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Boerne High School's Class of 2021 receives diplomas



ZACHARY-TAYLOR WRIGHT
Staff Writer

The BISD Stadium was beyond abuzz with chatter and cheers Thursday night as thousands of friends and family members crowded the grandstands in a show of support for the graduation of this year's Boerne High School seniors. Several of the graduating class' top academic students spoke, using a theme of optimism in the class' future and encouragement to stay present and true to themselves.

Boerne High purple graduation gowns filled the athletic field from the Greyhounds endzone to the 45-yard line, while friends and family members called out and pointed to their graduates. The sense of community was that reminiscent of pre-pandemic times as the audience laughed and stopped to hug



BHS graduate Cole Brunoff receives a congratulatory handshake from BISD Superintendent Tom Price as he walks across the stage on Thursday night.

Star photo by Keith E. Domke and catch up while smaller siblings ran the stadium.

Air horns and screams of encouragement sounded from the bleachers as members of the Class of 2021 were called and the

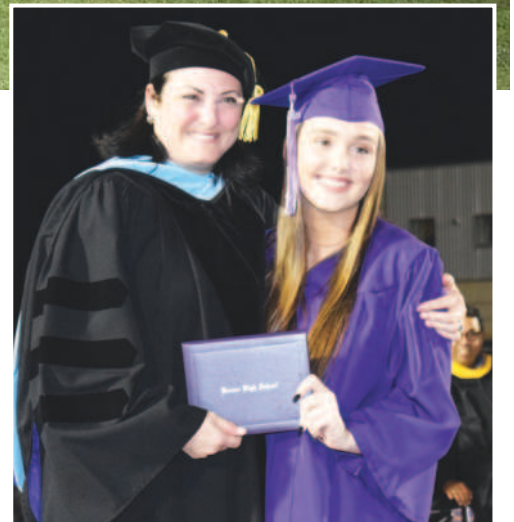
newly graduated and former Boerne High School students crossed the stage, with one horn blaring so loud it caused Principal Shane Wilson to note it was "impressive."

Valedictorian Deven Agarwal urged his peers not to let the pandemic-riddled year and a half cloud their memories of the past four years, which he said harbored many great and foundational memories.

"So, while we'll all remember our last year of high school as a very 'unusual' year, let's make sure that's not how we remember these past four years of high school," Agarwal said. "Because it has been much more than one year of masks and social distancing.

"Instead, let's remember our four years of high school in a much more positive way.

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TOP: Members of the BHS Class of 2021 toss their mortar boards at the end of Thursday's ceremony at BISD Stadium. ABOVE: Ashley Stewart, Boerne ISD's chief administrative officer, shared a special moment with her daughter, Madilyn Stewart, by presenting her with her diploma. Star photos by Keith E. Domke

Veteran city police officer gets JP nod

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Van Stavem

Michele Van Stavem was appointed to the justice of the peace Precinct 1 position by the four Kendall County Commissioners Thursday and is expected to be formally sworn in by Precinct 3 Justice Debby Hudson at 8 p.m. Monday, May 31, in the county courthouse.

Commissioners select Van Stavem to replace Nunley in Precinct 1

Van Stavem was one of five applicants who put their names up for the appointment, which Precinct 1 Commissioner Christina Bergmann said on Thursday surprised her. Van Stavem was picked by an advisory panel which consisted of Hudson, Precinct 4 Justice Frieda Pressler, Precinct 2 Clerk Lisa Neito, Human Resources Director

Juanita Espino and Precinct 1 Constable Todd Setliff, who then made the recommendation to commissioners.

Van Stavem will serve the remainder of Terri Nunley's unexpired term, which ends Dec. 31, 2022.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Don Durden asked Van Stavem if this was a temporary job or if she planned to run for the

seat in 2023. Van Stavem confirmed she plans to run for election to the office when the appointment expires.

Van Stavem said she grew up hanging out at a justice of the peace's office, as her best friend's mom was a justice, which she said inspired her to take on

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Small businesses performing well

KEITH E. DOMKE
Managing Editor

Kendall ranks among the top 10 counties in Texas when it comes to small business performance, a new study revealed. The survey was released by SmartAsset, a financial technology company.

The study ranked Kendall County ninth

Survey ranks Kendall County ninth in Texas

out of the state's 254 counties.

Currently, in both Kendall County and the city of Boerne, more than 93 percent of all businesses have fewer than 20 employees, information from the Boerne Kendall County Economic Development Corp. stated, adding 65 percent of all businesses in both

Boerne and Kendall County have 1 to 4 employees.

"We are a small business community, but also a community of high-quality businesses," BKCEDC President and CEO Amy

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Area players celebrate success through team awards and all-district selections. See Sports, Page 1B.

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BISD's Sharp added to public facility corporation

ZACHARY-TAYLOR WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Boerne Public Facility Corporation met Tuesday evening for some "housekeeping," approved a couple of changes to its policies and bylaws and appointed Boerne Independent School District Place 6 Trustee and board Chairwoman Donna Sharp as the ex officio BISD member.

The nonprofit Boerne Public Facility Corporation (BPFC), which was founded in September 2017, is comprised of Boerne city officials and staff, including all city council members, the mayor, the city manager and the city secretary. By state law, a sponsoring municipality may use a public facility corporation to purchase, construct or renovate public facilities or issue bonds to finance the costs of public facilities.

The BPFC unanimously approved two additions to its policies, including the addition of parking, public gathering facilities, recreational facilities, swimming pools, convention centers and more to the list of projects the corporation may fund or be involved with. Additionally, the corporation's board approved a change in language in the policies under the list of projects the corporation may get involved with to say it may "create expanded opportunities



Sharp

for high-quality housing inventory options that are below market cost to qualifying residents."

This change in language sparked conversation among the board members, who are also Boerne city councilmembers, as the corporation's last project was controversial at best. In February, the corporation approved the development of a tax-exempt apartment complex at 130 Gallant Fox Lane behind Walmart, which raised issues with community members and with county commissioners and the BISD board of trustees for the lack of tax income.

Board member Quinten Scott, District 3 city councilmember, said he thought the board had agreed it shouldn't consider housing projects at this time, questioning whether the board would want to go through the same "fight" it went through with the last project. Tim Handren, board member and mayor of Boerne, said he understood the board members recognized they didn't see a need for more apartment complexes at this time, but added the board shouldn't limit

future BPFC members in 10 to 15 years.

While Scott said he wasn't saying the corporation's previous actions were wrong, he understood the board wasn't looking to pursue any housing projects. In the end, the board approved the policy changes 5-0.

In response to the apartment complex project, the BISD board of trustees and the Kendall County commissioners spoke candidly about their lack of participation in the decision-making process and about their distaste for the lack of tax revenue they would receive from the project. As a result, the corporation's board members invited both the commissioners and BISD trustees to select an ex-officio member for the corporation's board to ensure future involvement in project development.

While Handren pointed out the county commissioners opted not to select an ex officio member to avoid a show of support for the apartment complex project, the corporation's board members elected Sharp as the BISD ex officio member.

Lastly, the board approved a change in the corporation bylaws which now ensures the mayor of Boerne serves as the president of the board and the city's mayor pro tem will serve as the vice president of the board. Handren said this resolves the issue they had a couple of years ago where none of the board members were in office.

BIRTHDAYS

JUNE 1

- Carrie Ersch
- Elaine Gammon
- Sharron (Toni) Hoese
- Israel Jaime
- Kraus Hansgeorg
- Michael Lennhoff
- Aldegunda (Lucila) Villa
- Robert Woodward Sr.
- Lynnda Kiesel
- Loriene (Bonnie) Roberts

JUNE 2

- Rosalie Davidson
- Alex Davila
- Dale Flashberg
- John Marchwicki
- Leon Nelson
- Sandra Senecal
- Homer Stevens
- Nancy Mallow
- Ted Traver
- Gina Kraus

JUNE 3

- Carol Carpenter
- Donald Mcbee
- Melford Pegg
- Hedy Spain
- Melva Walser
- Ina Wilson
- Joy Wyatt
- Linda Froboese
- Michael Bradshaw
- Steve Connell

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Story told The Star. "The industry targets that the BKCEDC is pursuing are small- to mid-sized opportunities that would both be a good fit for the community and provide family-sustaining jobs."

SmartAsset analyzed data to find the best places for small business owners in Texas, as well as in the United States. Kendall ranked 26th nationally out of 3,006 counties in the 50 states.

SmartAsset considered three factors to determine its top counties: the proportion of people in a county with small-business income, how much business income those people reported and the amount of tax a potential resident must pay on their income.

Data states Kendall's small business returns number 37.68 percent, its small business income measures 12.51 percent, and its income tax figure is \$8,465. Those three numbers together computes to a small business index of 82.62 out of 100, ranking the county ninth in Texas.

"To determine how attractive a region is for small business owners, we compared the number of tax returns that report small business income compared to the total tax-filing population of the region," SmartAsset stated. "Next, we compared the total amount of income reported in each region."

Small businesses typically are incorporated as pass-through entities, meaning that the business owners pay income taxes on the company profits rather than the company

itself paying income tax, information stated. Because of this, income taxes can play a major role in determining the financial success of a given small business.

"To determine income tax burdens across counties, we used the national median household income," SmartAsset's information stated. "We then applied relevant deductions and exemptions before calculating federal, state and local income taxes for each location."

Those three factors then were indexed and equally weighted to yield the small business index. Places with the highest small business index are the places which ranked the highest in the study.

"Kendall County's ranking reflects what we continue to experience first-hand at the chamber," Greater Boerne Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Kim Blohm said. "Kendall County's small business community is so strong. The vibrance of our small business community is a result of the united effort put forth by our hard-working entrepreneurs, their employees and our loyal residents who chose daily to support local!"

Sources for the information include the Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Census Bureau's 2018 American Community Survey and other government sources.

Throckmartin County west of Fort Worth was ranked No. 1 in the study. Its Small Business Index is 95.89. The county ranked fourth nationally.

Two counties adjacent to Kendall are on the top 10 list. Gillespie ranks fifth with a SBI of 87.06 while Blanco County is 10th at 81.68.

Innovators



Daniel Stripling, left, and Will Williamson, members of the Champion High School Class of 2021, recently presented their award-winning Entrepreneurship Incubator Pitch presentation to the Rotary Club of Fair Oaks Ranch members. The friends and business partners described the development of their golf-related "Dropaball" invention that earned them first place and \$7,000 in competition within BISD. They also placed fourth in a statewide event conducted through Texas A&M that added another \$1,500. Their company, Ace Made Golf, will be using the monies to patent, manufacture and market their product.

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For more information, visit www.alamoareampo.org/yourmove

State budget headed to governor's desk

The Texas Legislature sent a \$248 billion two-year state budget to Gov. Greg Abbott after the House approved the measure last Thursday.

The 140-day legislative session ended at midnight May 31. Senate Bill 1 is \$13.5 billion less than the previous biennial budget, with the difference to be made up from COVID-19 relief funds from the federal government.

As previously reported, Abbott plans to call a special session in the fall to allow legislators to decide how to allocate those funds.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick has called for a special session for this summer to address some of his priority bills, such as limiting the participation of transgender athletes in school sports, banning the use of public funds to pay lobbyists and putting limits on social media's power to restrict users. Abbott called Patrick's special-session proposal "pretty goofy," according to the Austin American-Statesman.

Only the governor can call a

special session and dictate the topics to be addressed.

More Texans vaccinated

Over a third of all Texans – more than 10 million – are now fully vaccinated against COVID-19, with shots opened up to anyone 12 and older, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. That is 34.5 percent of the state's population.

The Texas Department of Emergency Management and Abbott announced last week the expansion of the State Mobile Vaccine Program to include groups of five or more eligible Texans who voluntarily choose to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

Anyone interested can call 844-90-TEXAS and select Option 13 to schedule a mobile vaccine clinic for groups of friends, families, employees, and others. In addition, home-bound residents can request a unit come to their home. Previously, a minimum of 10 people were required before requesting a mobile vaccination unit.

The call center is open

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

GARY BORDERS
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION



from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday – Saturday.

Cases up slightly

The number of COVID-19 cases in the past week rose slightly, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. As of last Friday, 269 deaths were reported – identical to last week. The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients continues to drop, with 1,899 hospitalized as of Friday, according to DSHS.

Missing children

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services has issued its annual report on children and youth missing from that agency's conservatorship or who are considered victims of human trafficking.

During fiscal year 2020,

which ended Aug. 31 of last year, a total of 2,229 children and youth were missing at some point. On Aug. 31, 255 were still missing. During that year, a total of 47,913 were in DFPS conservatorship, meaning 4.6 percent, went missing at some point.

Of the 1,972 children recovered during that time frame, 136 of them – 7 percent – reported being victimized while missing. Sixty-eight children – 3.4 percent – reported being a victim of sex trafficking.

Celebrating 50 years

The Texas Film Commission, created in 1971 to expand the film industry in Texas, turned a half-century old this year.

The commission has attracted \$1.66 billion in local spending and created more than 157,000 production jobs in Texas from 2007 to 2020. More than 150 Texas communities are now officially Texas Film Friendly.

"Texas has developed into such a vibrant destination for production across all media that the promise and potential recognized 50 years ago has been

more than realized," Abbott said.

Hurricane season

The 2021 hurricane season kicks off June 1, and it is expected to be another busy one.

Last year's Atlantic hurricane season included a record-breaking 30 storms, including a dozen that made landfall in the United States. Three storms – Hurricanes Hanna and Laura and Tropical Storm Marco – resulted in disaster declarations for several Texas counties, according to the Texas Association of Counties.

Hurricane researchers at Colorado State University warn that warmer Atlantic surface temperatures and the absence of El Niño conditions in the Pacific could result in a busy hurricane season.

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THE BOERNE STAR ONLINE POLL

Boerne officials recently denied a drive-through for HTea0 in the SoBo development of the city. Will decisions like this deter businesses from wanting to relocate in Boerne? Why or why not?

- Yes 82%
- No 18%

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BIBLE VERSE

"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

– 2 Corinthians 5:21

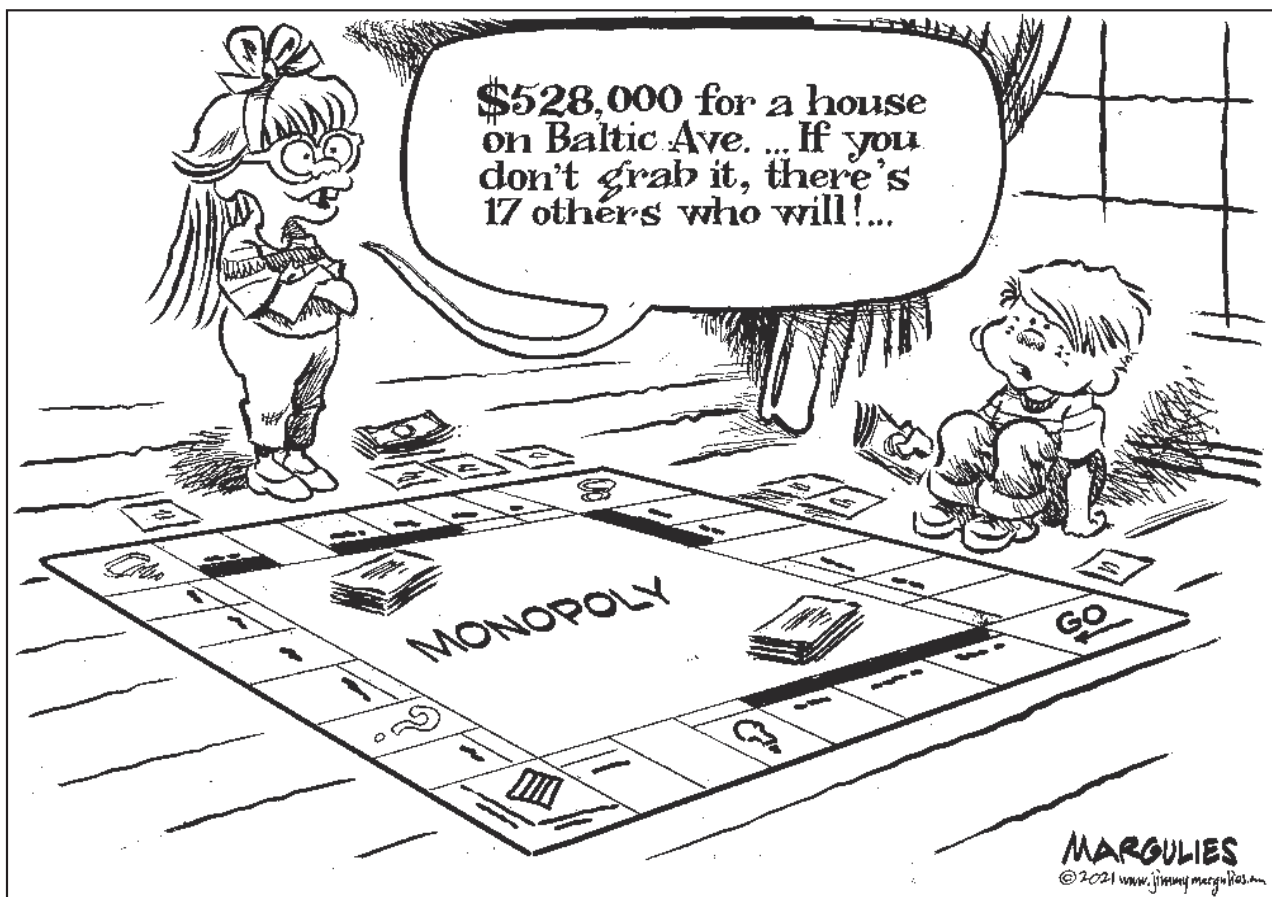
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"Peace comes from within. Do not seek it without."

– Muhammad Ali

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Troubles warming up to stepfather

Q: After years of being a single parent, I recently married a wonderful man. He's kind but firm with my three children and plans to adopt them. But my preschool-age son has had a hard time warming up to his new stepfather. Help!

Jim: Having struggled as a young stepson myself, it's easy for me to see this situation through your preschooler's eyes. A new man has suddenly moved in, taking up a lot of his mother's time and attention that once belonged to him. To make things worse, she's actually been kissing and hugging this guy – gross! And to top it all off, the new man is now telling the boy what to do and even disciplining him for misbehavior.

The problem can be even more challenging if you've struggled with consistency in setting limits with your kids. Many tired and busy single moms tend to be somewhat lenient with inappropriate behavior. If your new husband is a firm disciplinarian, your son probably won't like it.

I'd encourage your husband to spend lots of special one-on-one time with your son. Sincere demonstrations of warmth and love are critical for your son right now. I'd also suggest that Dad go out of his way to praise your boy when he behaves well instead of simply disciplining him when he acts up.

In other words, he needs to make intentional efforts to "catch the boy being good." At the same time,

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JIM DALY



you'll want to reinforce the process by firming up your own disciplinary techniques. Don't put your husband in the position of having to play the "bad cop" all the time. Do what you can to take up some of the slack and give Dad a chance to appear in a more positive light.

Our counseling team would also be happy to offer further assistance. Please call them at 855-771-HELP (4357).

Q: I'm a single woman, mutually attracted with a man who's eight years younger than I am. Other guys I've dated have been closer to my own age, so this feels a bit strange. Do you have advice?

Dr. Greg Smalley, vice president, Marriage & Family Formation: This scenario isn't as unusual as it might have been in the past. And you left out a key piece of information – you didn't say how old you (and he) actually are. It obviously makes a difference if you're 26 and he's 18, versus 34 and 26 ... or both in your 40s.

That said, certain dynamics can make these situations unique in their challenges. Like every other relationship, the most important consideration

is the character of the man and woman involved.

One obvious area you'll want to evaluate is his level of maturity and stability, especially if he's in his 20s or younger. Men generally take more time to identify their purpose and place in the world and aren't always inclined to settle down or prepared to support a family. Look closely at how he handles his finances, stress, commitments to job, church, friends, family, etc.

It's just as important to take an honest look at your own motives and to be aware of possible blind spots. Women tend to be the more nurturing of the sexes, while some guys are just looking for a perpetual mother. Such pairings typically have disastrous results – the woman takes on every responsibility and eventually loses respect for (and resents) the "little boy" she married who never grew up. Meanwhile, seek input from trusted friends and family who know you both.

With all that in mind, I'd say move ahead. But be sure to ask yourself these and other questions early and often to ensure you're both like-minded and in a similar, healthy place.

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Teens can unplug and reconnect with nature

Hi. I'm Noah, and I will lead the Cibolo Trailblazers Camp for teens ages 12-15 with my good friends, Alex and Ben. The three of us have known each other since high school, and together we have developed our passion for wildlife conservation and education through our volunteer work.

We have cleaned up bat caves, handled tarantulas, dressed up in crane costumes and many other educational activities for kids and adults alike. We work hard and currently are finishing our college degrees, where our studies range from a focus on education to wildlife biology.

We would like to encourage teens to participate in Trailblazers Camp. We know what it's like to be teenagers trying to find ways to fill up our summers. We were those teens wanting to crack into the world of working to do something meaningful with our time, especially for wildlife conservation, so we designed a camp just for that.

Trailblazers is a camp focused on doing community science, conservation,



service and most importantly, having fun. We will do activities such as bird watching, water testing, planting wildflowers, archery and learning how to handle animals.

Whether you're thinking of pursuing a career in wildlife conservation or just want to experience nature in a new way with your peers, then this would be a rich experience for you.

Starting June 7 and running through August 6, Trailblazers Camp will take place on both of our campuses - the Cibolo Nature Center and Herff Farm. The Cibolo has been a huge part of shaping me as a person and fostered my passion for education, so I was ecstatic to be given a chance to direct this year's Trailblazers Camp.

My goal is to design a camp that would help open



Noah Lawrence, Cibolo Summer Camp counselor and park ranger, will lead this year's Trailblazers camp for teens.

Submitted photo

a portal to wildlife conservation education for teenagers in the same way it has for me. Even if you are new to nature or are unsure of being outside all day, our activities do not require any previous experience. Yes, we will be doing great work for our planet, but trust me it will also be fun.

While it may seem that many of our activities are science-heavy, there will be plenty of opportunities to say active this summer, too. We will be walking the

Cibolo trails, swimming in the creek and doing archery. If you're between the ages of 12-15 and are interested in conservation, find environmental science cool or just want to get outdoors, then join us at the Cibolo to learn and grow with us this summer.

Registration for Cibolo Summer Camp is active now. We are also seeking young counselors to lead our camps too. Visit Cibolo.org for more information. I hope to see you this summer!

Cibolo Happenings

Farmers Market at Herff Farm

Saturday, June 5, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 33 Herff Road, Boerne. Spend your Saturdays at Herff Farm. Explore the gardens and trails, attend gardening workshops, guided hikes, programming for children, 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 at Herff Farm

Saturday, June 5, 10-11 a.m., 33 Herff Road, Boerne. 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.

Yoga-Adult Wellness Class: Movement Mondays

Monday, June 7, 10-11 a.m., 140 City Park Road, Boerne. Movement Monday is 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, Boerne. 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.

Moondance Outdoor Concerts: Almost Patsy Cline

Saturday, June 24, Doors open at 7 p.m. and music starts at 7:30 p.m., 140 City Park Road, Boerne. 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.

Library ready to celebrate milestone

It's so hard to believe that the Patrick Heath Public Library has been serving the community and visitors for 10 years! On Friday, June 4, it will be exactly a decade since we threw open the doors to throngs of excited people.

It's important to library and city staff for you to know how much we value your support. Without all of you, we wouldn't be where we are today.

Please join us on Friday, June 4, to help us celebrate. We'll have cookies and balloons, plus a banner you can post to your social media accounts. If you want to get one of our dynamic, colorful library cards, they cost just \$1.

The youth department is offering wonderful programs and activities all day for little ones. At 10 a.m. children can get their faces painted. At 11 a.m., we'll be offering pony and horse rides on the back lawn. At noon, children can enjoy decorating cookies so generously donated by Bear Moon Bakery. Finally, youth can decorate their own party hats while supplies last. We can't wait so see all of you!

Summer programming

School is out, and you know what that means! The library picks up the slack and continues helping students keep up their reading skills with tons of fun programming and activities that will entertain and educate.

Our programs aren't limited to just the little ones. Teens and adults can participate as well. This year's theme is Tails and Tales, and it's all about animals and nature.

Please stop by the library to pick up a brochure listing all the fun events we have planned for June and July.

Special author events

The library will be hosting Texas cryptozoologist Ken Gerhard for a discussion of cryptids in Texas. According to his bio at www.kengerhard.com, Gerhard is a widely recognized cryptozoologist and field investigator for The Centre for Fortean Zoology, as well as a fellow of the Pangea Institute and consultant for several research organizations.

He has traveled the world searching for evidence of mysterious animals and legendary beasts. In addition to co-hosting the History Channel TV series "Missing in Alaska," Ken has appeared in numerous television series and specials, including "Monster Quest," "The Real Wolfman," "Ancient Aliens," "True Monsters," "Unexplained Files," "Legend Hunters," "Paranatural, Weird or What? with William Shatner," "Monsters and Mysteries in America," "True Supernatural," "Ultimate Encounters," "Monster Project" and "Shipping Wars."

Ken is an author and has contributed to trade publications including Fate Magazine. He currently lectures and exhibits at various conferences and events across the United States.

Gerhard will be featured in two separate events in the community room. The first takes place on June 7 and the second is July 26. Both are from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.



The library welcomes its two newest staff members, Mary Urh, left, and Dawn Zeig, who both will both work as library associates at the public desks.



Submitted photos



Bookshop Under the Windmill

Have you ever visited the charming shop of used books, movies, audio books and more next to the library? It's operated solely by volunteers in the Friends of the Boerne Public Library.

The bookshop is open each week Wednesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There are three ways to help make the Bookshop Under the Windmill successful: purchase materials there, donate gently used items to be sold there and become a volunteer who helps keep the place up and running.

If you have used items please donate them directly to the library and we'll make sure the volunteers get them. If you are a warm, friendly person who likes to help people in a retail setting, then perhaps you would consider volunteering at the shop. If so, please contact Sandy Johnston at the library to find out more.

You can call the library or email Sandy at johnston@boer-nelibrary.org.

Tech team here to help

Do you have nagging questions about why your phone doesn't do what you're expecting, or if your laptop or tablet gives you a message that doesn't make sense? Or maybe you just want to find out how to do even more cool things on your mobile devices?

Our Tech Team is here to help! Oemuer Samsa is available on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.; Alicia Owens (Teacup Techie) is here on Tuesday

evenings from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Manuela Guerra, our newest member, can help you from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays; and Carlos is available on Thursdays, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

All these qualified team members sit out in the lobby, and we accept walk-ins during their scheduled times. Please be sure to take advantage of this free assistance.

Discussion groups

With COVID-19, many of our discussion groups took a hit when we couldn't meet in person, but we became creative with different ways to keep meeting each month. Some of our meetings were on Zoom, some were at the amphitheater and a few were even hybrids of both.

We are pleased to announce that we're all meeting in person again.

If you're a poetry lover, you can try out our Boerne Beat group on the first Monday of each month at 9:15 a.m.. On the first Thursday at noon, the whodunit fans gather to talk for Mysteries for Lunch. On the second Monday each month at noon, we talk about literary fiction in our Food for Thought group. On the fourth Monday of each month at noon, the Reality Readers non-fiction group meets. On the fourth Thursday at 10 a.m., eclectic readers enjoy meeting for Mary's Potpourri.

All these groups are free and geared toward adults. Just call or stop by to find how you can participate.

Staying informed

You can contact us at 830-249-3053, visit us at www.boer-nelibrary.org, download our PhDigital mobile app and track us down on our two Facebook accounts and on Instagram.

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, June 1: Curbside service, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Teacup Techie, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 2: Curbside service, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; bookshop open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Media with Manny Tech Hour, 1 p.m.
- Thursday, June 3: Curbside service, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; bookshop open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Mysteries for Lunch, noon; Drawing Club, 1:30 p.m.; Carlos.com, 2 p.m.
- Friday, June 4: Curbside service, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; birthday celebration, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookshop open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Saturday, June 5: Bookshop open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Monday, June 7: Curbside service, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Boerne Beat, 9:15 a.m.; Tech Time with Oemuer, 10 a.m.; Mark Fuller program for kids, 10 a.m.; author Ken Gerhard, 1 p.m.

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Guadalupe Flow Comfort (5/3/21)	41.8 cfs		
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Historical Median Flow	263 cfs		

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1 Beethoven's Third, popularly	51 "Annie" star Quinn	110 "— Gold" (Fonda film)	10 Exalting poem	48 Chalked stick	87 Wood strip
7 Biblical twin	52 Home of the Bay of Pigs	111 Author Sarah — Jewett	11 Really criticize	49 Remit, as sins	88 Throb
12 "— -Ca-Dabra" (1974 song)	53 Mr. America's pride	112 Gun rights org.	12 The Little Mermaid	53 Musician Guthrie	90 Shaw of jazz
16 Math calculation	56 Sensed	114 Stunning with a gun	13 Moist, as grass	54 Bone to pick	91 Presage
19 Fred Astaire, e.g.	60 Great serves	116 Riddle's answer	14 GI's time off	55 See	92 Ration
20 Piano challenge	61 It has limbs	122 Town near Santa Barbara	15 Clerk at TV's Kwik-E-Mart	56 84-Across	93 Mineo of films
21 Get out of the field	62 Bit of a lot	123 Everything, in Latin	16 Actor Antonio — Jr.	57 Tea box	94 Three, in Rome
22 Year, in Portugal	63 Cow catcher	124 Ill-advised	17 Asymmetric	58 Latin "Lo!"	95 Try to hit, as a gnar
23 Start of a riddle	66 Diner dish	125 Decimal base	18 Oscar winner Rita	59 Mined find	96 Coined thing
25 Security datum	68 Riddle, part 4	126 New York City river	19 Asymmetric	60 Year- — glance	97 China's Sun
27 Cockpit guess, briefly	73 Home of Ikea	127 "Zounds!"	20 Asymmetric	61 Green car?	101 Mystical board
28 Math calculation	74 Virtual bread?	128 Notes with hashtags	21 Asymmetric	62 Green car?	102 Lower arm bones
29 Woolen cloth	75 Elliptical	DOWN	22 Asymmetric	63 Green car?	103 Kosher
31 Many a roof edge	76 Like saints	1 Falco of "The Sopranos"	23 Asymmetric	64 "TGIF" part	104 Like plow-pulling oxen
32 Riddle, part 2	77 Not had by	2 Balsa transports	24 Asymmetric	65 Hearth residue	105 Lock of hair
38 Costume part, perhaps	79 Tums away	3 Tavem sign	25 Asymmetric	66 Like a missing GI	106 Neither Rep. nor Dem.
39 Future jr.	84 With	4 Freud's "I"	26 Asymmetric	67 Tony winner Carter	107 Many a bellybutton
40 Maine college town	55-Down, totally ready	5 So-so mark	27 Asymmetric	68 Like a missing GI	108 Lovers' meeting
41 Riddle, part 3	85 Mrs., in Berlin	6 Call into court	28 Asymmetric	69 Tony winner	113 Firefighters' tools
50 Debt slip	86 SOS signals	7 Tiara shiner	29 Asymmetric	70 Subside	115 Sushi eggs
	89 "So ooo!"	8 Best players	30 Asymmetric	71 Start for friendly	117 "Can u believe it!"
	90 Riddle, part 5	9 Bad dog	31 Asymmetric	72 Aplomb	118 — roll (lucky)
	95 "Heidi" author Johanna		32 Asymmetric	73 "Na Na" lead-in	119 Nashville-to-Chicago dir.
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Coming Friday

Because of holiday deadlines, Champion High School's graduation coverage will appear in the Friday, June 4, edition of The Star.

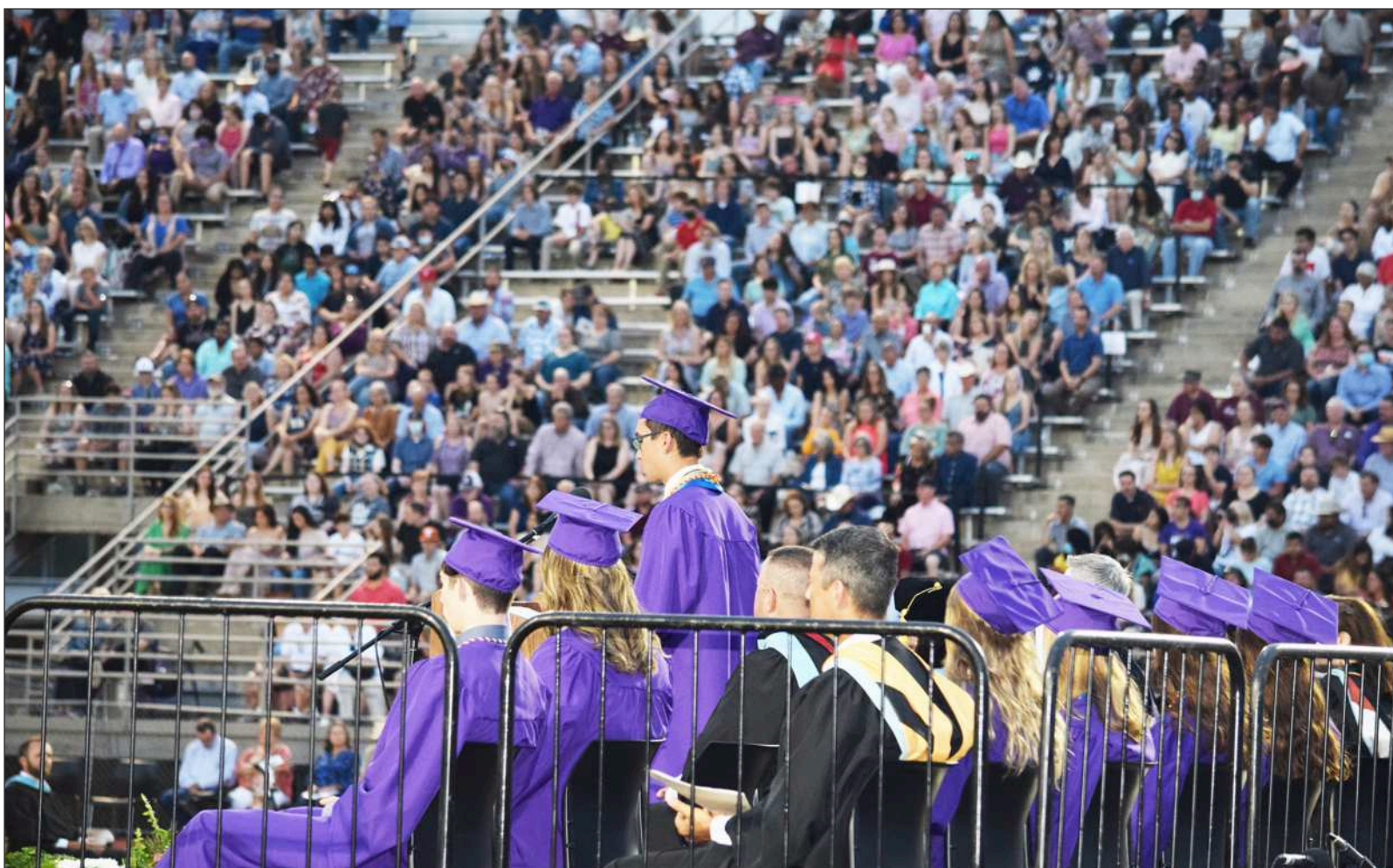
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Remember the Friday night football games, cheering in the student section while the band plays from the stands. Remember the teachers, who have taught us much more than the quadratic formula or the definition of 'boiling point.' Remember the post-game Whataburger runs and the Homecoming dress up days. Remember the state qualifying athletics, academics, and fine arts programs, concluding with an exhilarating ride on the 'energy bus' and a state championship. But most importantly, remember the relationships you've built and the memories made alongside your closest friends."

Quoting iconic figures like Master Yoda, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Michael Jackson and Andy Bernard, Agarwal encouraged his classmates to passionately pursue their dreams rather than anybody else's, reminding the graduating Class of 2021 that they are equal to those they may come across in future endeavors.

"While you might be less experienced than those around you in these next few years, remember that you are just as capable, if not more than, of using your talent and work ethic to achieve greatness," Agarwal said before concluding his speech.

Salutatorian Mary Roc-



Boerne High School Class of 2021 Valedictorian Deven Agarwal (standing) addresses his fellow graduates, as well as the thousands in attendance on Thursday night during commencement exercises at BISD Stadium. Star photo by Keith E. Domke

chio recalled walking into high school four years ago, wide-eyed and naive. While she said they were frequently challenged by their academics, Rocchio pointed reminded her fellow graduates of the many fun and formative memories they made, screaming at pep rallies, dancing at winter formals, performing in athletics and the arts and even switching things up in powder puff games.

Rocchio called on the poem "If" by Rudyard Kipling, which the graduates were required to learn in a pre-AP English class. She related the poem to the graduates, encouraging them not to just pursue their dreams but to accomplish them, stay-

ing true to themselves along the way.

"This very moment is a dream for many of us when we were little, excited for the day we become members of the workforce, armed services, or student body at a trade school or university," Rocchio said. "The dream was not to just walk across this very stage. Instead, it was what that walk meant, symbolizing the moment of leaving home, becoming full-time employees or starting a new chapter in our lives. In planning for this momentous step in our lives early in our high school career, we now wear these bright purple gowns and leave knowing that we were able to live in

the moment and 'not make dreams (our) master.'"

Student Council President Rebecca Jung closed the commencement with a farewell speech before the graduates were called up one by one to receive their diploma. Jung remembered being a kindergartner, "trying to count on my fingers how many years it would be until I got here to this moment."

Jung challenged her fellow graduates to a game of truth or dare, daring her peers to chase their dreams with courage and determination without fear of failure.

"Dare," Jung said, challenging the graduates. "It can be scary taking on a dare. You never know what is

about to come out of someone's mouth, but my dare to y'all isn't something to fear, it is something to embrace. You ready for it? I dare you to dream big, make mistakes and live boldly in the years coming forth. By this I mean run toward your goals in the pursuit of happiness. Throw away your fears and don't be afraid of what could happen but be excited for what could blossom from the opportunities you will receive."

After Jung's calls for dream-chasing, Wilson asked that any graduates who were immediately enlisting in the armed forces to stand and be recognized, saying BISD appreciates and values military enlistees. At least

two graduates stood up to a roaring crowd.

Then the list of the 280 or so graduates began. Family member and friends roared with support as the graduating class of 2021 each crossed the stage and made their way around the football field back to their seats, stopping to hug their closest teachers that lined either side of the field and to take pictures.

When all was said and done, the Boerne High School Song was played and the graduating class threw their caps in the air in the traditional last gradulatory hooray as the audience yelled, "Hail, Hail to thee, ole Boerne High, thy name we all hold dear!"

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the role. Her professional and academic experience also led to her desire to run for the position, with Van Stavern saying it seemed like a natural next step.

"It's something I've always thought about doing one day," Van Stavern said. "So, when the opportunity presented itself, I figured I had nothing to lose. If it got it, great, I had something to learn. If not, that's fine I still love being a police officer for Boerne. I dared myself really."

Van Stavern has been a patrol officer since 2011 but started as a jailer in the Midland County Sheriff's Office in 2008. While on maternity leave from Midland County, Van Stavern said she decided to go through the police academy and became a patrol officer. She soon will receive a degree in judicial administration from Waylon Baptist University and already has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

Van Stavern said she has been researching and preparing for her justice of the peace role starting next week, saying she understands it will be challenging but she's eager to learn. She also said she has received a lot of support and help from the other justices who are showing her the ropes.

"I'm a little nervous, but I have faith that I'll figure it out," Van Stavern said. "I'll forge my own path and work with the other JPs. I respect all of them. I know all of them. I've worked with some of them out on patrol, and they're all good people."

Van Stavern said she would like to examine how the local judicial system works with juveniles who end up in the system, citing her BPD assignment to the schools for the past three years as a driving force behind that interest. She worked at a teen court while in college and said she would like to see a teen court developed in Kendall County to get youth more involved in the judicial system, whether that be juveniles who end up in the criminal system or students who need volunteer hours for National Honors Society

scholarships.

Van Stavern said it's important for students who end up in trouble to have a say in their judicial system, and she said such a program could allow those who have been in trouble and

corrected their path to help guide their peers who begin struggling.

"It's important to start with the young kids who are getting in trouble," Van Stavern said. "To make sure our community is a better

place, we need to kind of nip that behavior in the bud going forward."

Van Stavern said while everyone is sad to see Nunley go, she thinks Nunley will do great in whatever she pursues after she vacates the

justice seat. Van Stavern said she worked with Nunley several times in the past, and the former justice always had been supportive during adoption and reunification cases Van Stavern worked on with a committee.

During the Thursday commissioners court meeting, Bergmann said she was excited for Van Stavern to start, and Precinct 3 Commissioner Richard Chapman simply said, "All I can say is welcome aboard."

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Geneva journalism students receive Quill & Scroll honor

Forty-two Geneva School of Boerne Rhetoric journalism students recently were inducted into the Quill & Scroll International Journalism Honor Society during a recent assembly. This was a combined induction of students invited this year and last year.

To qualify, students must be a rising junior or senior, must have a

GPA above a 3.0 (society standard) and have excelled in journalism. The Geneva chapter has added students who must have won at least two awards while on staff. Yearbook, magazine, cinema and photo team students are eligible.

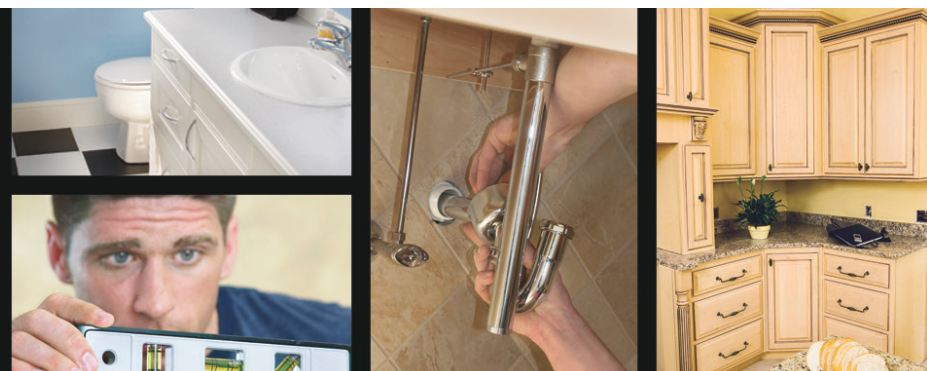
The honored students are Lauren Abell, Mattie Sue Arnold, Ava Ayers, Sophia Baldwin, Abby

Bower, Kaitlyn Cates, Sarah Coultriss, Sydney Dennis, Alexa Elizondo, Emma Grace Erfurt, Juliana Flores, Jackson Friesenhahn, John Henry Friesenhahn, Garrett Fritcher, Alexa Georgelos, Sydney Griffey, Quentin Hartman, Micah Howard, Hailey Hubenak, Gracie Janse, Shyla Jennings, Luke Kaiser, Joshua Kupferschmid, Lily

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SOFTBALL UPDATE!!

Because of the Memorial Day holiday, the Boerne Star went to press with the Tuesday, June 1, issue last Friday before Boerne High's regional championship softball series with Calallen was completed. For results, check the Star's website at www.boernestar.com and also check out our Twitter account at @BoerneStarSport. For a complete series summary, look in Friday's paper.

Deer have 11 softball players named all-district

KERRY BARBOZA

Sports Editor

The Comfort High softball team capped its 2021 season by having 11 players recognized as all-district selections.

Emma Wardlaw was named the 25-3A Pitcher of the Year, while catcher Ashlynn Rodriguez, third baseman Morgan Hansen and shortstop Dezirae Hansen were all first-team selections.

Outfielder Kenni Jay, second baseman Hayden Jay, first baseman Madalynn Rodriguez and center-fielder/third baseman Aidan Vetter were named to the second team.

Outfielder Tori Hernandez, outfielder/designated hitter Tilly Avalos and utility player Brinn Crawford were all named honorable mention.

The Deer softball team had a

solid season and went two rounds deep into the playoffs this year. Comfort finished second in district at 5-3 behind Blanco. The Deer opened the playoffs by defeating Stockdale in the opening round, 4-0, in a one game for only the softball program's fourth postseason victory in school history.

Comfort faced Columbus in the second round and was swept by the Lady Cardinals. Columbus had a good year as well and went four rounds deep this season.



Comfort High's Emma Wardlaw was named the District 25-3A Pitcher of the Year after her performance this past season. Star photo by Justin Tinney

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Boerne Champion baseball awards ceremony



The Boerne Champion baseball team recently held its annual awards ceremony where several team awards were handed out. (L-r): Connor Holtorf received the Offensive Award, Josh Bowman earned the Hustle Award, Cash Christy received the Mark Roberts Academic Excellence Award, Michael Ramirez was given the Charger Pride Award, Victor Santana received the Defensive Award, Ryan Brandon earned the Gold Glove Award and Jordan Ballin received the Silver Slugger Award and was also named Team MVP. Star photo by Kerry Barboza

Six Geneva baseball players land on all-district squad

KERRY BARBOZA

Sports Editor

The Geneva School of Boerne baseball team had six players named to one of the all-district teams.

Sam Armstrong was a first-team all-district selection and Guy George was named second-team all-district.

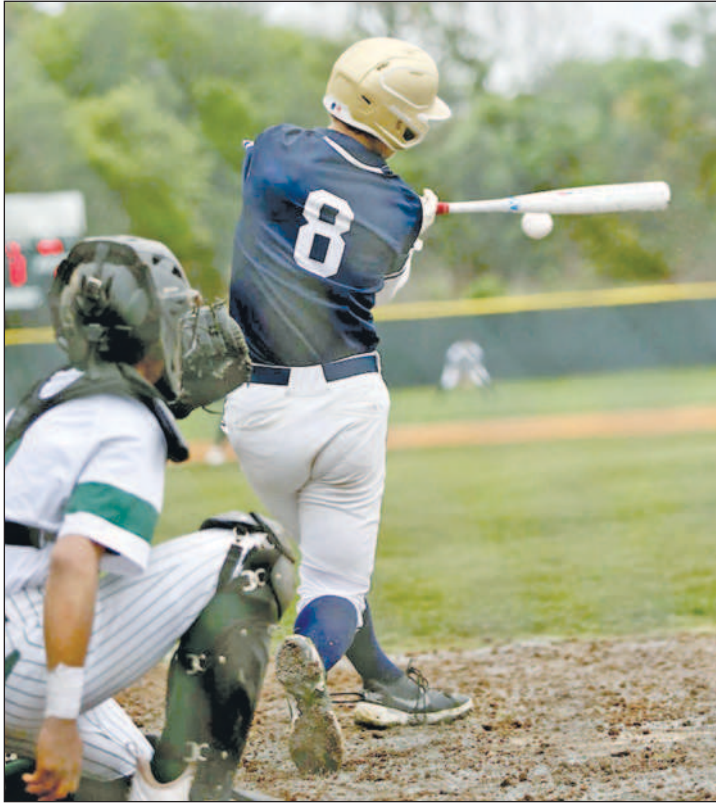
Four Eagles, Grey Herlihy, Chaz Lutz, Guy Kohler and George Viña, all landed on the honorable mention squad.

Geneva finished 9-9 this year and made the playoffs. The Eagles opened with a tough loss to Fort Bend Christian Academy in the opening round.

Geneva outthit the Sugar Land school, 9-4, but lost the game, 4-3, to end their season.

Geneva's Sam Armstrong records a base hit for the Eagles baseball team. Armstrong was a first-team all-district selection this year.

Star photo by Julie Viña



Downard signs to play baseball with Arlington Baptist University



Boerne High's Caleb Downard recently signed a letter of intent to continue his baseball career at Arlington Baptist University. Pictured: Caleb signs his letter of intent as his parents Catherine and Donald Downard watch. Submitted photo



At the recent Boerne Champion track and field awards ceremony Davis Pike, Garrett Menzies, Adam Borgerding, Ben Blomqvist, Foster Wilfong, Skye Leamy, Addison Hankins, Camille Malatak, Chachi Gonzales and Riley Burkey all received team awards. Star photo by Kerry Barboza

Chargers track and field hosts awards ceremony

KERRY BARBOZA

Sports Editor

At the recent Boerne Champion track and field awards ceremony, several team awards were handed out.

On the girls side, Chachi Gonzales was named the Team MVP and Outstanding Distance Runner, Addison Hankins was named Outstanding Hurdler,

Riley Burkey was named Outstanding Sprinter, Camille Malatak was named Outstanding Field Event performer and Skye Leamy received the Golden Baton Award.

On the boys side, Foster Wilfong was named the Team MVP and the Outstanding Distance Runner, Davis Pike was named the Outstanding Hurdler, Ben Blomqvist was named Outstanding Sprinter, Adam Borgerding was named the Outstanding Field Event performer and Garrett Menzies received the Golden Baton Award.

Lady Chargers recognized at basketball awards ceremony



At the recent Boerne Champion girls basketball awards ceremony several team awards were handed out. (L-r): Addisen King and Hannah Barraza (not pictured) were named Offensive MVPs, Emerson Deberry received the We Are Champion Award, Kendall Skipper was named Defensive MVP and Khiara Flugence was voted Team MVP. Submitted photo



TMI grads celebrate successes

TMI Episcopal conducted its 123rd graduation ceremony Thursday, May 20, on the school's Howell Field. Among them were 13 local students, Charles Barreras, Jackson Basil, Rachel Davis, Isabella Grossman, Jessica Mims, Ann Mosis, Dylan Pegg, Sydney Serratos, Aidan Sherman and Jorge Velasco, all of Boerne; and John Fera, George Gaiser and Mikaela Mumme of Fair Oaks Ranch.



The 81 members of TMI Episcopal's class of 2021 give the traditional Texas-shape hand sign while singing the school's alma mater at their May 20 graduation on Howell Field.

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Pegg was the student speaker, chosen by the faculty. He was editor in chief of The Muse literary magazine and will be attending Rochester Institute of Technology.

Mims was the recipient of the Leonard A. and Irma G. Duce Award for the female senior who has exemplified outstanding student achievement at TMI. She was a member of the Upper School Student Leadership Board and of the National Honor Society and was a Junior Classical League competitor who will attend Baylor University.

Diplomas were presented to 81 graduating seniors by the Rev. Scott Brown, head of school, and senior awards were presented by Dean of Students Sherry Brown.

Yu "Nikki" Fang was the recipient of the Bishop's Cup, presented to the student who has demonstrated the finest qualities of Christian citizenship and has shown due regard to the rights and needs of others. She was a company officer in the Texas Military Institute Corps of Cadets, communications officer in TMI's chapter of the National Honor Society and leader of the Spanish Club's fundraiser for the Border Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of West

Texas, who will be attending Carnegie Mellon University.

Joshua Thayil was the recipient of the Founder's Award, which honors the Rt. Rev. James S. Johnston, who founded the school in 1893, and is presented to the student who best embodies the mission of TMI — a student who is dedicated to excellence, cares deeply for others and is motivated to be a servant leader. He was battalion commander of the Corps, a National Merit Commended Scholar, Honor Council member and an Academic All-State swimmer, who will be going to Baylor University.

Members of the TMI class of 2021 were offered a total of \$10,120,235 in scholarship funds for all four years of their college education. In state, they will attend colleges and universities including Baylor, Southern Methodist University, Southwestern, Texas A&M University at College Station, Trinity and the University of Texas at Austin.

Out of state, TMI graduates will matriculate at colleges and universities including Arizona State at Tempe, Boston University, Brandeis, California Institute of Technology (Cal Tech),

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Of this year's graduates, 22 were designated Alpha Omega for having attended TMI from sixth through 12th grade. Another 32 qualified as members of the National Honor Society.

Class of 2021 graduates also were represented as National Merit Commended Scholars, Advanced Placement Scholars and in the National African American and National Hispanic recognition programs.

Five TMI alumni have signed national letters of intent to play college sports as follows: Christian Cuellar plans to play tennis for the University of the Incarnate Word; Patricio Parra, soccer at Cornell; Sydney Serratos, soccer, Cal Tech; Tristan Smith, soccer, University of Chester; and Pato Wray, baseball at Hardin-Simmons.

Historic teaching



Herff Elementary School third-grade teacher Stephanie Edmondson (holding certificate) was honored by the Boerne Area Historical Preservation Society for creating and maintaining the history of Boerne. Edmondson incorporates the history of Boerne and Kendall County in her lesson plans, as well as plans field trips to historical locations in Boerne.

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Exceptional Senior Award

Two members of the Boerne ISD Class of 2021 have earned the Exceptional Senior Award from Congressman Chip Roy.

Champion's Joseph Walker Butler and Boerne's Scott Hettie are two of just 40 high school seniors in Congressman Roy's district to earn the honor.

The winners of this award are students who have consistently displayed high levels of character, leader-



Butler



Hettie

ship, integrity and diligence through their philanthropic activities, academic success

and reputations among peers and teachers, information from Roy's office stated.



Capitol art

Champion High School sophomore Abby Powledge won first-place in the 2021 Congressional Art Competition for Congressman Chip Roy's District (TX-21). Powledge's artwork titled "A Texas Rarity" which depicts the February winter storm will be sent to Washington, D.C. and be on display in the United States Capitol for one-year. Powledge's art teacher, Meagan Ramsey, submitted her artwork into the competition and was notified earlier this month of her first-place finish.

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Lonestar Properties
Kuper Sotheby's
Phyllis Browning Co.
Coldwell Banker D' Ann Harper
Keller Williams Realty

Title Company

Kendall County Abstract
Guarantee Title
Independence Title
Texas Investors
Alamo Title Company

HOME & FAMILY SERVICES

Air Conditioning Company

KCA Services
Boerne AC
Comfort Boys
Frontrunner AC
Climate Care

Church

St Peter The Apostle
Catholic Church
Currey Creek Baptist Church
Trinity Presbyterian
Cibolo Creek Community Church
First United Methodist

Daycare

Mini Texans
St Helena's
Little Explorers Learning Center
Thrive Early Learning
Planet Kids

Dry Cleaners

Carl's Cleaners
Mitchell Cleaners
Toudanines Cleaners
Lemon Cleaners
Comet Cleaners

Electrical Repair

United Electric
NH Electric
Kehler Electric
Bandera Electric
Colbran Electric

Funeral Home

Ebensberger - Fisher
Holt and Holt Funeral Home
Schaeffer Funeral Home

Gymnastics/Dance Center

Boerne Gymnastics
Boerne Dance Center
Stardust Ballroom Dance
Crossfire Gymnastics
Lonestar Collective Dance

Home Cleaning Service

Maid In Texas
Merry Maids of Boerne
Maid Pro
Boerne Carpet Cleaning
Pros
Prestige Carpet Cleaning

Home Inspection

Lonestar Home Inspection
Robert's Hi-Tech Home Inspections
Fidelity Home Inspection
Hill Country Home Spec
Pillar To Post Home Inspectors

Home Remodeler

Meister Painting and Remodeling
BW Baker Builder
MM & I Remodeling
Lone Star Construction
Boerne Kitchens and Baths

Internet Service Provider

GVTC
Bandera Electric Coop
Spectrum
Bee Creek Communications
HTC

Landscaping Company

Dream Image
Boerne Lawn and Landscape
Blades of Glory
Burkett Tree
Panache

Painting Company

Meister Painting
Boerne Painting Pros
Hill Country Painting
Certa Pro
David Martinez Painting

Pest Control

Covenant
Boerne Pest Control
Oak Hills Pest Control
Go Away Pest Control
Success Pest Management

Pet Service

Boerne Grooming
Hill Country Pet ranch
Herbst Vet
Pet Styling by MiMi
All 4 Paws Grooming

Pet Store

Red Crest Pet Shop
Pets Barn
HEB
Herbst
Fetch & Fiskars

Plumbing Company

Hill Country Plumbing
JH Plumbing
Denny Plumbing
Boerne Plumbing
Rittmann Plumbing

Postal Center

UPS
Parcel Express
USPS
Bergeheim Postal & Print

Private Schools

Geneva School of Boerne
Vanguard
St. Helena's

Rain Gutter Company

Quality Gutters
Boerne Rain Gutters Pros
Gutters Plus
Mammoth Roofing

Roofing Company

Two Brothers Roofing
Quality Roofing
Kendall County Roofing
Williamson Roofing
Roof Pros

Storage Facility

Morningstar Storage
Ten Oaks Storage
A-1 Red White Blue
Alpha Mini Storage
Attic Pantry

Swimming Pool Service

Boerne Pool Supply
Aqua-Man Water Conditioning
Dan's Pool Supply
Miramar Pools
Pool Peeps

Veterinary Clinic

Morrison
Herbst Veterinary Hospital
PC
Cibolo Creek Vet Hospital
Boerne Veterinary Clinic
Hill Country Animal League

Water Conditioning

Culligan
Aqua-Man Water Conditioning
Whitaker's
Texas Splash
Kinetic

Water Well Company

H.W. Schwoppe
TR Drilling
Rockin'r Water Well Services LLC
H & H Well Services

HOME FURNISHING

Antique Store

The Sanctuary for the Vintage Soul
Serendipity
Two Trick Pony
Boerne Farmhouse
Flashback Antiques

Art Gallery

Carriage House Gallery
Gallery 195
Bella Creo
Texas Treasures Fine Art Gallery
J Hester Studios

Flooring Company

Couture Floors
Cinar
Twin Sisters

Florist

Flower Shop
Empty Vase
Blume Haus
HEB

Home Decor

2 Trick Pony
Jacques 2
Double Dry Goods
Red Rooster
Billy's Western Wear

OUTDOOR, FARM & RANCH

Farm & Ranch Retailer

Wheeler's
Tractor Supply
Strutty's Feed

Gun Dealer

Alamo Sporting Arms
Apache Rifeworks
Montechema
Wheeler's
Fair Oaks Firearms

Outdoor/Farm & Ranch Equipment

Wheeler's
Tractor Supply
Strutty's Feed

Shooting Range

Boerne Shooting Club
Apache Rifeworks
Leading Edge Archery

ELDER CARE

Assisted Living

Menger Springs
Franklin Park
Kronosky Place
Boerne Heritage Place

Nursing Home

Cibolo Creek Health Care Choice
Town & Country Nursing Home
Menger Springs

Home Health Care

Nurses Next Door
Inspired Care Solutions
All Country Home Health
Crest Home Health
Tri Country Home Health

Hospice Care

Alamo Hospice
All Country Home Care
Heart to Heart Hospice
River City Hospice
Home Instead

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Adult Dental Care (pick top 5)

Boerne Dental Center
Premier Dental Boerne
Dr Steven Sanchez
Hill Country Dental
Dr Barry Gooden

Audiology/Hearing

Estes Audiology
Ear Medical Group
Associates of Audiology
Hill Country Hearing

Chiropractor

Galli Family Chiropractic
Boerne Wellness Chiropractic
Boerne Chiropractic Clinic
Hastings Chiropractic & Wellness
Hill Country Spine & Sport

Dermatologist