the American Red Cross Hill Country chapter was recognized as the Ambassador Council Member of the Year. KCA Services representatives Steve and Jimi Driscoll presented the KCA Services Community Leader Award to Joi Sanders of Richter Boerne/153 Main for the "selfless contributions a chamber business or member makes in the community as a leader."

Chamber President and CEO Kim Blohm said a selection committee chose

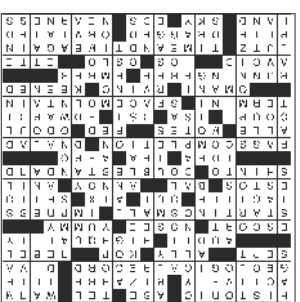
the winners based on 2020 achievements, accomplishments and background information. She said committee members said the final decision for each award was made more difficult because of the recognized 2020 accomplishments of each

nominee in such a unique year.

"Our selection committee

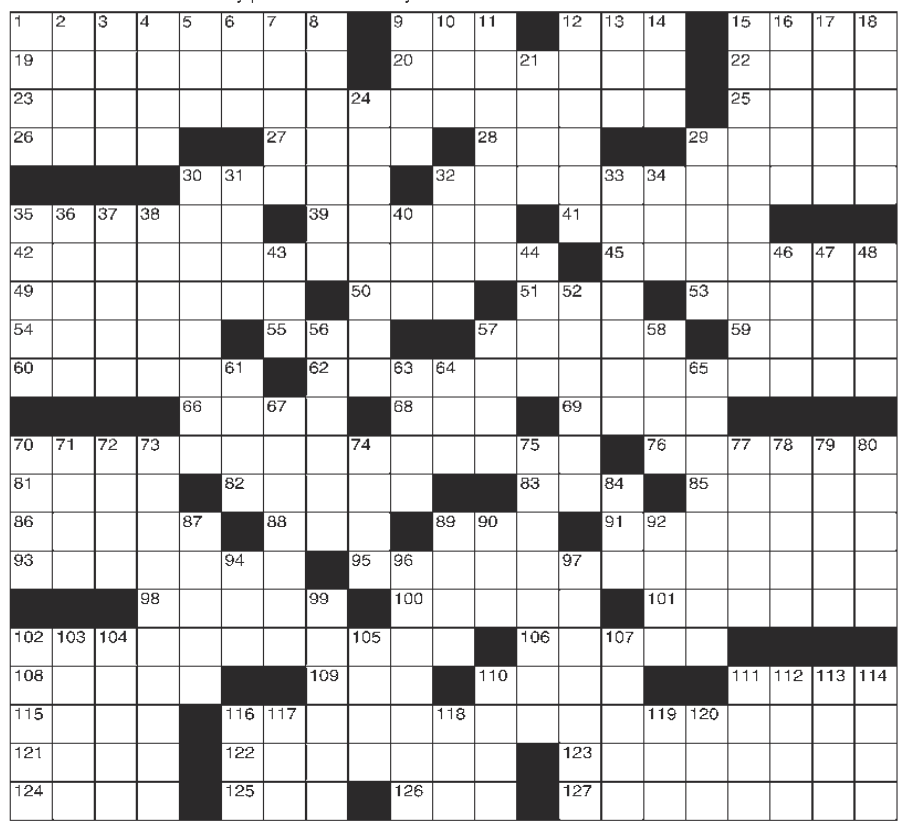
and the chamber agree that all of our nominees are heroes in their own right," Blohm said.

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Five in running for JP1 position

Five candidates have signed up to be considered for appointment to the soon-to-be-vacant Precinct 1 justice of the peace seat, which Teri Nunley is set to vacate at the end of the month. The Kendall County Commissioners are scheduled to narrow the candidates down to a few and interview them in open session Thursday before making an appointment.

The five applicants vying for appointment by the county commissioners include Kirk Riggs, owner of Kirk Riggs Customs Homes and golf coach at the Geneva School of Boerne; Boerne Wedding Minister Nancy White; Rodney Vorndam, reserve deputy fire marshal and emergency management volunteer; Michele Van Stavern, the Boerne police officer who was struck by a drunk driver outside Boerne ISD Stadium in 2019; and Louis Garcia.

The county commissioners are expected to make a final appointment at the special meeting 9 a.m. Thursday.

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great kids.”

She said also among the 40 affected seniors were student council members; the band’s drum major; football, baseball, softball and golf team captains; volleyball, track, cross country and tennis athletes; and cheerleaders.

The senior prank involved the 40 students “forking” the CHS practice field located in the back of the high school on Thursday, May 13. It originally was decided the forking would be done on the game field, but the students changed their mind because of how nice that field is compared to the practice field. “Forking” is placing plastic forks into the ground.

“The students spelled out ‘2021’ with their forks,” Jay said. “That’s it.”

A handful of the students then decided to enter the school through an unlocked back door and take the prank a little further. Jay said they blew up balloons and set them on the floor of the cafeteria, wrapped some toilets in Saran Wrap and twisted a mounted deer head to one side. The Comfort girls athletics teams are the Deer.

“It was a harmless senior prank that all of us parents knew 100 percent what was going on,” Jay said. “It was minor things. That was the extent of what they did.”

The CISD administration has not spoken to the media about the incident, including The Star. When The Star reached out to Superintendent Tanya Monroe, she said, “Due to FERPA, by law, we are not allowed to comment on student discipline. Thanks again for reaching out.”

A subsequent email was answered in the same way, and Comfort High School Principal Darren Williams did not respond at all to requests for information and comment.

However, Monroe finally offered a comment just as The Star was going to press Monday afternoon.

“There has been a lot of misinformation about this event reported by the media,” she said. “Without addressing any specific student circumstances, appropriate consequences have been assigned for violations of the SCOC (Student Code of Conduct). As was relayed by campus administration to students and parents last week, all students who successfully comply with consequences will be allowed to participate in the CHS graduation ceremony.”

Jay said the lack of communication has been “most of this issue” as has a lack of response from the administration. She said Monroe and Williams admitted there was no damage, destruction or defacing of property or graffiti and no need for a police report. Call sheets from the Kendall County Sheriff’s Office confirmed there was nothing called in regarding Comfort High School that night.

Friday, May 14, was “Senior Skip Day” so Jay said few seniors showed up for school. But on Monday, she said, things took an ugly turn.

When classes started that day, Jay said the 40 seniors who participated in the forking were called to the gym and greeted with a “30-minute rant” from Williams.

Even if they didn’t enter the school during the night of the prank, they were includ-

ed in that part of the ordeal, Jay said.

“The kids couldn’t speak,” Jay said, adding all 40 were forced to provide a written confession in which specific instructions from Williams of what was to be written were included.

“And they had to sign it and turn it in,” she said.

“Then, they were told they were suspended. All of them. And parents weren’t notified. I didn’t find out until about 3:30 or 4 o’clock that day.”

Jay said the 40 students have been placed in a small classroom with no windows. They have no computers, no phones and no food.

“They just have to sit in there,” she said. “It’s like prison.”

“The punishment doesn’t fit the crime. Actually, there was no crime.”

Jay said a group of about 14 parents decided to further check into the incident last Tuesday, but Monroe and Williams refused to speak to them, as did Assistant Principal Sarah Womble. The parents had to make individual appointments to meet with them on Wednesday.

“It got heated,” Jay said.

She did say Williams told her he will re-evaluate the punishment at a later date, but specifics weren’t provided.

She also said she checked the CISD Code of Conduct and said “there’s nothing in there about punishment to our kids” but added there is content referring to students who had been in previous trouble. In the code, “in-school suspension” is not listed in the glossary or in the index. It only is referred to vaguely in the actual code – with no detail.

Some parents also met with members of the school board, and Jay said in each instance they backed the administration.

Also as part of the punishment, Jay said the 40 students all were forced to take final exams, even though some of them had qualified because of grades and attendance to opt out of them.

“They weren’t prepared,” she said. “They didn’t have to take them (finals) but they were forced to. It could affect their grade and their top 10 standing.”

Also, they were prohibited in participating in traditional senior activities the last week of school and stripped of their National Honor Society recognition.

“These kids never have been in trouble,” Jay said. “And I’ve never had any drama with my own kids – until this.”

Jay said she was contemplating whether to continue to have her girls attend the in-school suspension this week through Thursday when the academic year ends, or to pull them and face the consequence of not being able to walk across the stage on graduation night. She said other parents are thinking the same thing.

“I’m not sure it’s worth it for their mental health,” she said. “I’ve been so proud of this town since we got here. And now this. The kids don’t deserve it.”

Jay emphasized none of the seniors have been able to speak or defend themselves.

“The kids are depressed, not eating, not sleeping and are so disappointed in the school system and the administration,” she said. “They have broken these kids and that breaks our hearts. We will keep fighting for our kids and this community.”

FOR FROM PAGE 1A

While Van Raub Elementary and the Kendall County Courthouse Annex will remain the polling locations, like with the May 1 election, FOR resident Sharon Brimhall questioned why the city needed to contract with the elementary school when she suggested money could be saved by using city hall, which opened to the public again May 17 after a year-long closure in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Brimhall questioned the \$22,162 price tag estimated for the special election approved by the council and raised concerns about the traffic impact having the election at the elementary school might create. FOR City Secretary Christina Picioccio said that elections become more expensive the smaller they are, as there are no other municipalities to share the costs. She also said that smaller counties sometimes can charge for more functions than a larger county, saying Kendall County charges the city to rent ballot machines while that is a charge bypassed with Bexar County.

However, Picioccio said FOR city staff opted to contract with Kendall County because staff members in this county were the clearest in their ability to coordinate

the special election within the 120-day timeframe the city had after Hartpence’s resignation and because this county had provided above-and-beyond service in previous elections. She also said Bexar County staff had given unclear responses, and FOR is under a time crunch.

Picioccio said city staff picked July 31 because Kendall County elections department staff had trainings prescheduled in August, and city staff determined they would need to call the special election at least 70 days before Election Day to ensure ample time for residents to sign up and for the county elections department to develop the ballots. She added there was a concern to move the election along because of the risk of another runoff occurring, depending on how many applicants were on the Place 3 ballot.

Place 2 Councilmember Roy Elizondo brought up Brimhall’s concern about traffic during the July 31 election, saying that school would not be in session. Picioccio agreed and added that FOR city hall is positioned next to a school even if school was in session, pointing out that moving the election to city hall during a school semester may not resolve any traffic issues.

Those interested in placing their name on the Place 3 ballot have until 5 p.m. June 1 to submit an application, which can

JAIL FROM PAGE 1A

ferred adjudication for both charges or a low prison sentence to ensure he was out of prison while still in his 20s, citing Lopez’s lack of criminal history, his remorse in committing the crime and his willingness to take responsibility for his actions.

Nick Socias, Kendall County assistant criminal district attorney, urged the court to sentence Lopez to a prison term, saying he was a 21-year-old, grown man who sexually assaulted a 14-year-old girl and expressed in his presentencing investigation interview that age wasn’t a factor when

contemplating sexual partners. Socias said this was concerning.

The victim’s mother told Socias she would like to see Lopez receive a prison sentence, and Socias said Lopez could take advantage of several programs in prison.

“I have no idea what went through your mind,” Cohoon said before handing down Lopez’s sentence. “I worry. To violate the trust of a family that took you in and love you is conscionable. But to violate it in such a manner is disappointing. I’ve been watching, for a very short year on this bench, young and old men alike take advantage of their position in society in ways that are unacceptable in a civilized soci-

Passing the torch



Outgoing Mayor Garry Mantizas, right, administered the oath of office to new Mayor Greg Maxton on Thursday during the Fair Oaks Ranch City Council meeting at city hall. Maxton, the former Place 5 councilmember, was one of four individuals sworn in to new government positions. The others were Emily Stroup, Place 1, Scott Parker, Place 5; and Chesley Muenchow, Place 6. The special elections were needed in Places 5 and 6 because Maxton and former Councilmember Snehal Patel vacated their seats to seek the mayoral position.

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be found at <https://www.fairoaksranchtx.org/DocumentCenter/View/3656/Application-for-PL-3>.

Early voting at the courthouse annex will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. July 14- July 16, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. July 19-July 23, 12-5 p.m. July 24 and 7 a.m.-7 p.m. July 26-27. Early voting at Van Raub Elementary School will be 8 a.m.-6 p.m. July 14-16, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. July 19-July 23,

10 a.m.-6 p.m. July 24 and 7 a.m.- p.m. July 26-27.

Election Day will be at Van Raub Elementary from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. July 31.

Also on Thursday, new Mayor Greg Maxton and new councilmembers Emily Stroup, Place 1, Scott Parker, Place 5; and Chesley Muenchow, Place 6; officially took the oath of office. It was administered by outgoing Mayor Garry Mantizas.

ety. It would be unacceptable in any society much less a civilized society.”

The mother of the victim gave a moving and emotionally charged victim impact statement before the court and Lopez, where she explained Lopez’s integration into her family and the trust he built while dating her older daughter. In tears, she explained that while half of her felt sorry for what he is going through, the other half hates him. She described her desire not to care about what happens to him, but said it’s difficult to do so.

When a question was raised as to whether Cohoon could stack the cases, she said she needed to know before delivering her final sen-

tence. She said if she could not stack the sentence, she would need to change the prison term.

Cohoon said she doesn’t know how many of the eight years Lopez will serve in prison, but she predicted he won’t serve the entire term as he had served nearly a year in county jail already. Cohoon said she wanted to ensure Lopez was back before the court and held accountable after his prison sentence was up.

“You’re going to be at a tipping point,” Cohoon said, justifying her stacked sentence. “You may go down the wrong path while in prison if you so choose, which is why I want you to have to come back and see me.”

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PUBLIC HEARING
 Groundwater Management Area 9
 Proposed Desired Future Conditions and Proposed Non-Relevant Aquifer Classifications
 June 14th, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. at 9 Tepperwein Rd. in Boerne, Texas

At an open meeting of the **Groundwater Management Area 9 Joint Planning Committee** (GMA 9) held virtually on March 22, 2021 via a Zoom Meeting and attended by representatives from the following groundwater conservation districts located wholly or partially within Groundwater Management Area 9: Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District, Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District, Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District, Comal Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District, Headwaters Groundwater Conservation District, Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District, and Trinity-Glen Rose Groundwater Conservation District; GMA 9 considered and adopted the following Proposed Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) and Proposed Non-Relevant Aquifer Classifications for GMA 9:

Proposed Desired Future Conditions*

Trinity Aquifer
 Allow for An Increase in Average Drawdown of Approximately 30 Feet Through 2060 (throughout GMA 9) Consistent with "Scenario 6" in TWDB GAM Task 10-005.
Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) Aquifer
 Allow for No Net Increase in Average Drawdown in Bandera and Kendall Counties through 2080.

Ellenburger-San Saba Aquifer
 Allow for An Increase in Average Drawdown of No More Than 7 Feet in Kendall County through 2080.

Hickory Aquifer
 Allow for An Increase in Average Drawdown of No More Than 7 Feet in Kendall County through 2080.

*Allow for DFC variance of up to five percent when comparing DFCs to average drawdown calculations from model files.

Proposed Non-Relevant Aquifer Classifications

Edwards Aquifer (Balcones Fault Zone) Bexar, Comal, Hays, and Travis Counties
Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) Blanco and Kerr Counties
Ellenburger-San Saba Blanco and Kerr Counties
Hickory Blanco, Hays, Kerr, and Travis Counties
Marble Falls Blanco County

Members of the public are invited to attend and provide oral comment, testimony, and/or submit other documentation and information relevant to the Proposed DFCs and Non-Relevant Aquifer Classifications to the Board of Directors at this Public Hearing.

If unable to attend the Public Hearing, members of the public are invited to submit written comments, testimony, and/or other documentation and information relevant to the Proposed DFCs and Non-Relevant Aquifer Classifications to the Board of Directors at the District Office located at:

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GMA 9 has prepared standardized Public Comment Forms to help you organize and substantiate your submission. This form is available at the address above or on the District's website.

The Public Comment period runs from April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

The District will prepare a report of any relevant comments received at the Public Hearing and attach any written comments, testimony, and/or other documentation and information relevant to the Proposed DFCs and Non-Relevant Aquifer Classifications received through June 30, 2021. This report and attachments will be provided to the GMA 9 Committee for their review, consideration, and incorporation into the DFC decision-making process.

Questions or requests for additional information may be submitted to:

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Defendant removed from courtroom after seizure

ZACHARY-TAYLOR WRIGHT
Staff Writer

The 451st District Court was emptied Friday when a man in the process of pleading guilty to a driving while intoxicated charge began convulsing on a court pew

while state and defense attorneys conferred. Court was placed on hold for nearly 30 minutes while emergency responders aided the defendant.

After 451st District Judge Kirsten Cohoon agreed to accept the defendant's guilty plea, the state and defense attorneys were asked to

confer on specifics of the plea agreement before the judge signed off. At about 10:15 a.m., within just moments of the defendant sitting in a back row pew, he slumped to his left and began convulsing.

Court employees and bailiffs responded quickly, calling for emergency services. First

responders arrived to help the defendant within 10 minutes of the incident, and the man appeared to be responsive as he was taken out of the court on a stretcher by 10:30 a.m. About five emergency responders entered the courtroom to assist, and a woman could be heard explaining that the defen-

dant had been very stressed the past couple of days.

"Our bailiffs and other 451st District Court personnel responded quickly and effectively," Cohoon said to The Star in a message. "We are hopeful that the individual makes a complete recovery."

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Boerne High's Justin Koth receives a state medal from Boerne ISD Athletic Director Stan Leech after Koth earned bronze at the 4A state tennis tournament held last week in San Antonio. Star photo by Kerry Barboza

Koth earns bronze at 4A state tennis tournament

KERRY BARBOZA
Sports Editor

SAN ANTONIO — Boerne High's Justin Koth wrapped up his freshman year with the Greyhound tennis team by winning a bronze medal at the 4A state tournament in boys singles.

Koth was Boerne High's lone representative at this year's 4A state tournament held in San Antonio last Thursday and Friday.

The freshman opened play on Thursday morning by defeating Matthew DeCarvalho of Bellville, 6-0, 6-1, in the first round or state quarterfinals at Northside's Annemarie Tennis Center.

Koth's win advanced him to the state semifinals where he faced Bryce Ware of Canyon. Ware is a senior who has won a gold medal at state before in doubles and Ware was able to defeat Koth, 6-2, 6-0, to leave Koth tied for third where he picked up bronze.

Ware returned on Friday and closed out his high school career by winning the 4A boys singles title, 7-5, 6-1.

The bronze medal that Koth won follows the silver medal he won in the fall with the Greyhound tennis team. The 4A schools play team tennis in the fall and individual tennis in the spring and Koth was able to medal in both seasons.



Members of the Boerne High softball team hold up four fingers to symbolize their fourth-round playoff victory last week over Tulos-Midway. It's on to the fifth round or regional championship this week against Calallen with a berth in the state semifinals up for grabs. Star photo by Kerry Barboza

Lady Hounds sweep Cherokees, advance to regional championship

BHS faces Calallen this week in fifth round

KERRY BARBOZA
Sports Editor

KENEDY — After taking Game 1 over Tulos-Midway in a squeaker on Thursday, 4-3, members of the Boerne High softball team felt confident in their ability to close it out on Friday in Game 2, but it's likely none of them saw what was coming.

Not only did the Lady Hounds beat the Cherokees Friday in Kenedy, but they crushed, conquered and creamed them with a football like score of 23-3.

BHS finished with 23 runs, 21 RBI and 19 hits in the game to go with nine walks in Game 2.

Boerne High (31-7) moves on to the fifth round or regional championship where they'll face Calallen (30-8)

for the right to advance to the state semifinals.

Game 1 is Friday at 6:30 p.m., with Game 2 on Saturday at noon and a third game to follow if needed. All games are in Jourdanon.

If there was an MVP of the series for BHS, it would have to be pitcher Ava Rodriguez, who is also known as "Bevo" to her teammates.

Rodriguez hit home runs in each game and was also the winning pitcher in both contests. So did Rodriguez see this kind of rout coming in the second game?

"Not in Round 4," she said, "but it's good that we came together for this one." How about BHS coach Chester Pettibon, did he foresee this kind of domination in Game 2?

"Oh no, I wouldn't have said 23-3, we knew we could score 11 or 12 runs, but we didn't think we were going to score 23. When you see a score like that this deep in the playoffs, it's hard to believe it's the final outcome," he said. "We didn't swing at anything

bad, we got timely hits and before you knew it, you get momentum and you're just that far ahead. You don't stop and just keep rolling."

Game 2

Tulos-Midway's problems started early in Game 2. Boerne batted first and sent 12 batters to the plate in the top of the first inning and scored eight runs for the 8-0 lead just 15 minutes in.

The Cherokees didn't help their cause as the two pitchers they used in the frame gave up five walks and hit a batter. For the game, Tulos-Midway used three different pitchers to try and stop the bleeding but it didn't matter who was in the circle on Friday.

Rodriguez singled in the first inning and Reese Wilson cleared the bases with a triple down the third-base line as BHS only had two hits in the frame but still scored eight runs.

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Schoch signs to power lift at Missouri Valley College



Boerne Champion Audrey Schoch signed a letter of intent to power lift at Missouri Valley College. Joining Audrey (seated) at the signing was Sonia Schoch, Jason Schoch, Josh Schoch and Val Zapindinsky. Star photo by Kerry Barboza

Brown signs with Colorado Christian



Boerne Champion's Abie Brown recently signed a letter of intent to play softball at Colorado Christian University. Joining Abie (seated) at the signing was Matt Brown, Nate Brown and Susan Brown. Star photo by Kerry Barboza



Champion's Amber Lewis returns a shot during play at the 5A state tournament last week in San Antonio. Lewis was the only Charger to play at state this year. Submitted photo

Champion's Lewis plays at 5A state tennis tourney

KERRY BARBOZA
Sports Editor

SAN ANTONIO — Boerne Champion's Amber Lewis competed at the 5A state tennis tournament last week in San Antonio.

Lewis was the Chargers'

lone representative at the 5A state tournament this year hosted by Northside ISD.

She took on Crystal Zhou of Austin LASA and was defeated in the first round or state quarterfinals in straight sets, 6-3, 6-2.

Lewis was one win shy of medaling and capped a

great freshman season by making it all the way to 5A state tournament.

Before the season started, Lewis wasn't even sure she was going to be on the varsity. She went on to win the region and represented Region IV and the Chargers at the 5A state tournament.

Hamby, McCarter will continue football careers



Boerne High's Ethan Hamby and Tanner McCarter recently signed letters of intent and will continue their football careers in college. Tanner McCarter (50) signed with Texas Lutheran University and Hamby (42) signed with Texas State University. Pictured: McCarter and Hamby at the signing ceremony with Greyhound football coach Che Hendrix. Submitted photo



Boerne girls soccer coach Jeremy Shannon talks with the team after a playoff win this year. BHS went four rounds deep in 2021 and had 13 players named all-district after winning the team's seventh straight district title. Star photo by Kerry Barboza

Lucky 13 Lady Greyhounds named all-district in girls soccer

KERRY BARBOZA

Sports Editor

The Lady Greyhound soccer team had a total of 13 players named to the All-District 26-4A team for the 2021 season.

Two of the Lady Hounds earned superlative awards after sophomore Kylie Combs was named the District 26-4A MVP and sophomore Hannah Bowen was voted the Newcomer of the Year.

Junior Regina Hernandez, sophomore Lilly Griffith, senior Madeline Davis and senior Charlie Rand were first-team selections.

Senior Alexa Campbell, sophomore Kassie Lozano, sophomore Kate Spiekerman and sophomore Madison Davis all landed on the second team.

Honorable Mention picks for the Lady Greyhounds include freshman Taylor Hudson, sophomore Kaelin Daniel and senior Ally Ogden.

Boerne High won this year's 26-4A title with a record of 9-0-1 for its sev-

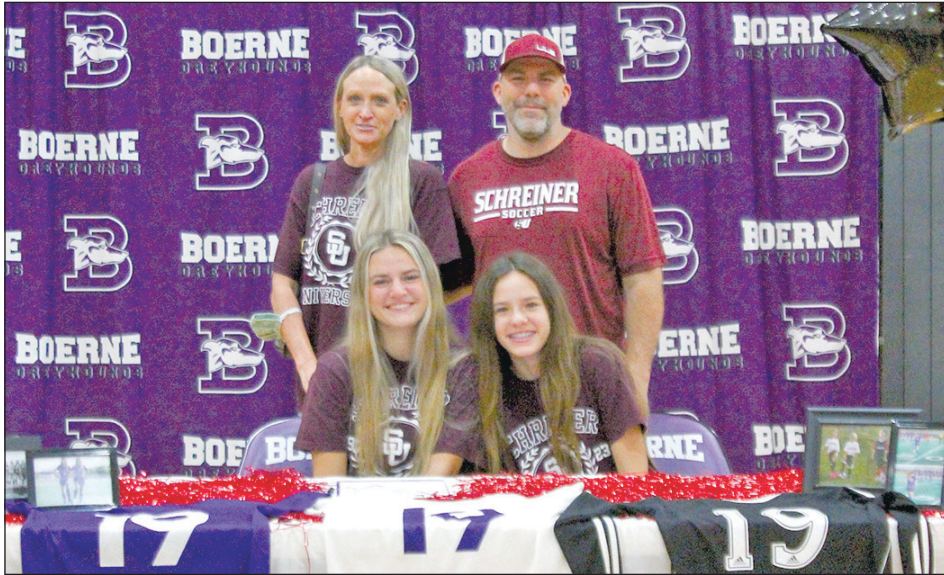
enth district crown in a row. The Lady Greyhounds finished with an overall record of 18-7-3 and went four rounds deep in the playoffs this year. BHS opened up with a 9-0 win over Manor New Tech at home in the first round and then beat La Vernia in the second round at Seguin, 5-0.

In the third round, Boerne defeated district foe Canyon Lake, 7-1, at Smithson Valley before they were knocked out of the playoffs by eventual regional champion Calallen in the fourth round in Floresville, 1-0.

All-District 26-4A Girls Soccer 2021

Name	School	Grade
Kylie Combs	District MVP Boerne	Soph
Newcomers of the Year		
Izzy Franchione	Wimberley	Fresh
Hannah Bowen	Boerne	Soph
Goalie of the Year		
Lexi Hettinger	Canyon Lake	Senior
Forward of the Year		
Gabby Michalak	Fredericksburg	Senior
Midfielder of the Year		
Kiana Van Haaren	Davenport	Junior
Defender of the Year		
Sadie Eidson	Fredericksburg	Senior
Utility Player of the Year		
Emily Thames	Wimberley	Soph
Coach of the Year		
Ben Morrison		Davenport
First Team		
Regina Hernandez	Boerne	Junior
Lilly Griffith	Boerne	Soph
Madeline Davis	Boerne	Soph
Charlie Rand	Boerne	Senior
Selah Jones	Wimberley	Fresh
Lexi Howell	Wimberley	Junior
Holly Harwood	Wimberley	Senior
Zara Stanton	Fredericksburg	Senior
Abby Michalak	Fredericksburg	Soph
Karleigh Schedlbauer	Canyon Lake	Senior
Maddie Pipkin	Canyon Lake	Soph
Skylar Williams	Davenport	Junior
Lauren Benedict	Bandera	Junior
Second Team		
Alexa Campbell	Boerne	Senior
Kassie Lozano	Boerne	Soph
Kathryn Spiekerman	Boerne	Soph
Madison Davis	Boerne	Soph
Claire Valentine	Wimberley	Soph
Arianna Hernandez	Wimberley	Senior
Sunny Jones	Wimberley	Senior
Catherine Acosta	Fredericksburg	Soph
Avery Semmler	Fredericksburg	Junior
Anna Hettinger	Canyon Lake	Senior
Gabi Pace	Canyon Lake	Fresh
Irelan Sands	Davenport	Soph
Maci Morrison	Bandera	Junior
Honorable Mention (Boerne only)		
Taylor Hudson	Boerne	Fresh
Kaelin Daniel	Boerne	Soph
Ally Ogden	Boerne	Senior

Rand signs to play soccer at Schreiner



Boerne High's Charlie Rand recently signed a letter of intent to play soccer at Schreiner University in Kerrville. Joining Charlie (seated, left) at the signing was Tommie Rand, Harmony Rand and Jason Rand. Star photo by Kerry Barboza

Phillip plays in TABC 4A All-Star Game



Boerne High's Ben Phillip wrapped up his high school basketball career by playing in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches All-Star Game held in San Antonio recently at Taylor Field House. Phillip finished with 13 points and was the TABC 4A winner of the individual 3-point contest. Pictured: Ben Phillip poses with mom Kerry Phillip and head basketball coach Kimble McHone at the recent TABC 4A All-Star Game. Submitted photo

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In the bottom of the first, Tulo-Midway went down in order and Boerne came up to bat in the second and scored three more runs. They used a walk and hit five singles in the inning to get their three runs to make it 11-0.

At that point, BHS had sent 21 batters to the plate and the Cherokees just three.

Tulo-Midway battled and scored two runs in the bottom of the second with a couple of triples and a walk to make it 11-2.

Since Rodriguez had pitched in the first game, she said she was a little concerned that the Cherokee hitters would figure out her pitches. She only struck out one batter in the game, but she only walked one and let her defense work behind her.

"I was a little worried about it, but I wanted to mix in more off-speed in this game than last game," she said.

Rodriguez accounted for Boerne's only run in the third when she sent a solo shot over the fence in centerfield. She also hit a home run in Game 1 and those are her only two of the year so far.

After Tulo-Midway didn't score in the bottom of the third, the Lady Hounds poured it on and tallied 11 runs in its final two at bats.

They scored six runs in the fourth and added five more in the fifth and sent 18 batters to the plate in the last two innings.

Rodriguez gave up four hits, walked one, fanned one and picked up the win on 78 pitches.

Game 1

Boerne trailed for much of the game on Thursday but it was a Rodriguez home run that gave the Lady Hounds their first lead of the contest in the fifth inning.

Tulo-Midway scored a run in the second and added another in the fourth



BHS third baseman Madison Dorrow throws to first baseman Ariella Nieto for an out against Tulo-Midway during their series last week in Kenedy. Star photo by Kerry Barboza

with a solo home run and held a 2-0 lead.

Boerne came up in the fifth and Brooke Sivek got things going with a bunt single. With two outs, Heidi Maytum singled to put runners at first and second. From there, Rodriguez delivered a three-run home run over the centerfield fence and BHS held its first lead of the game at 3-2.

Rodriguez picked a great time to hit her first home run of the season. When it came off the bat, she wasn't sure it was going to clear the fence.

"It was my first high school home run," she said. "I thought I was going to fly out so it was pretty surprising. It felt good, I got in the box and had confidence."

From that point on, Boerne never trailed in the series, although Tulo-Midway tied it in the sixth with a solo home run from University of Texas commit Reese Atwood.

The 6-foot catcher knocked it out to tie it up at 3-3, but the Lady Hounds broke the tie in the bottom of the sixth.

With one out, Taryn Madlock doubled to put herself in scoring position. The next batter popped up to the catcher but with two outs, Reese Wilson singled up the middle and Madlock scored from second to put Boerne back on top at 4-3.

In the top of the seventh, Tulo-Midway made it interesting. They had runners at first and second with one out but that's when the Lady Hounds turned in the biggest defensive play of the series.

Isabella Ramon hit a sharp line drive right back at Rodriguez in the circle. Rodriguez got her glove hand up and deflected the ball in the air. An alert Cameron Cooper ran towards the ball from her position at second and dove, catching it before it hit the ground for the second out. From there, Cooper flipped it to the shortstop Sivek who was standing on the bag for the final out since the runner at second left and didn't tag up.

The umpires talked about it for a few moments but they ruled it a double play to give BHS the win and the 1-0 series lead.

Boerne outhit the Cherokees, 9-5. Rodriguez had the three-run homer, Madlock and Wilson both doubled, Sivek finished with two hits and scored a run, Cooper singled, Maytum singled and scored, Ariella Nieto singled and Wilson added an RBI single, which was the game-winning hit.

Rodriguez tossed 76 pitches and yielded five hits, three runs, with only two of the runs were earned. She fanned five and walked just one.

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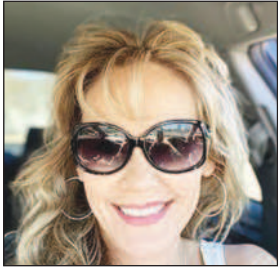
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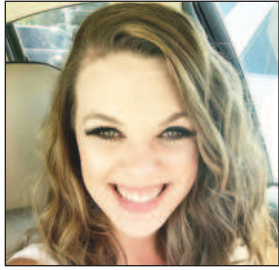
STREET BEAT:

The Boerne Star asks area residents to respond to its poll question.

Poll question: On May 18, Gov. Greg Abbott issued an executive order prohibiting governmental entities in Texas, including school districts, from requiring or mandating mask wearing, effective June 4. With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, did the governor overstep his authority in issuing the mandate? Why or why not?



Heather Bean:
CHOICE for the win.



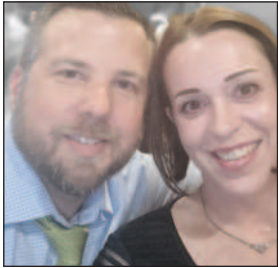
Ashley Ermis:
Not at all. He just gave citizens the right to make their own decisions.



Mary Mirelez:
No! It should not be up to places like schools to keep children masked. Many concerned parents applaud the governor's decision, including me.



Brittany McClure:
No. Masks should be a choice!!! I think Gov. Abbott made a wise decision!!



Corey Huffman:
Just following the science...



M. Ford:
The only mistake he made was not issuing this order sooner! Masks should be optional everywhere, including all businesses and restaurants, and I hope he expands the order to include them.

Melissa Martin:
Absolutely! First looking through my teacher lens, I feel Gov. Abbott did not take into consideration what this executive order would do INSTANTLY AND FOR THE DURATION UNTIL SUMMER BREAK to the climate in all public schools throughout the state. With less than two weeks until summer for most Texas schools, I feel it is insensitive and irresponsible to remove the local control to finish the mitigation protocols we've been using successfully all school year. Parents sent their children to school this year with the understanding that masks would be worn. Now 8! days before summer break it's decided to revoke the protocol that's been so successful? Our attendance is UP this year...during a pandemic ... simply because if these mitigation procedures.

Looking through my citizen lens, I believe these decisions should be made by our local officials. If our community wants to set the health standard higher than our neighbors, why shouldn't we be allowed to?

Jim Hahn:
Hell no he didn't, should have never been a mandate in the first place and for a million different reasons!

Birds of Prey



Elizabeth Joplin of Last Chance Forever, the Birds of Prey Conservancy in San Antonio, displayed some birds during a demonstration on May 15 that was part of the Kendall County Old Jail Museum's open house and grand opening ceremony. One of the birds was the caracara, above, a member of the falcon family which lives in the southern United States. Another bird was the screech owl, which usually stands only 7 to 10 inches tall and is found in the eastern two-thirds of the country. Star photos by Keith E. Domke

REPORTS

LAW ENFORCEMENT

The following is a brief, partial recap of incidents reported by the Boerne Police Department, Kendall County Sheriff's Department and the Fair Oaks Ranch Police Department. General locations are listed rather than specific addresses. An arrest should not imply guilt or innocence which will be decided in court at a later date. Anyone with information about any of these incidents is asked to call the Boerne Police at 830-249-8645, the Kendall County Sheriff's Office at 830-249-9721, the Fair Oaks Ranch Police Department at 210-698-0990 or Kendall County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-348-LEAD (5323) or kc-crimestoppers.com.

BOERNE POLICE DEPARTMENT May 18

1:48 a.m., 540 MM I-10 E.- Two people reported a construction sign fell over into the right-hand lane of the interstate.
4:32 a.m., Regent and I-10 E. Access Road- A 23-year-old daughter jumped out a vehicle, but no injuries were reported.
8:31 a.m., 33000 I-10 W.- A woman was walking around barefoot knocking on everyone's door. The woman was located and taken to the hospital, but officers were requested again after she woke up and began causing a disturbance.
11:49 a.m., 200 block W. Bandera Rd.- A wife with dementia was reported lost and found within 10 minutes.
1:27 p.m., 420 W. Bandera Rd.- A man and two kids were asking for money by the Dairy Queen.
1:41 p.m., 140 City Park- A man asked officers to ensure a group of 5th graders

on a field trip were moved inside because of the lightning.

6:25 p.m., 201 Charger Blvd.- A woman reported three boys approached her daughter while the teacher was absent and asked her how "it felt sitting next to a student of color" and began "playing the game hangman using a racial word." The woman said the report was being made at the request of the district attorney's office.

6:33 p.m., Lattimore and Chisholm- A man was concerned when he found a skateboard with no user near a culvert because of all the recent flooding. He inspected the culvert but didn't find anything.

10:13 p.m., 100 block Old San Antonio Rd.- A cat was originally reported as being stuck in a tree, but later turned out to be stuck in a car.

10:44 p.m., 100 block Saddle Horn- A woman had appliances delivered a couple of weeks ago, so she asked for extra patrol in the area at night to ensure nobody went to the house.

Officers also conducted eight security checks, made nine traffic stops, assisted the public 15 times, removed two traffic hazards and worked seven false alarms, one animal call, five non-injury accidents and one reckless driver.

May 19

1:44 a.m., 134 Menger Springs- An officer was requested for a patient who was sexually assaulted.
7:41 a.m., 141 Old San Antonio Rd.- Kendall Elementary School staff restrained a child who ran away from Meadowlands.
10:58 a.m., 100 block Bluebonnet Circle- A woman reported a newer model van with no front license plate was parked in front a jobsite for 30 minutes with a blanket covering the front windshield.
3:38 p.m., 100 block Creekside- An

employee was concerned for a woman who came in to pay a bill but didn't have any form of payment. The woman seemed confused and disoriented. The woman's electric had been cut off that day, and the employee asked that Adult Protective Services check on the woman.

6:04 p.m., 100 block Bluebonnet Circle- A man said his girlfriend and her parents were making threats on his life, with the last threat being a text message from his girlfriend's phone which said they were "gonna kill him or send someone to kill him."

6:07 p.m., 200 block E. Bandera Rd.- Part of a speed bump had come loose and been moved to the side of the road. A

woman asked officers to check to ensure nothing was sticking up from the missing section that would damage vehicles.

6:14 p.m., 200 block Woods of Boerne-Cheese and a hotdog were smeared on a man's black Hummer and red RAV4.

7:29 p.m., 400 block English Oaks- A civil standby was requested for a mother who was on her way to pick up her 17-year-old daughter who had a fight with her family.

Officers also conducted 10 security checks, made 14 traffic stops, assisted the public 10 times, removed two traffic hazards and worked three false alarms, one animal call, two non-injury accidents and three reckless drivers.

KENDALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

May 17

7:43 a.m., 1000 block FM 473- Five goats gathered in the roadway.
8:09 a.m., 200 block FM 3351- A property owner was afraid to go onto her own property because her renter threatened to shoot others who attempted to do so. Deputies advised she contact the justice of the peace to begin an eviction process and said they could perform a civil standby.
1:11 p.m., 400 block Paradise Point- A woman reported a gun filed as stolen had been found.
1:56 p.m., 100 block Woody Way- A man said his caregiver stole his prescription drugs.

6:27 p.m., 300 block FM 1376- A mule was hitchhiking along Farm to Market 1376, possibly escaping from a property just North of there.

6:54 p.m., 100 block Steel Valley Dr.- A raccoon made its way into a woman's barn and charged at her upon entry. Animal control came and set a trap.

8:53 p.m., 539 MM I-10W.- An arrest was made during a traffic stop.

10:52 p.m., Pfeiffer Road and Fabra Lane- A man was arrested during a traffic stop.

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