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Ramirez wins mayor; Bega, Snowden reelected

By Julianne Hodges
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Elgin mayoral challenger Ron Ramirez has won, while Ward 1 incumbent council member Jessica Bega has been reelected in the other contested race on the Elgin City Council. In county elections, Elgin-area commissioner for Precinct 4 incumbent Donna Snowden has been reelected.

All precincts in Bastrop County had completely reported results as of 9:40 p.m. A total of 36,894 ballots were cast in the entire

election, with a turnout of 70.67% of Bastrop County's 52,203 registered voters. Shortly after the polls closed at 7 p.m., 31,511 ballots had been counted and were reported at 7:34 p.m.

In Bastrop County, Ramirez earned 62.52% of the votes, while incumbent candidate Chris Cannon earned 37.48%. On the side of Elgin located within Travis County, Ramirez earned 62.15% of the votes, while Cannon earned 37.85% of the votes.

"I would like to thank all the citizens of Elgin

who went to the polls and stepped up for their hard-fought right to have a voice in how and by whom they are led," Ramirez said. "Thank you to all those family, old friends and brand new friends who spent time, money and effort to promote my thoughts and ideas on how Elgin will grow. Special thanks to Mayor Chris Cannon for his many years of service to our community. He has left many positive processes that we can use to improve our town. Congratulations to our city council members who

were voted in to continue their public service: Jessica Bega, Sue Brashar and Susie Arreaga. Congratulations to Ward 1 candidate Arthur Gibson III. It takes guts to put yourself out there and I wish you luck in your future endeavors.

"I look forward to working in unison with all the Council in the coming term," Ramirez also said. "I fully realize the many challenges Elgin faces but am also very aware of the many good things that we can bring to our town. I ask for patience. Of course, not everyone will agree with

everything we do or say. But rest assured, I will keep the betterment of our town always in the forefront of my decisions. I have a vision and will work with city leaders in and out of government to make things better for us as Elginites."

"It was my pleasure to serve Elgin officially for a third of my life," Cannon said. "That will not change; this town is a part of me and I will always work to better the community. I wish Ron all the best and know he will do a good

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Elgin Masonic Lodge celebrates century-and-a-half milestone



Members of the Elgin Masonic Lodge #328 and others gathered to celebrate the organization's 150th anniversary on Saturday, November 7.

Photos by Julianne Hodges

Elgin Masonic Lodge #328 marked their 150th anniversary this year on Saturday, November 7. The lodge had originally planned for a celebration in June, but this was delayed due to COVID-19. The Elgin lodge began in Perryville, a community two-and-a-half miles south of present-day Elgin, a few years before Elgin was founded in 1872.



Grand Grand Master Paul Underwood with the Lodge #328 officers for 2020-2021. From left to right: Senior Warden Sheldon Johnson, Worshipful James White, Grand Master of Texas Masons MW Paul Underwood, and Junior Warden Ray Works.



After that morning's meeting, the Elgin Masonic Lodge celebrated with a lunch.

McDade schools report COVID-19, briefly close

By Julianne Hodges
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A positive case of COVID-19 was detected on campus at McDade ISD last week, and schools were closed until Monday for cleaning.

McDade ISD reported the case on Thursday evening through their Facebook page @McDadeISD. The person was sent home immediately, and the case was reported to the Texas Department of State Health Services, the Texas Education Agency and Bastrop County health officials, according to McDade ISD. Those agencies worked with school staff to prevent any future spread, and county health authority Dr. Desmar Walkes performed contact tracing to find all individuals who had contact with the patient and require them to self-isolate at home for two weeks.

For privacy, McDade ISD did not release the name or any personal identifiable information of any student or staff member affected.

McDade schools were closed until Monday in order to allow custodial and maintenance crews to deep-clean all buildings.

COVID-19 cases: 105 active, 1,939 recovered

As of Monday afternoon, Bastrop County has confirmed a total of 2,077 positive cases of COVID-19, according to the county's dashboard.

So far, 1,939 people have recovered from the illness in Bastrop County, leaving 105 active cases.

At the same time last week,

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Committee finds options for new monument site

By Julianne Hodges
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The group working to relocate the Confederate monuments at the county courthouse has found a few more options for a new location, but is still raising funds and searching for more bids to choose from for the work to move the monuments.

After a month of debate this summer about two monuments with ties to the Confederacy—an obelisk monument dedicated to the Confederate soldiers of Bastrop County and a memorial to Major Joseph Sayers—located on the Bastrop County Courthouse lawn, the Bastrop County Commissioners Court approved their re-

location in July. During a recent regular meeting on October 26, the court heard an update from the co-chairs of the committee tasked with finding a new home for the monuments and raising the funds to do so.

First, co-chair Cheryl Lee gave an update on the search for a new site for the monuments. She said the

committee has found five possible locations.

One of those options is Mayfest Park in Bastrop. During the previous meeting on October 13, the court approved a letter of intent to be sent to the Bastrop City Council in order to begin the discussion about potentially moving the monuments to the city's park.

In addition, a number of private property owners, located on FM 812, FM 304 and FM 969, have reached out with interest in taking the monuments. Lee said the committee had a meeting scheduled with the property owners on FM 969 last week.

Lee also mentioned a

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Alwina Sophia Maria Hodde Hamann

Alwina Sophia Maria Hodde Hamann passed away Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at the age of 99. She was born September 21, 1921 to Wilhelm and Alwina Mahlow Hodde in the home in which she grew up in located in the Richland Community of Pflugerville, Texas. Alwina married Marvin W Hamann on January 12, 1952. They enjoyed 65 years of marriage.

Alwina attended the Richland Community School thru the ninth grade and then graduated from Manor High School in 1939. After graduation, Alwina became "nanny" to several families in the community, as well as, the Simeon and Kruegar families in Austin.

She enjoyed being involved in the community, which included, being a 4-H adult leader with the Richland 4-H Club. This activity allowed her to be very involved with the Travis County Livestock Show and the Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo, as well as, the Pflugerville 4-H and FFA Booster Club. Alwina was honored by receiving the Travis County 4-H Silver Spur award. She was also very involved with the Pflugerville High School Band Booster Club.

Alwina was a life-long resident of the Richland Community. She was an active member of the St John Church including teaching Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, choir and served on many committees and held office positions in the church Women's Guild. She was a lifelong member of the Richland Community Club and enjoyed the annual Richland MayFete very much.

Alwina was a very dedicated wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was preceded in death by



her parents and siblings Ernest Hodde, Erwin Hodde, Selma Wittenburg and Elvora Steger.

Alwina is survived by her three children Louise Dunklin and husband Reagan of Pflugerville, Texas, Carlton Hamann and wife Pam of Weatherford, Texas and Maurice Hamann and wife Millie of Thrall.

Alwina was "Grandma" to grandchildren, James Dunklin, Cody Dunklin, Shelly Hamann, Ryan Hamann, Lee Hamann, Mac Hamann and Kaleb Hamann and "Great-Grandma" to Kylee, Kaydence, Koen, Kami, Bailey, Greyson, Madelynn, Addelynn and Stetson.

Alwina is also survived by two sisters Adele Hodde and Gertrude Hodde and two sister-in-law's Katherine Hamann and Vera Hamann.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, November 8, 2020 from 1:30pm to 2:15pm at St John Evangelical Lutheran Church 17701 Cameron Road Pflugerville Texas with the celebration of life service immediately following beginning at 2:30pm.

Memorial gifts can be given to the St John Evangelical Lutheran Church Building Fund, Cemetery Fund and /or the Travis 4-H Scholarship Fund, 7411 Albert Road Austin, Texas 78745.

A special thanks to all the home health and hospice companies, individual caregivers and Serenity House for their personal care

Becky Jo Lewis

Becky Jo Lewis, age 73, of Elgin, Texas passed away Sunday, November 8, 2020.

Services are pending. Arrangements entrusted to Providence-Jones Family Funeral Home.

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Betty Jan Kee Sellers



Church of Christ, Soft Touch Ministries, and the Elgin Garden Club. She was a lifelong artist, seamstress, gardener, and rancher's wife.

Betty was still mowing her yard, weeding, and gardening up until just a few short weeks ago. Betty was at home surrounded by her husband, three sons, two granddaughters, and daughter-in-law when she was called Home.

ter-in-law when she was called Home.

Betty was preceded in death by both her parents; and maternal grandparents, Alberta and A F Crocker of Smithville; and her mother and father-in-law, Ida Belle and Logan Sellers of Manor.

Betty is survived by her husband, Mike Arnold Sellers; her three sons, Larry Sellers of Manor, Mark Sellers and his wife Laurie of Lometa, and Curtis Sellers and his wife Lori of Manor; her six grandchildren, Bobby Sellers and wife Jill of Lampasas, Julie Sellers of Lampasas, Larry Sellers and wife Danielle of Leander, Danna and husband Travis Parks of Salado, Clinton Sellers of Austin, and Calie and husband Sam

Whitaker of Groesbeck; 14 great-grandchildren; her sister-in-law Georgia and Milton Miller; and numerous extended family and dear friends.

Family requests Memorial Contributions be made in Betty's Memory to the Elgin Church of Christ.

Family and friends will gather for visitation at the Elgin Cemetery, Friday, November 6th from 2:30 PM until 3:00 PM. A Graveside Service will follow at 3:00 PM with Brother Jason Wilder presiding. Arrangements and care are entrusted to:



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Bradley Charles Schneider



ing and fishing with his siblings and cousins. As

Bradley Charles Schneider, 48, passed away on October 21, 2020, in his hometown of Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Bradley was born on November 28, 1971. He grew up on the family's small farm in Elgin, Texas and graduated from Elgin High School in 1991. As a child, he enjoyed summers and holidays at his grandmother's house in Thorndale, play-

an adult, he moved to Temple, Texas and onward to Fort Smith, Arkansas where he settled. His most beloved pastime was studying and driving all different types of automobiles.

Bradley is survived by his daughter, Alyssa Schneider; granddaughters, Lyric and Paisley; his father Ernest Schneider and step mother Darcy Schneider and his

mother Linda Preston; his siblings, Lori Schneider, Tammy Wright and husband Steve, Cory Schneider and husband Randy Brent, Kebana Frost and husband Steve Pudloski, and Jared Frost and wife Beth; his nephews, Michael, Samuel, and Wesley; his niece Shaela; and numerous extended family and friends.

Memorial Services will be held at a later date.

Paula Villarreal Perez



lupe (Rosa) sister Judy, sister-in-law Jessie and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Paula loved spending time with family and had a passion for gardening. Born with a green thumb she spent many hours gardening her flowers outside and inside which included her elephant ears and African violets. She was often given flowers that needed her special touch; she would nourish them and bring the flowers back to life. Paula was an incredible cook, she could make a

gourmet meal out of rice, beans, and potatoes. She often blessed her family with incredible cakes and pies especially for their birthdays. She instilled in her children that persistence and hard work will take you far and that an education would make things easier. Paula was a devoted Catholic and a lifelong member of the Elgin Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Paula has great faith in Our Lord and Savior and will be by his side doing his will in Heaven.

We, as a family, give great thanks to AJ with the Lutra Home Care, she shared her special skills with us in taking care of our mother. We also must send a big special Thanks to our cousin, Ronnie Hackradt, and to Silverado Hospice Care for helping us with our mother on her last days.

Paula will be greatly missed here on this earth

but we all know this is not the last time we will see her, we are all believers and we all know when Our Lord calls upon us we will be greeted by Paula in Heaven! Love you Mom and Thank you for all that you have given.

A visitation will be held Wednesday, November 11, 2020 from 6:00-8:00pm at Providence-Jones Family Funeral Home with the recitation of the Holy Rosary beginning at 7:00pm. A Celebration of Mass Christian Burial will be held Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 12:00pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial will follow at the Elgin Latin Cemetery.

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To all of our dear friends and family. We send thanks and gratitude for the many ways you expressed your love and sympathy to each of us. The delicious food, the beautiful flowers, the visits, memorial donations and cards helped us to know that our father had a lot of friends and a good life in Elgin.

Thank you to Mark Nygard, Sandra Freitag, Jeffrey Moore and Brad Jones of Providence-Jones Funeral Home, for the beautiful service and music. Thank you to First Baptist Church, our father's home church in which he was a life time member. Thank you to first cousins, Karin and Bob Barker, for your delivered meals and visits and thank you to first cousin, James Donald Dawson, for your frequent phone calls to our father. Many thanks to Lori Stifflemire, Jimmie Lewis, Gella Martinez and Marva Hunter for making it possible for our father to stay in his home for as long as he was able. We celebrated all the 2019 holidays with him in his home with all his grandchildren. He also celebrated Christmas 2019 at the Lundgren Family Christmas Dinner at New Sweden Church. His quality of life in these past few years, although not perfect, was one that he appreciated and enjoyed. Our appreciation, also, to Bastrop New Haven Assisted Living and Serenity Hospice of Bastrop, especially nurse Amanda Church. In this time of a pandemic, friends and family take on even more importance to us all. We thank you for your friendship.

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Pearls of Youth winners announced

Press release, Elgin Arts Association

Elgin Arts Association (EAA) has been utilizing virtual and social media avenues since the closing of public events this year for the health and safety of the community, artists, and patrons.

Spring break art camp and the spring youth art show were suddenly halted, but special thanks go to Ashley Smith for making the spring break art kits available, and to Deborah DeGezelle of EAA for making a Virtual Art Show to view online through the EAA website. Her hours of dedicated time to stretch our technology outreach



First place winners Ella Rippy for the Middle School division and Heidi Gollihar for the 3rd-5th grade division are framed between EAA members Deborah DeGezelle (left) and Lucretia Alvarez (right).

Photo courtesy of Elgin Arts Association

Burn ban extended through November

By Julianne Hodges
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The county burn ban will continue through at least November 23 due to continued dry conditions.

During their regular meeting on October 26, the Bastrop County Commissioners Court discussed the possibility of enacting a burn ban. However, since some rain was expected that week, the court agreed to table the burn ban at that time and issue an emergency order later in the week if needed.

As conditions wors-

ened, however, Bastrop County Judge Paul Pape signed a disaster declaration and an emergency burn ban order on Thursday, October 29. The emergency order was valid for a week; last Thursday, November 5, the commissioners' held a special meeting for the court to vote on extending the burn ban.

During the November 5 special meeting, county emergency deputy director Christine Files told the court that Bastrop County did not

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOTE: Due to health concerns and restrictions regarding the COVID-19 coronavirus, many events county-wide have been canceled and postponed. For the latest status on these events, please check online.

NOVEMBER 12

THE POWER OF NETWORK WEAVING

Join Bastrop County Cares and St. David's Foundation for a virtual community event on Thursday, November 12 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The topic will be The Power of Network Weaving: Catalyzing Community Transformation. You will learn powerful strategies for catalyzing community change and hear stories of impact in Bastrop County. Grow deeper connections in your community and be inspired to lead in new ways by signing up for this free event; find the link to RSVP on Facebook @BastropCares.

NOVEMBER 14

AIRING OF THE QUILTS

Come take a walk along Smithville's historic Main Street and view the beautiful quilts that are hung all around town during the Airing of the Quilts on Saturday, November 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

NOVEMBER 14

DONOR DAY AT BILLIG RANCH

On Saturday, November 14, Pines and Prairies Land Trust is excited to open Billig Ranch for a day outside with your family or friends, without the crowds. Billig Ranch, 208 Billig Lane near Paige, is the organization's largest preserve with over 650 acres of woodlands, ponds and prairie restoration. The preserve will be open from 2 to 6:30 p.m. In order to prevent irresponsible crowding at the preserve, this event will be by donation. Anyone who makes a donation before the event on November 14th, or has made a donation in the last year, is invited. For more information, visit www.pplt.org/events.

NOVEMBER 14

ELGIN EMPTY BOWL

Tough times call for "out-of-the-box" solutions, and that's what's happening with Elgin's third annual Empty Bowl event on Saturday, November 14 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Instead of the usual full-house indoor event and soup sampling, it's going outside to the SPJST Lodge parking lot, 702 Highway 95 South in Elgin, for an all drive-through event where ticketed participants will each receive a "goodie bag" containing a hand-decorated pottery bowl and discount coupons from local restaurants and merchants. Confirmed restaurant participation is Southside Market, Jalisco's, Meyer's Smokehouse and Roadhouse Paige. Event proceeds will be shared among the three food initiatives serving the Elgin community: the Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry, the Elgin Community Cupboard and the Food Pantry of the First Baptist Church of Elgin. Further information and tickets—at \$20 per person—are available online at www.bit.ly/ElginEmptyBowl2020. For any questions, call the Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry at 512-303-0033.

NOVEMBER 14

HOPE FEST

Hope Fest, a family-oriented festival benefiting the Central Texas chapter of the PTSD Foundation of America, will take place on Saturday, November 14 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Bastrop Community Gardens, 1067 West Highway 71. The event will feature all-day live music, speakers, activities and much more. Tickets are \$20 at the gate, or \$10 online at www.communitygardenshop.com/hope_fest_2020.html; children under 12 are free.

NOVEMBER 14

DOWN HOME RANCH FALL PLANT CLEARANCE SALE

Come shop with Down Home Ranch Gardens, 20250 FM 619 near Elgin, for their fall clearance sale on November 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All plants will be marked at least 15% off.

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BBB shares resources for veterans



Emily Gaines



This Veterans Day, BBB Serving the Heart of Texas wants to thank those who have served our country. Veterans face unique difficulties as they return home and reenter the work force. Applying for education benefits, filing disability claims and searching for employment can be challenging processes for military consumers. Unfortunately, scammers are always ready to strike, and according to a 2019 BBB study, military families and veterans lose 32% more to fraud than civilian consumers. Employment scams, the riskiest scam on BBB's Risk Report two years in a row, also have a larger impact on military consumers. Veterans reported losing an average of \$1,905 to employment scams, almost double the amount lost by other consumers. Finding trustworthy sources is the best way to avoid scams in the transition from active duty to civilian life. BBB recommends starting with these organizations: BBB Military Line. BBB Military Line offers free consumer education and financial literacy resources for military families and veterans.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (V.A.). VA.gov, the official website for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, is a hub for materials on every aspect that may impact the transition to civilian life. Information on education benefits, pension and life insurance can all be found on the Veterans Affairs official website. Veteran Employment Services Office (VESO). VESO offers career oppor-

tunity resources within the Department of Veterans Affairs, assisting in the transition from active duty to civilian life. USA Military Assistance. Like the V.A., USA Military Assistance provides guidance on a wide variety of areas. For those on active duty, military tax guidance and free credit monitoring can also be found at USA.gov/Military-Assistance. Veterans Health Administration. An extension of the V.A., the Veterans Health Administration is a health care system specifically for veterans. The administration also offers resources for veterans during the COVID-19 crisis. Visit us at BBB.org/MilitaryReport to find more marketplace tips for military consumers.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

THANK YOU

To all of our dear friends and family. We send thanks and gratitude for the many ways you expressed your love and sympathy to each of us. The delicious food, the beautiful flowers, the visits, memorial donations and cards helped us to know that our father had a lot of friends and a good life in Elgin. Thank you to Mark Nygard, Sandra Freitag, Jeffrey Moore and Brad Jones of Providence-Jones Funeral Home, for the beautiful service and music. Thank you to First Baptist Church, our father's home church in which he was a life time member. Thank you to first cousins, Karin and Bob Barker, for your delivered meals and visits and thank you to first cousin, James Donald Dawson, for your frequent phone calls to our father. Many thanks to Lori Stifflemire, Jimmie Lewis, Gella Martinez and Marva Hunter for making it possible for our father to stay in his home for as long as he was able. We celebrated all the 2019 holidays with him in his home with all his grandchildren. He also celebrated Christmas 2019 at the Lundgren Family Christmas Dinner at New Sweden Church. His quality of life in these past few years, although not perfect, was one that he appreciated and enjoyed. Our appreciation, also, to Bastrop New Haven Assisted Living and Serenity Hospice of Bastrop, especially nurse Amanda Church. In this time of a pandemic, friends and family take on even more importance to us all. We thank you for your friendship. With love, Donna Snowden and Ronnie and Rhonda Moore

Rural Texas struggles with digital divide



Chris COBLER

Capital Highlights

Future of Rural Texas." All of the free sessions will be broadcast at noon Nov. 9-13 at texastribune.org, and recordings also will be available. The lack of broadband access "is particularly problematic for those who need to attend school virtually, visit a doctor online or work remotely, either due to the COVID-19 pandemic or other factors," the report noted. Panelist Annette Gutierrez, executive director of the Rio Grande Council of Governments, encouraged rural Texans to band together in their towns and regions to advocate for broadband access of at least 25 mbps speed. Public-private partnerships are critical for success, she said. "I like to think of myself as an optimistic person, and so with COVID the silver lining in all of this is that we have to do better, we have to be better prepared," Gutierrez said. A member of the governor's council, Jennifer Harris, also served as a panelist. She is Texas program director for Connected Nation, a nonprofit that has been mapping broadband availability to make the need clear. Panelist Charlie Cano, CEO of Etext Telephone Cooperative near Longview, said his company has successfully pivoted to providing broadband via fiber cabling but still has about 50 percent of its market yet to connect. Federal and state incentives need to keep encouraging the rural buildout, he said. The question is whether this can occur statewide quickly enough to help rural Texas, which has suffered from steep population declines for the past 70 years. A bipartisan group of 88 lawmakers recently wrote to Gov. Greg Abbott to urge him to act immediately to address the problem. "Broadband is a Lifeline" airs at noon Nov. 11, and I encourage you to join the conversation convened by the Tribune, a statewide nonprofit news site. Please also email ccobler@texaspress.com to let me know the state of broadband in your community. Chris Cobler is a board member and past president of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas. He welcomes email at ccobler@texaspress.com.

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The Beat

ELGIN POLICE DEPARTMENT BLOTTER



September 18
2:21 p.m. 400 blk U.S. Hwy 290—Criminal mis- chief. Reporting party ad- vised a customer driving through the drivethrough at the business had a piece of machinery in the back of his vehicle that hit and damaged the roof. The

vehicle left, and a partial license plate number was given. The company was provided information for insurance.
4:50 p.m. 500 blk N Main St—Theft. Reporting party advised two subjects came and took a box of their personal belongings, then drove away. The area was checked for the suspect vehicle. Information was gathered for an offense report, and video footage and more information was

collected later.
9:42 p.m. Hwy 95 & U.S. Hwy 290—Traffic reckless. Bastrop County Sheriff’s Office advised a vehicle was traveling on the high- way at 105 miles per hour.
10:27 p.m. 600 blk W U.S. Hwy 290—Traffic reckless. Bastrop County Sheriff’s Office advised a vehicle was travelling westbound on the highway at 120 miles per hour. No Elgin police units were available, so Travis County Sheriff’s

Office was advised.

September 19
1:16 p.m. 1300 blk W U.S. Hwy 290—Narcot- ics. During a traffic stop, a probable cause search was conducted. Two citations were issued, and a report was taken.
3:45 p.m. 400 blk Mad- ison St—Assault. Police responded to an assault. Information was gathered for a report.
6:10 p.m. U.S. Hwy 290 &

Red Elm Pkwy—Accident, leaving the scene. After an accident, a vehicle left the scene. Information was gathered for a left the scene report. A passenger had a complaint of pain and was seen by emergency medi- cal services. Later that eve- ning, the suspect came to speak to police.

September 20
5:02 a.m. U.S. Hwy 290 & Hwy 95—Accident, major. Reporting party advised

of a three-vehicle accident blocking the highway. There were several chil- dren in one of the units who were transported to the hospital by emergency medical services. The driver of one of the units involved was issued citations.
8:57 p.m. 400 blk N Ave E—Assault. A complainant was outside of the police station. Police were then en route to a residence. The complainant advised they were slapped in the face.

BASTROP COUNTY JAIL LOG



October 19
Breland Terrell Allen— Possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces; tamper/ fabricate physical evidence with intent to impair.
Richard Ancira Jr—Fail to identify, fugitive intent, give false information; pa- role violations.
Veronica Gonzalez— Tamper with identification numbers, personal prop- erty.
John Edward Kaczmarek—Driving with

license invalid.
Richard Henry Schrader—Public intoxi- cation.
Demetrio Demus Vas- quera III—Criminal trespass of a habitation/ shelter/Superfund site/in- frastructure.
October 20
Viviana Antonio—Li- cense required.
Jessica Michelle Dotson— Burglary of habitation.
Jorge Maurico Haro— Criminal nonsupport; ICE detainee.
Mitchell Evan Knight— Possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1, greater than or equal to 1 gram, less than 4 grams.

BURN BAN ...

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get much rain since the October 26 meeting. Over that time, the Keetch- Byram drought index (KBDI)—a measure of drought conditions—and the fire danger index had increased, she said.
Last Thursday, the av- erage KBDI in Bastrop County was 638, with a low of 538 and a high of 691, according to the Texas A&M University’s Texas Weather Conne- ction, with a fire danger rating of moderate. By Monday, the average KBDI was 647, with a low of 552 and a high of 695.
Often, Bastrop County will activate a burn ban if the KBDI is over 600.
Files said the county put the emergency burn ban order in place after con- sultation with the local

fire chiefs and the Texas Forest Service.
She added that very dry conditions will likely con- tinue through the rest of the year.
Pape said the court could take the burn ban issue one month at a time and lift the burn ban as soon as conditions allow. The court voted to ex- tend the burn ban until the November 23 regular meeting.
A person violates the burn ban order if they cause the ignition of any combustible or vegetative material outside of an en- closure that contains all flames and sparks. Vi- olating the burn ban order is a class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine up to \$500. For more de- tails about enforcement and exceptions to the burn ban, visit [www. co.bastrop.tx.us/page/ em.home](http://www.co.bastrop.tx.us/page/em.home).

WILDCATS ...

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Kirsten Gonzales: “she has overcome so much in her

career. She was a starter as a sophomore before hurting her knee the next year. She has been most effective in the middle and her volley- ball IQ is outstanding, plus

WINNERS ...

From Page 3

insured the COVID-19 pandemic didn’t totally cancel our annual youth show in April 2020. Lu- cretia Alvarez assured all the area art teachers that the student art works would still be viewed, judged, and enjoyed by the public, just in a dif- ferent form this year. Judges were Meena Mato- cha (Pflugerville), David Marks (Lexington), and Jesse Benavides (Austin).
EAA believes in kids’ art as an important avenue for expressive growth, creativity and self-esteem. There were amazing en- tries, so kudos to all who entered the 2020 Pearls of Youth Visual Art Show, and congratulations to the following winners.

High School

■First Place: Ryan Smith, The Change That Devours, 9th grade, McDade Sec- ondary
■Second Place: Jackie Ramirez, Untitled (B/W cat), 10th grade, McDade Secondary;
■Third Place: Faith Poe, Eagle, 9th grade, Elgin High School

Middle School

■First Place: Ella Rippy, Untitled (orange lily), 7th grade, McDade Secondary



Neidig Elementary School art teacher Jennifer Grames (center) with two of her budding students: Ada Sakaria, who placed third for K-2nd grade, and Genesis Giron, who placed second for 3rd-5th grade.

■Second Place: Montse Fuentes, Untitled (B/W rose), 8th grade, McDade Secondary
■Third Place: Peyton Turner, Untitled (succu- lent flower), 7th grade, McDade Secondary
3rd-5th Grade

■First Place: Heidi Golli- har, Storm of Colors, 4th grade, Elgin Elementary
■Second Place: Genesis Giron, Zany Zentangles, 3rd grade, Neidig Elementary
■Third Place: Angie Valero Palafox, Question?, 4th grade, Elgin Elemen- tary

Kindergarten-2nd Grade

■ First Place: Lily Cook, Chinese Dragon, 2nd grade, Neidig Elementary
■Second Place: Jason Joseph Avila-Rodriguez, Brothers, 1st grade,

Booker T. Washington El- ementary
■Third Place: Ada Sa- karia, Mr. Hermit, Kinder- garten, Neidig Elementary
Thanks to the partici- pating teachers for their extra efforts to get the student art submitted. You are truly appreciated this year more than ever with the distance learn- ing challenges. Elgin ISD teachers were Allison Keedy, Booker T. Washing- ton Elementary; Rebecca Core, Elgin Elementary; Jennifer Grames, Neidig Elementary; Mandi Mar- tinez and Lindsey Creel, Elgin High. Brock Logan of McDade Primary, and Re-becca Plumley of McDade Secondary were the Pearls of Education honorees this year for advance prepara- tion, artistic dedication



Ryan Smith placed first in the High School division. Photos courtesy of Elgin Arts Association

and outstanding student works.
There were no scholar- ship applicants received this year for the Pearls Scholarship awarded to seniors, but we hope 2021 will bring back an oppor- tunity to reward several fine arts students with col- lege funds. We also want to thank Dan Kleiner for all his leadership and sup- port, the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary for their scholarship donation, and the Elgin Lions Club for sponsoring the Virtual Art Show.
Please visit our website for more information, and view the Pearls of Youth 2020 Virtual Art Show at [www.elginartsassociation. com/poy2020-elgin-high. html](http://www.elginartsassociation.com/poy2020-elgin-high.html) where each partici- pating school has its own gallery page. Enjoy the show through December 2020!

BAND ...

From Page 5

He explained the district and the directors did their due diligence to search for the best deal, and he and the band members were ecstatic that they now have a consistent and good-looking vehicle that will not only haul instruments, uniforms, props and equip- ment but will also represent the Elgin band and community so well on the road. The rig will be driven by an appointed driver from the EISD transportation department.



The Elgin Wildcat band in front of the new band rig. Photo by Ron Ramirez

the formations, so she can play all game if needed. Her attitude is phenomenal.”
Morgan Heine: “plays an outstanding outside posi- tion. She has really devel-

oped her swing and played very powerful, especially her kills and digs and was a leader on the team.”
The Lady Cats take on the host Lady Bears of Bastrop

on Tuesday, November 10 before finishing out the season travelling to Pfluger- ville to play the Lady Hawks of Hendrickson on Friday, November 13 at 6:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL ...

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Connally started their drive, and with 10 minutes left in quarter 2, Gardner, ran in for his first of five touchdowns against Elgin, 7-7 tie. The Cougars held Elgin, and their drive was culminated by—you guessed it—#20 in green, making it 7-14 Connally with four minutes until half time.
After a nice kick-off re- turn by Keaton Grady, Con- nally intercepted an Elgin pass and on the ensuing drive, on fourth down, the Cougars ran a beauti- ful “hook and ladder” play where the quarterback threw a short pass to his receiver, who pivoted and lateraled the ball to a trail-

ing Connally player, once more, #20 Gardner, who ran the ball in 30 yards for his third touchdown of the game. The score was 7-21 Cougars with less than two minutes left in quarter 2.
Elgin wasted no time in answering, with McFarlin and Rangel running hard down field, and culmi- nating in a four-yard run by McFarlin to make the score 14-21 after a good kick by Maass with only 39 seconds left until half- time. You would think that’s how the score would end, but the Cougars fast played themselves into an- other score, and Gardner’s fourth touchdown of the night, 14-28 Connally at halftime.
The Wildcats got the ball first in the third quarter, driving the ball for eight

minutes and ending with a 14-yard McFarlin score, Maass good on extra point, leaving the score 21-28 Connally. The Cougars answered with their own touchdown run by Gard- ner (touchdown number five), and the third quar- ter ended with a score of 21-35 Connally.
The final period saw El- gin’s passing attack suc- cessful with a 35-yard touchdown pass from McFarlin to I’som again, bringing the score after the kick by Maass to 28-35 Connally. After the Cou- gars drove deep into Wild- cat territory, they were stopped on fourth down and one yard to go by a strong Wildcat defensive stop. Elgin took over and drove the length of the field with good running by

Rangel and McFarlin and a huge 65-yard touchdown pass reception by I’som. After a Connally penalty, Elgin Coach Jens Ander- son decided to go for a two point try, which McFarlin made on a keeper, putting the Wildcats in the lead 36-35 in this most excit- ing contest, with less than three minutes until the end of the game.
It would be up to Elgin to stop Connally on the en- suing drive. But the Cou- gars used a nice balance of Gardner running the ball and quick passes to their receivers, and with 30 seconds left in the game, they were able to get into the Wildcat endzone on a short pass. Their two-point conversion was good, mak- ing the final score 43-36 Connally.

Another exciting, even- ly-matched game, but with very familiar results. McFarlin had his best passing game, complet- ing 9-14 passes for 242 yards. He scored three rushing touchdowns as well as throwing for two more. Rangel had a solid 84 yards rushing for the night. I’som had a monster night with eight catches for 202 yards and two scores. Maas was solid with point after attempts and Grady had a good night punting, averaging 45 yards per kick. But everyone knew that Connally was going to feed their running back Gardner, and they did. As Coach Anderson stated, they got some good hits on Gardner, but he was able to break tackles to keep the Cougar drives

alive. Anderson also felt losing the turnover battle was the turning point in the game.
Elgin junior varsity won their contest over Connally 22-20.
The Wildcats will make a long trek to Brenham on Friday evening, November 13 to take on a strong Cub team, currently in second place in the district and then finish out the season at home on Friday, Novem- ber 20 against the Bears of Bastrop. Elgin is fight- ing for the fourth playoff spot in district standings, so they are in a must-win situation for the rest of the year.

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Total
Elgin	7	7	7	15	36
Connally	0	28	7	8	43

PUZZLES & GAMES

ACROSS

1 TX Buddy Holly's "Not ____ Away"

5 Ripley's "Believe ____ Not"

6 seat of Oldham County

7 Marshall is in ____ Texas

8 TXism: "happy ____"

17 TX Ivory Joe Hunter's "Since I ____ You Baby"

18 ceremony crowning Luling Watermelon Thump Queen

21 first Texan space walker, White

22 "six" south of border

23 Marina Oswald was Russian ____

24 TX pronunciation of "cigar"

29 TX singer & sausage maker, Jimmy

30 TXism: "two ____ in a pod"

31 this Whitman fired from UT tower (init.)

32 TXism: "baby kisser"

34 TX George H.'s second AG, William

35 first Houston Aeros was a ____ team

36 not a country group: "Two ____"

37 TXism: "it's good for what ____ you"

38 precedes "berry" or "apple"

39 WWII book "____ War"

41 nobleman (2 wds.)

42 Glenn Ford film: "The ____ From the Alamo"

43 TXism: "it's root hog ____" (on your own)

44 exotic antelope raised in TX

45 naval rank of "Pulver" in TX Hagman film (abbr.)

46 targets of "Don't Mess With Texas" campaign

48 ex-Astro pitcher Jim

49 French "head"

14 county of Paris, TX

15 elevator man or singer Redding

16 TXism: "bought a ____ in a poke"

19 areas of Valley orange trees

20 product words: "____ improved"

22 San Antonio marine theme park

24 VCR speed

25 first president of Rice, Lovett (init.)

26 got off the horse

27 TXism: "____ the bacon without the sizzle" (be brief)

35 TXism: "barking up the ____ tree" (mistaken)

37 "____ now" (currently)

38 TX-born Autry wrote "Here Comes Santa ____"

40 San Antonio street: ____ Adams

41 word that ends with "it," meaning "even though"

44 a Great Lake

47 in pandemic, many Texans do not ____ _ restaurant"

28 J. Frank Dobie's "____ in England"

29 San ____, TX

30 ____ Pinto, TX

33 two-term governor Stevenson (init.)

34 TXism: "don't ____ that feeds you"

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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A Christmas Wish Part I

The holiday season was definitely making its presence felt. Everywhere, everyone was getting into the holiday spirit.

My next travel was interesting because it kept me right here in our little town of Crown Water, TX. Tragedy had struck a family on Christmas Eve when their home and all their possessions had been destroyed by a fire, the family was left homeless for some time but eventually built their way back up. But the father didn't make it out in time. He had saved his wife, daughter, and son, but when he went back inside to retrieve a family item that his son held so dear, that was when the house crashed down upon him.

Its truly a sad tale, but it was one I was determined to change for the better.

"This travel will be one that changes a lot of things here in Crown Water," Li said as she walked into the room wearing a Santa hat. I grinned at her holiday gesture. "Remember if you need me just give a little jingle," she said laughing.

She then returned to the holiday party that was coming from another office in the building.

I slid on the ring as was taken back to Crown Water in the 1970's. Back then the town seemed even smaller but everything that was open was booming, and in the Christmas spirit.

I walked through the town which oddly received snow this year in early December. This was indeed different. Normally this town got a sprinkle and then nothing until February. It was nice to see a white Christmas time though. It just gave you more of a holiday feel.

I could tell I was getting that holiday spirit in me too.

I passed by some of the stores and noticed that the window of the Sears store was a help wanted sign for a Santa. I paused for a moment, and thought what the hell, why not.

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MAKING OLYMPIC HISTORY

Jesse Owens

Replace the missing words.

WIN CONSIDERED WORLD POVERTY BEST
FINISH GOLD CONGRATULATED GERMANY

In 1936, Jesse Owens became the first American to win four Track and Field Olympic _____ medals in one year.

The fact that he was the grandchild of slaves and that he grew up in _____ make his athletic achievements even more remarkable.

The 1936 Olympic Games took place in Berlin, _____. At that time, Germany's leader was Adolf Hitler, a man who thought Jewish people, black people and other groups of people were inferior to the people of Northern Europe.

Jesse _____ not going to the 1936 games because of Hitler's views. But then he thought it would be a chance for him to show the _____, and Hitler's Nazi

party, what a black man could do.

In his first race, the 100-meter sprint, Jesse Owens crossed the _____ line in 10.3 seconds—a new world record! Instead of inferior, Jesse Owens was the _____ of the best!

While the German people cheered him on, Adolf Hitler never shook Jesse's hand or _____ him.

Jesse went on to win three more gold medals in the 1936 Olympics, making him the first track-and-field star from the United States to win four gold medals at the Olympics. He showed the world that people of any race could _____ based on hard work and dedication, not race.

Standards Link: Language Art: Use nouns, adjectives and verbs correctly.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Why help a competitor?



German athlete, Luz Long, competed against Jesse in the long jump. Even though he was a competitor, it is believed that Luz gave Jesse a tip that helped him win the event with a record-breaking jump of 26 feet, 5 5/16 inches. Luz was the first to congratulate and shake the hand of his new friend.

Why do you think Luz Long helped Jesse?



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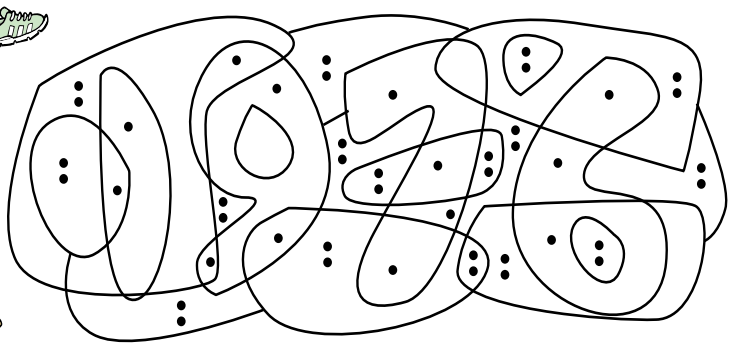
Homecoming

New York City gave Jesse a ticker-tape parade when he came home from the Olympics, but he was still not treated equally in his own country.

“When I came back to my native country, after all the stories about Hitler, I couldn't ride in the front of the bus,” Jesse said. “I had to go to the back door. I couldn't live where I wanted. I wasn't invited to shake hands with Hitler, but I wasn't invited to the White House to shake hands with the president, either.”

Long-Awaited Honor

40 years later, President Gerald Ford invited Jesse to the White House and gave him the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest honor a civilian can achieve. What year was that? Color the spaces with one dot red.



Jesse went on to win many more awards and he talked to people about the importance of sports, the Olympics and democracy. He never stopped working to be better in his own life and to make lives better for others.

Good Sport

Look through the newspaper for an example of good sportsmanship. Write a sentence summarizing who was a good sport, what they did that showed good sportsmanship, where and when this happened.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

How many running shoes can you find on this page in two minutes? Have a friend try. Who found the most?



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When Jesse was a child in Alabama, white children and black children were not allowed to go to the same school. When he could, Jesse would walk nine miles to and from the only school for black children. He loved school.

When Jesse was in high school, he won races and set world records for his age group. Colleges wanted him to be on their track teams. Jesse became the first person in his family to go to college. He chose Ohio State University, where he became a member of the Buckeye track-and-field team.

Circle every other letter to discover the nickname Jesse earned in college.

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Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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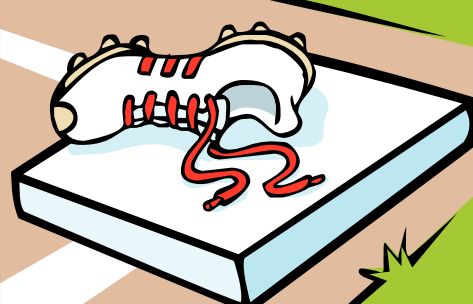
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Athlete Comparisons

Find and read an article in today's newspaper about an athlete. Why is this athlete in the news? Do you think this athlete is like Jesse Owens? Why or why not?

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.



Why did Cinderella get thrown off the baseball team?

ANSWER: She kept running away from the ball.

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What Does It Mean to Be a Christian Soldier?

In Ephesians 6:10-20, St. Paul highlights the fact that Christians are soldiers in the Lord’s army. Christians are baptized into Christ’s legions as soldiers of Christ; we have been clothed with the armor of Jesus Christ’s righteousness in Baptism, which covers all our sins and will keep our souls safe from Satan’s attacks. But even though we have been saved for everlasting life and enlisted in the Lord’s army, we need to learn how to make use of the “whole armor of God” that Paul refers to.

St. Paul says: “Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.” And then he goes on to elaborate on the identity of our enemy; he writes, “For we do not wrestle against flesh and



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blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”

St. Paul is emphatic that in our Christian lives, the enemy of our souls is not other people, or nations, or armies. We will automatically lose the battle if we think that terrorists, or foreign countries, or political opponents, or even false religions are what the Church is fighting against. Paul says, “We do not wrestle against flesh and blood,” but rather against the devil and all his demonic cronies.

Of course, Satan does make use of human beings who willingly go along with his plans against God and the Church, but we have to realize that the hostility of other people against us is just a symptom of a much larger problem: the devil and the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places are constantly attacking our faith in Christ, primarily by invading our consciences. Those people who are hostile to us and to the Church need our prayers more than anything, because they are captive to the Evil One’s devices as he attacks Christians and tries to separate them from Christ’s army by destroying their faith.

So we are all enlisted in Christ’s army against the devil and all demons, but what is the nature of our military service to Christ? Are we offensive or defen-

sive troops? Are we supposed to go on search and destroy missions against the devil, or are we to simply defend our turf, serve on guard duty, as watchmen?

At least four times St. Paul talks about us taking a stand against the devil and his forces—stand against, withstand, stand firm, stand, he says. These are defensive terms that describe a person under attack. The overall picture St. Paul paints is not one of a soldier heading out into battle, or marching to war, but rather one who is on watch, looking out for the enemy, and then standing firm when under attack.

Here is why we are not spiritual crusaders, offensive troops: because Jesus is the champion, and He has already won the victory over sin, death, hell, and the devil. Jesus lives, the victory’s won! Jesus is

the one who has invaded Satan’s territory on earth and has won it back for God and His Kingdom. At one time Satan had been a good angel, but he could not tolerate being subordinate to God, so he rebelled against the Lord and also dragged down a bunch of other angels with him to serve in his army against God and the remaining good angels. In the mystery of God’s will, He allowed Satan to tempt Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, and by their sin the devil brought all humans under his captivity as well. Yet God counterattacked with a promise to ultimately defeat the devil for good by the Seed of the Woman, the Christ, the Messiah, who would liberate the children of Adam and Eve from slavery to sin, death, and hell. Though the devil seemed to be victorious on that day,

his fate was sealed and the Christ would defeat him for good through His suffering, death, and resurrection.

Try as he might, Satan cannot win the victory! The battle between God and the devil is not one between equal parties, so the success of God’s army is not dependent on our attacking Satan. Rather, our role is to defend our turf, to withstand the attacks of Satan so that we do not get slaughtered and separated from Jesus Christ, who is the champion. And the Good News is that we are not alone, and we do not depend at all on our own resources or power for success. Rather, Jesus gives us the victory, or as St. Paul says in Romans, we are “more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”

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STATUES ...

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private cemetery in San Antonio where the monuments could be moved.

“I think we have enough viable options within the county at this point to keep the monuments in the county,” she said.

Lee also told the court that there are options for placing the Sayers monument at a different location, if needed.

Next, co-chair Sharah

Johnson gave an update on the estimated cost of relocating the monuments. The committee received a bid from Deep in the Heart Art Foundry in Bastrop for just under \$50,000 with a 60-day expiration date.

“We’ll need to make a decision on that pretty soon,” Johnson said.

Johnson said Jimmy Crouch from Bastrop-based Crouch Construction has been helping the committee search for more bids; he received a bid from a monument ex-

pert for \$89,500. This cost only covers the cost of disassembling, cleaning and reassembling the obelisk monument, not any framework or transportation.

Johnson said their fundraising goal is still \$50,000, because the committee expects that Deep in the Heart Art Foundry will be the best option for a contractor unless a better bid is found. So far, the committee has raised over \$15,500.

“We are continuing to reach out to community members, individuals, busi-

nesses, corporations, and we have contacted a private foundation,” Johnson said. “We’re working hard to raise the money.”

Lee said she is optimistic that she and Johnson will be able to bring recommendations to the commissioners’ court in November, both regarding a new location for the monuments and a bid for their relocation.

The committee will share their next update with the commissioners’ court during the next meeting on November 23.

COVID ...

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the county’s total number of cases was 2,023, with 1,895 recoveries and 96 active cases.

The dashboard reports one more COVID-19 fatality, bringing the number of deaths in Bastrop County due to the illness to 33.

According to the City of Austin’s COVID-19 dashboard, found at www.austintexas.gov/covid19, the

portion of the 78621 zip code in Travis County has reported 222 cases. Last week, this number was 217.

As of Monday afternoon, the five-county Austin-Round Rock Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), which includes Bastrop County, has 135 inpatients in the region’s hospitals, with 45 patients in the intensive care units (ICU) and 21 ventilators in use.

Last week, 105 people were in the hospital as inpatients due to COVID-19, 42

patients were in the ICU and 18 ventilators were in use.

In early September, Elgin ISD launched a school district dashboard of daily reported COVID-19 cases by campus, found online at www.elginisd.net/Page/6358. So far this month, one case of COVID-19 was reported on November 2 from a student at Elgin Intermediate School, and another case was reported on November 5 from a student at Elgin High School or Phoenix

High School.

According to the Federal Bureau of Prisons website, www.bop.gov/coronavirus, the federal correctional institution in Bastrop Bastrop has 268 inmates and 11 staff members with active cases of COVID-19 as of Monday afternoon. Last week, 141 inmates and 11 staff members had active cases. No inmates or staff members have died of COVID-19, and 13 inmates and three staff members have recovered so far.

ELECTION ...

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job. I also want to thank my wife Lauren Cannon, my kids and my parents for all of their support and commitment over the years. They held the burden of this office every bit as much as I have.”

Bega earned 58.89% of the votes, while challenger candidate Arthur Gibson III won 41.11%.

“I am grateful for a positive outcome,” Bega said. “It is great to see candidates and citizens alike who are engaged and want to be part of what is going on in our neighborhoods and city. I will continue with the working relationships with my constituents to do the work we have been doing in Ward 1 over the last six-and-a-half years. It will take all of us to keep our ward at the forefront as our city continues to grow.”

“First, I would like to thank everyone who supported me during the campaign,” Gibson said. “I would also like to congratulate Jessica Bega.”

Council members for wards 2 and 4, Susana Arreaga and Sue Prinz Brashar respectively, were unchallenged in this election. No candidates ran for the Ward 3 position vacated by Daniel Lopez.

Republican Snowden earned 54.7% of the votes, while challenger Democratic candidate Cheryl Renee’ Reese earned 45.3% of the votes.

“Winning this election during a pandemic and turbulent times made me even more thankful for the support of so many people,” Snowden said. “My hope is to be able to continue to serve everyone to the best of my ability and to be able to make good decisions for our beautiful Bastrop County. We want Bastrop County to retain its ranch and farm lands, its small town ambiance and community in order for future generations to benefit from the things we enjoy today.”

“It was an honor to have had the opportunity to run for Bastrop County Commissioner,” Reese said. “I am proud of the work my team has accomplished by getting the vote out and getting to know the community and their needs and concerns. Bastrop’s needs have grown with the increase in the number of new residents and were enhanced by Covid-19. The overuse of our already worn roads and infrastructure in these new communities, and the inability to see a doctor through telemedicine due to lack of in-

ternet/wifi in our county, are still very serious issues that must be addressed by the commissioners and I plan to continue to advocate these issues and concerns.”

Republican Joey Dziemoski, the constable for Elgin-area Precinct 4, was unchallenged in the general election.

Incumbent Republican county sheriff Maurice Cook earned 57.03% of the votes, while challenger Democratic candidate Mike Renck earned 42.97%. All other county races in this election were uncontested.

Four candidates competed for three commissioner positions with the Bastrop/Travis Counties Emergency Services District No. 1. Challenging candidate Jodie Lopez won the most votes with 3,214, with incumbents Tommy McCullough and Carl Newstrom also in the top three with 2,870 and 2,582 votes respectively; Larry Foehner is in last

place with 2,406 votes.

In McDade, three places on the McDade ISD school board were up for election this year. For Place 2, challenger Karen Glosson earned 62.81% of the votes, while incumbent Jill Smith-Mott earned 37.19% of the votes. For Place 3, incumbent Mark Dube earned 60.17% of the votes, while challenger Finch Dunkin earned 39.83% of the votes. For Place 5, Joey Miller earned 55.8% of the votes, while Charlie Littleton earned 44.2% of the votes.

Two positions on the Bastrop ISD board were up for election this year. For Place 4, incumbent Molly McClure earned 55.75% of the votes, while challenger Gwendolyn Robinson earned 44.25% of the votes. Place 3 trustee Billy Moore was unchallenged in this election.

There were no contested races on the Bastrop City Council.

Three positions on the Smithville City Council were

up for election this year. For Place 5, the only contested race, Janice Elaine Bruno won 72.83% of the votes, while Daniel J. Hrna won 27.17% of the vote. Mayor Scott A. Saunders, Jr. and Place 4 council member Joanna Morgan were unchallenged in this election.

Two positions on the Smithville ISD board were up for election this year. For Place 1, Chris Hinnant won 50.66% of the votes, while Josiah Cook won 49.34% of the votes. Place 2 trustee Grant Gutierrez was unchallenged in this election.

See more information about these races and see how Bastrop County voted in state and national races by visiting “Elections Results” at www.bastrop-votes.org.

Pedro Anacleto Vina

Pedro Anacleto Vina, 44, of Elgin, Texas, passed away Sunday, November 9, 2020. He will lie in state at Elgin Funeral Home, Sunday, November 15th from 2:00 PM until 8:00 PM with Recitation of Holy Rosary at 6:00 PM. A Celebration of Christian Funeral Service will be conducted at Elgin Funeral Home Monday, November 16th at 11:00 AM. Christian



Burial will follow at Elgin Latin Cemetery.



Happy Anniversary

Charles and Mary Cain of Elgin, Texas celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 24, 2020 with a private dinner for family and friends and their residence. They married on October 24, 1970 at St. Ignatius Catholic Church on Oltorf Street in Austin, Texas. After living in Austin for 41 years, they decided to move to Elgin, where they have lived for the last nine years.

They were blessed with one son, Eric (wife Erinn) and two grandchildren, Callie Rhaye and Destry Graves, who live across the road from them. The grandchildren are their



pride and joy, and they make their world go ‘round.

Charles and Mary met at the old Skyline Club in Austin on October 29, 1969 and wed the following year on October 24, 1970. Their marriage has been an inspiration to all their friends and is something to be celebrated.

ROTH ...

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Jesus said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me” (Matthew 28:18). If our Savior, the God-Man Jesus Christ, has all authority and power in heaven and earth, then that means the devil has to be subject to Christ; Satan has no authority apart from the limited

things he gets to do here on earth. And Jesus is not only our Savior but also our Protector against Satan. “For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:38-39). Amen.



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If we define a “world war” as an armed conflict that involves a majority of the world’s nation-states, then the Second World War clearly fits this criterion, since more than 100 countries were involved and very few remained neutral throughout the war. For those that were involved, the conflict was total, insofar as it involved not just the government and the armed forces, but their entire population and their economy as well. Factories that had been making cars or household appliances were now being used to make weapons, and everyone was called to do their part for the war effort. In World War II civilians were also involved more directly because cities and the civilian populations therein were often targeted. Of the principal nations involved in World War II, only the United States was spared the large-scale bombing of its cities. Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia, China, Japan and Italy all experienced bombing of heavily populated cities. World War II was also the deadliest War ever, with somewhere between 70 and 85 million people killed, mostly civilians in Russia and China. World War II is of course also infamous for the attempted genocide of European Jewry by the Nazis—the Holocaust—which killed an estimated 6 million Jews. World War II is also the only war where atomic weapons were used (by the United States against Japan). World War II is the last major war in which large areas of land belonging to particular nation-states were annexed or taken over by other

nation-states. At the conclusion of World War II, and for some years thereafter, there was much border-drawing to be done in order to partition the world’s nation-states. The consequences of World War II are significant and can hardly be over-emphasized. The United Nations was formed shortly after World War II in order to prevent war on this scale from ever happening again. World War II made painfully evident both that human beings have destructive impulses which must be checked and also that we have the technological means to annihilate ourselves. On a more hopeful note, since the end of World War II we have not seen the kind of wholesale “land grabs” by nations such as occurred with Japan and Germany during the War, despite the occasional small acquisition of territory as we saw with Russia in Ukraine (in 2014) and with Iraq in Kuwait (in 1990). These relatively small attempts to acquire contested territory have generally been met with international sanctions, if not outright war. One other consequence of World War II is that the world has been largely decolonized. This is partly a result of a general consensus that all nations have the right of self-determination, a right which is explicitly listed in the United Nation’s charter. While there was incredible death and destruction as a result of World War II, there were also many great acts of heroism and sacrifice, and it is not for nothing that the generation which fought and won this war is often referred to as the “Greatest Generation.”

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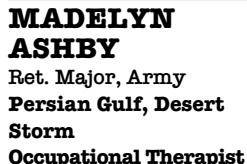
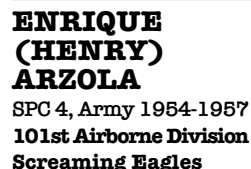
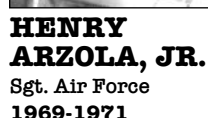
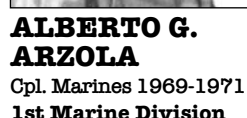
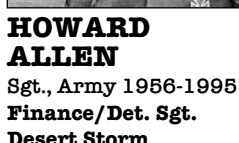
of the Allies (Great Britain, France, and the Soviet Union, among others), and against the Axis (composed primarily of Germany, Italy and Japan). Why did the Japanese attack Pearl Harbor? Given the military might of the United States at this time, and Japan's already being involved in full-scale war with both China and the Soviet Union, one might wonder what the Japanese were thinking. There are several things which make Japan's attack on the U.S. fleet understandable. First, Japan had aspirations to be an empire and believed that it should rule Asia and the Pacific region. Secondly, many of Japan's victories in Asia and the Pacific were seen as liberations. The people of Burma, for instance, initially welcomed the Japanese as liberators from their British colonial overlords. And thirdly, the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor was seen as a strategic way to destroy U.S. naval power in the Pacific and to ensure that Japan's hegemony there would be unchallenged. Perhaps what Japan did not count on was America's resolve and its industrial capacity to wage war.

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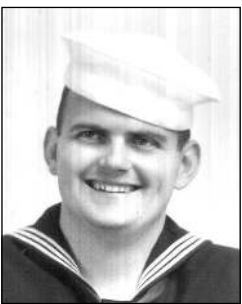
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With the memory of the first World War still fresh in many American’s minds, there was understandably a reluctance on the part of Americans to get involved in another war in Europe, or anywhere else, for that matter. Woodrow Wilson persuaded Americans to support the first World War at least in part by advocating that they were “making the world safe for democracy.” But many Americans were convinced that bankers and weapons manufacturers were the ones who benefitted most from America’s involvement in war. Congress passed three separate neutrality acts during the 1930s, the first being the Neutrality Act of 1935, which prohibited selling arms to foreign nations at war. A second and a third Neutrality Act were passed in 1937 and 1939, both of which prohibited the direct sale of arms to “belligerent” nations, but which allowed the

sale of other goods, as long as it was done on a “cash-and-carry” basis, meaning they had to pay cash up front. These neutrality acts allowed the U.S. to have an official position of neutrality while still doing business with its allies who might be involved in conflicts. And America was indeed doing business with the Allies, that is, selling them weapons and raw materials. Franklin D. Roosevelt had advocated publicly for the U.S. to become the “great arsenal of democracy” in a radio address to the American people on December 29, 1940. This was part of what impelled Japan to attack Pearl Harbor almost a year later. Despite America’s claim of neutrality, it was clearly on the side of the Allies, as it was selling them arms and raw materials, and refused to sell them to Japan and the other Axis powers. After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor it was impossible for America to maintain even a semblance of neutrality. And thus, on December 7, 1941 the United States declared war on Japan.

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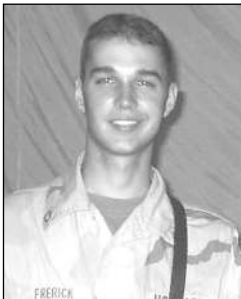
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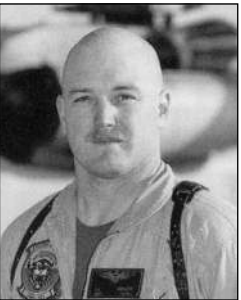
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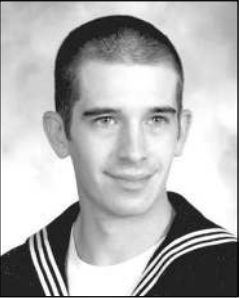
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The Tide Turns in the Pacific

During 1941 and early 1942, Japan had a string of victories in the Pacific, starting with their attack on Pearl Harbor and Wake Island in December of 1941. Simultaneous with these attacks, the Japanese attacked the Philippines. The Philippines had been a U.S. colony until 1936, when it became a U.S. Commonwealth, much like Puerto Rico is today, and so there were U.S. troops stationed there, who fought alongside Filipino nationals against the Japanese. The battle of the Philippines lasted until May of 1942, and is generally considered one of America's worst defeats, with an estimated 23,000 U.S. soldiers killed or captured, and an estimated 100,000 Filipinos killed or captured. Despite Japan's initial victory in the Philippines, the Japanese were continuously harassed by Filipino guerillas for the next few years, allowing the Japanese to control only a small portion of the Philippines. The Japanese were finally driven out of the Philippines in 1944 when General MacArthur returned, though some Japanese troops continued to occupy and fight in parts of the Philippines until the end of the war. (In fact, the last of the "Japanese holdouts" was a soldier named Hiroo Onoda, who hid in the jungles of the Philippines until 1974!)

In April of 1942 things started to turn for the Allies. The Doolittle Raid on April 18, 1942 was an air raid on Tokyo and Honshu province, and served several purposes. It served as retaliation for Pearl Harbor, it showed that the Japanese mainland was vulnerable to U.S. attacks, and it was a boost to morale for

the Allies. Following up on this were two strategic victories for the Allies: the Battle of the Coral Sea (May 4-8, 1942) and the Battle of Midway (June 4-7, 1942). Japan lost four aircraft carriers in the Battle of Midway, and after this battle, the loss of both materiel and manpower was too great for Japan to keep up with replacement needs, whereas the industrial power of the United States could readily do so. While there were many other battles in the Pacific theater, the tide had definitively turned by 1943, despite there being two more years of fighting in various parts of the Pacific. One of the more disturbing facts about the war in the Pacific is that the Japanese code of honor considered defeat to be a terrible humiliation, and they would rather die than surrender or be captured. This led to Japan using Kamikazes towards the end of the war, that is, pilots who would fly their planes (loaded with explosives and fuel) into aircraft carriers. Another unfortunate consequence of the Japanese code of honor were Japanese soldiers, so-called "Japanese holdouts," who hid in caves or deep in the jungles of islands in the Pacific. Many of these were found during the 1940s, -50s and -60s, and the last of these Japanese holdouts were not found until the 1970s, almost 30 years after the end of the war. One of the last was Shoichi Yokoi, who was found on Guam on January 24, 1972 by local fishermen, who he attacked, thinking that his life was in danger. Upon his return to Japan, he is quoted as saying "It is with much embarrassment that I return." Despite having known since 1952 that the war was over, he explained his reasons for staying hidden by saying "We Japanese soldiers were told to prefer death to the disgrace of getting captured alive."

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The End of Fascist Italy

Italy was the first of the Axis powers to be defeated and forced to surrender, although it should be noted that Italy's involvement in the war was limited mostly to North Africa and some limited involvement in the south of France. Italy occupied part of southern France and Corsica from November of 1942 until September of 1943, at which time it surrendered. In July 1943 British and American troops landed in Sicily and rapidly gained the upper hand. On July 19, 1943 Allied forces bombed Rome, and popular support for the war among Italians rapidly diminished. On September 3, 1943 British troops crossed over from Sicily to the “toe” of Italy’s boot. Allied forces landed at Salerno and Taranto on September 9, unopposed by Italian troops, since an armistice had been signed the day before. At this point Mussolini was removed from power and there was something of a scramble for Italian territory between the Germans, who took most of northern Italy, and the Allies, who held onto Sicily and southern Italy. Italy was at this point essentially involved in a civil war, and Mussolini, who was initially imprisoned (some would say put in protective custody) by the Germans for switching sides, fell into the hands of Italian partisans, who executed him by firing squad on April 28, 1945. Mussolini was executed along with his mistress, Claretta Petacci, and then their corpses were taken to Milan where they were displayed in a public square and subjected to various forms of abuse prior to being hung upside down from a metal girder.

The End of Nazi Germany

By the end of 1944, the tide had turned in Europe. The war in Europe ended when Allied troops invaded Germany in February and March of 1945, culminating in the Soviet army taking Berlin. Hitler’s death came two days after Mussolini’s, by suicide on April 30, 1945. He committed suicide by shooting himself in the head, while his wife of one day, Eva Braun, committed suicide by taking cyanide. Hitler was apparently concerned that what happened to Mussolini’s body might also happen to him, and thus he gave orders that his body be burned following his death.



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The Liberation of the Concentration Camps

One of the more horrific discoveries at the end of World War II came when Allied forces liberated the German concentration camps. The first of these to be liberated was Majdanek near Lublin, Poland in July of 1944. As the Soviets ad-

vanced from the east, the Nazis retreated, trying to dismantle the camps and hide evidence of what was being done, but at Majdanek, the gas chambers were still there. The Nazis also tried to move the concentration camp prisoners to other camps, often marching them long distances in frigid conditions, without adequate food, clothing, or in many cases, shoes. Many of them died along the way, or were shot if they could not keep up with the pace of these death marches. In January of 1945 Auschwitz was liberated by the Russian army, but not before nearly 60,000 prisoners were forced on a death march. When the Russians arrived at Auschwitz, they found some 7000 starving prisoners there, 600 corpses, as well as 370,000 men's suits, 837,000 articles of women's clothing, and over 7 tons of human hair. Auschwitz was the largest of Germany's concentration camps, with over a million people being murdered there. As the front moved west, the Nazis continued to move prisoners to other camps, such as Bergen-Belsen, Ravensbruck and Buchenwald. The overcrowded camps led to outbreaks of diseases such as typhus, the mortality rate of which was over 60 percent. When the British liberated Bergen-Belsen on April 15, 1945 they discovered literally thousands of corpses strewn around the prison, and over 60,000 starving prisoners, many of whom did not survive. The horrific conditions of the camps, and the scale of the horror is hard to imagine, and even more so when one realizes that there was a government behind this, a government which planned and carried out this holocaust with bureaucratic efficiency on a modern industrial scale.

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The End of Imperial Japan

By August of 1945, victory was virtually a certainty for the Allies. Japan had been routed in virtually every battle in the Pacific and its navy and air force were destroyed. U.S. forces had captured the Japanese island of Okinawa and were planning an invasion of the main Japanese islands. General McArthur was planning an invasion for November of 1945, which promised to be devastating for both Japan and the Allies. The dilemma for Allied forces was the “never surrender” attitude that Japan was demonstrating even as the end approached. Experts advised President Truman that this battle was likely to have more casualties than D-Day. Meanwhile, scientists were perfecting and testing the atom bomb, and believed it was ready. Truman had a momentous decision to make: invade Japan with a conventional war strategy and risk hundreds of thousands of lives, or use the atom bomb

and try to stop the war immediately. Truman decided to use the bomb. On August 6, 1945 a B-29 bomber named “Enola Gay” dropped a single atom bomb over the industrial city of Hiroshima, killing an estimated 80,000 people and fatally wounding thousands more. Japan, however, did not surrender after the attack on Hiroshima, with a majority of their Supreme War Council voting against unconditional surrender, and so on August 9th a second atom bomb was dropped on the city of Nagasaki. Meanwhile, the Russians had invaded Manchuria and thus, on August 12, 1945 Emperor Hirohito decided that peace was preferable to destruction, and accepted the conditions of surrender, which included the provision that “the authority of the emperor and the Japanese government to rule the state shall be subject to the Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers.” And thus ended the deadliest conflict humanity has ever faced.

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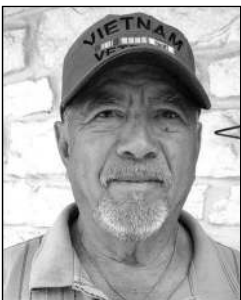
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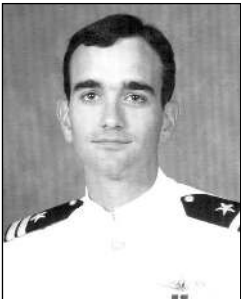
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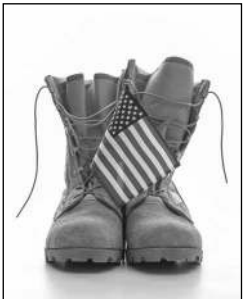
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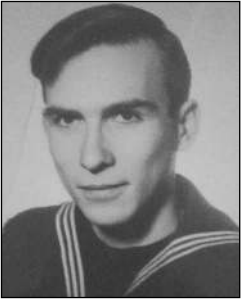
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1963-79 Korean War



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1966 - 1970



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Remembering World War II

Echoes of World War II?

The American philosopher George Santayana famously warned that “those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.” History doesn’t usually repeat itself verbatim, as it were, but it often rhymes. Social and political movements around the world resemble the past enough so that they do indeed seem to rhyme. Nationalism and a narrow populism are on the rise around the world today, as they were prior to World War II. Perhaps the one thing that differentiates our world from the pre-World War II one is that there is less tolerance for armed conflict and expansionist motives are almost universally condemned. Consider how quickly the U.S. and countries in the Middle East acted to push Saddam Hussein and the Iraqi army out of Kuwait in 1990. Russia’s annexation of Crimea in 2014 has been met with near-universal criticism, although the international community of nations has been less willing to join Ukraine in its attempt to remove the Russians. Even so, we do well to remember that nationalism and populism are often the tools of demagogues and tyrants.

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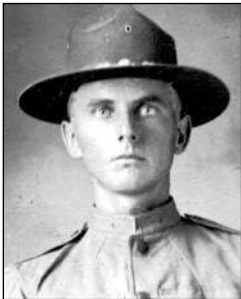
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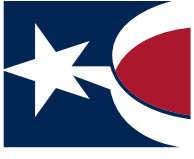
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