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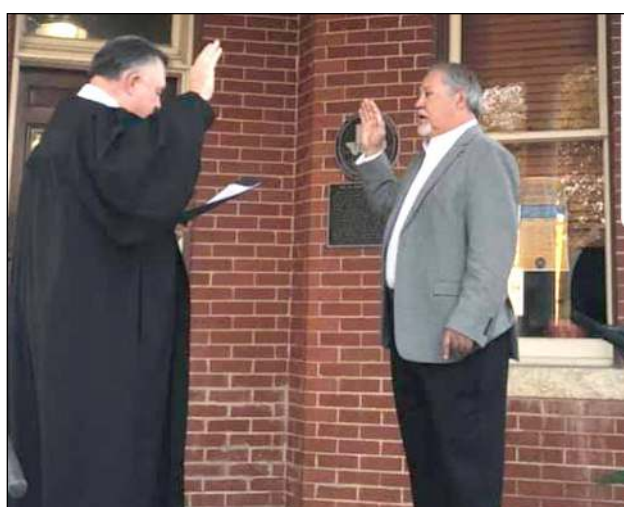
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Inside Today's EDITION

Newly-elected mayor sworn in



In a ceremony Wednesday afternoon, November 18, in front of City Hall, Judge Larry Dunne (left), Justice of the Peace for Bastrop County Precinct 4, swore in Ron Ramirez (right) as the new mayor of Elgin. The event was attended by many of the Ramirez family and some city staff members.

"I wish I could have invited everyone to this special occasion, but I felt it more important to keep it small, ensuring everyone was masked and distanced," Ramirez said. "I am very grateful for all the support and I'm ready to go to work. It also meant very much for my family's lifetime friend, Judge Larry Dunne, to agree to swear me in."

Photo by Veronica Ramirez Seever

Bastrop inmate dies of COVID-19

By Julianne Hodges
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An inmate at the Federal Correctional Institution of Bastrop, a low-security facility on Highway 95 between Bastrop and Elgin, died last week due to COVID-19.

According to a press release from the U.S. Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Prisons released on November 23, inmate Charles Fankhauser was evaluated by institutional medical staff for symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and transported to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation on October 22. While he was at the hospital, Fankhauser tested positive for COVID-19.

Fankhauser was placed on a ventilator on November 14 after his condition declined. He was pronounced deceased by hospital staff on November 20.

According to the press release, Fankhauser had long-term pre-existing medical conditions that are listed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as risk factors for developing a more severe case of COVID-19.

Fankhauser was 64 years old. He was sentenced in the Southern District of Texas to a 97-month sentence for possession of child pornography. He had been in custody at the Federal Correctional Institution of Bastrop since December 18, 2019.

According to the Federal Bureau of Prisons website, www.bop.gov/coronavirus, the Federal Correctional Institution of Bastrop has 89 inmates and 14 staff members with active cases of COVID-19 as of Monday afternoon. Last week, 268 inmates and 11 staff members had active cases. No staff members have died of COVID-19, and 219 inmates and three staff members have recovered so far.

The Federal Correctional Institution of Bastrop currently houses 1,091 male offenders.

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New playground and walking trail opens



Officials and community members gather to celebrate the opening of the new playground. Center: Elgin City Council members Sue Brashar and Juan Gonzalez and Bastrop County Precinct 4 Commissioner Donna Snowden cut the ribbon.

Photo by Robin Schobey

Press release

City of Elgin

The City of Elgin celebrated the opening of new playground, fitness equipment, walking trail, and parking areas funded by St. David's Foundation and the City of Elgin in Elgin Memorial Park.

"We are excited to offer more accessible equipment and surfacing for both play and fitness, free from traditional

barriers," said City Manager Tom Mattis. "Kids, parents and caregivers will be able to play with their imaginations and have a diverse work out together."

St. David's Foundation selected the City of Elgin to receive \$199,909 as part of Parks with a Purpose program where more than 19 applications were received in 2019

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Children test out the new playground equipment.
Photo by Elizabeth Marzec

Burn ban extended through Dec. 14

By Julianne Hodges
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The burn ban order in Bastrop County has been extended through December 14.

On Thursday, October 29, Bastrop County Judge Paul Pape signed an emergency burn ban order due to continued dry conditions. The

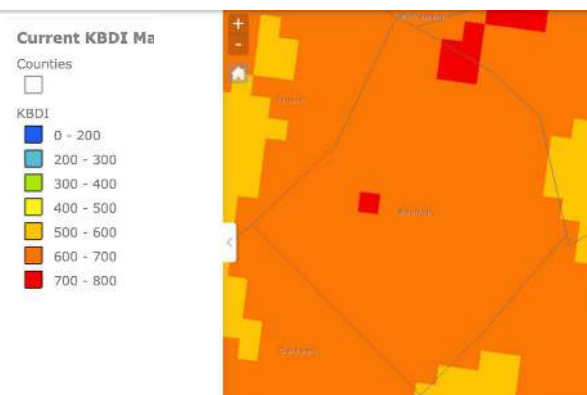
emergency order lasted until the following Thursday, at which point the Bastrop County Commissioners Court held a special meeting to extend the burn ban until November 23.

During their most recent meeting on Monday morning, November 23, the court voted to approve another extension, which

lasts until their next regular meeting.

At Monday's meeting, county deputy emergency director Christine Files said that the Keetch-Byram drought index (KBDI), which is a measure of drought conditions, for the entire county was 671—a

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This map from Texas A&M University's Texas Weather Connection shows the measure of drought conditions throughout Bastrop County on Monday.



Wildcats end season with victory over rival Bastrop

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RECORDS



Cynthia Lynn Cottle

Cynthia Lynn Cottle, age 74, of Elgin, Texas passed away Thursday, November 19, 2020.

A Visitation was held 7:00-9:00 P.M. Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at Grace Lutheran Church. A Celebration of Lynn's Life was held 10:00 A.M. Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at Grace Lutheran Church. Interment followed the Elgin Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family request that memorials be made to Grace Lutheran Church Sunday School Fund. Arrangements entrusted



to Providence-Jones Family Funeral Home.



Tracie Sandifer Poche



Tracie Sandifer Poche, 96, of Georgetown, formerly of Adina, passed away peacefully Sunday morning, November 22, 2020. Tracie was born March 11, 1924, in Adina, TX to Chester and Ethel Sandifer.

Tracie had many jobs throughout her life but her real career began when she started her own insurance agency, which she spoke proudly of in her later years. Tracie always had an industrious spirit and loved to work, finding joy in her capitalistic pursuits or the simple achievement of keeping a clean house. Tracie also enjoyed the bright lights and sounds of Las Vegas slot machines and some of her

fondest memories where made when she took trips with friends and family. Tracie had an unwavering commitment to always helping her children in any way she could. She was a generous woman with a huge heart and made it a priority to help those that

were less fortunate. She had a congenial personality and seemingly never met a stranger. Her enduring legacy is that of a tenacious spirit, determination, compassion, and love. Heaven accepted no greater angel than Tracie on Nov. 22nd.

Tracie was preceded in death by her brothers Nolan, George, Jack, and Wayne; her sister, Sue Ellen; her son Jerry Sumrall; and many close friends.

Tracie is survived by her sons, Bill Sumrall and wife Jo; Gene Sumrall and wife Dian; grandchildren, Brad Sumrall, Katherine and husband Orlando Griego, Suzanne and husband Adam Green, Cindie and husband

Ryan Lydon, Sean Sumrall, and Stephen Sumrall; great-grandchildren, Nick, Natalie, Lyndsay, Abby, Josh, Noah, and Lana.

She will lie in state at the Elgin Funeral Home, Tuesday, November 24th from 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM. A Funeral Service will be conducted at Elgin Funeral Home, Wednesday, November 25th at 10:30 AM. Interment will follow at the Adina Christian Church Cemetery. Arrangements and care are entrusted to:



Emiliano Zapata Navarrette

Emiliano Zapata Navarrette, 45, of Manor, passed away Sunday, November 22, 2020. The service will be private. Arrangements and care are entrusted to:



BURN BAN ...

From Page 1A

KBDI of 600 is the typical threshold for Bastrop County to be under a burn ban—and the entire county is considered in a “severe drought.” By Monday, the average KBDI had climbed to 672, with a low of 592 and a high of 710, according to the Texas A&M University’s Texas Weather Connection. Since the beginning of the month, Bastrop County has remained under a “moderate,” “high” or “very high” fire danger, maps from Texas Weather Connection show.

Since November 1, the county emergency communications department has received 169 calls for violations of the burn ban, with the Bastrop County Sheriff’s Office responding to about 40 of those calls.

Later in the meeting, the court continued a discussion, which began at the previous meeting on November 9, about installing signs throughout the county to indicate a burn ban in effect. The court tabled the item in order to find out how many signs would be needed and

who would be installing them.

“I’m hoping that (installing burn ban signs) definitely helps things, but I don’t really know what else to do to get this word out to our folks,” Files said.

The motion to extend the burn ban until December 14, at which time the court could consider extending it further, was approved unanimously.

“I think we’re all just bowled over by the statistics of the violations,” Pape said. “People need to pay attention. Since we did this last time, not only a house, but the house next door burned down, because somebody was illegally burning in the Lake Bastrop Acres area. That is just foolish and short-sighted and selfish. So, citizens, please stop burning.”

A person violates the burn ban order if they cause the ignition of any combustible or vegetative material outside of an enclosure that contains all flames and sparks. Violating the burn ban order is a class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine up to \$500. For more details about enforcement and exceptions to the burn ban, visit www.co.bastrop.tx.us/page/em.home.

Amelia Cardiel Vizcarra



Amelia Cardiel Vizcarra, 91, of Elgin, Texas, peacefully went to her heavenly home on Sunday, November 22, 2020, surrounded by her loving family.

Amelia was born on September 7, 1929, the daughter of Matilde Cardiel and Reyes Rosales Cardiel in Escalon, Chihuahua, Mexico. Amelia was married 63 years to the love of her life, Francisco “Pancho” Vizcarra until his passing on February 20, 2019.

She is survived by her daughter, Leticia “Tish” Vizcarra, her five sons, Leonard Vizcarra Sr., Luis Vizcarra, Francisco “Frank” Vizcarra Jr. (wife Lorraine), George Vizcarra (wife Nellie), Charlie Vizcarra (wife Lisa), her son-in-law, Francisco “Paco” Villarreal, her sister, Leonor Porras, 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by, her parents, her brothers Tacho and Bartolo, sisters Kika, Beta, Donga, Tere, her husband Pancho Vizcarra, her daughter, Maria Villarreal, her grandson, Christopher Vizcarra, and great-grandson, Cesar Castillo Jr.

Amelia was a devoted Catholic and a lifelong member of the Elgin Sacred Heart Catholic Church, having served as a member of the Guadalupana Society over 50 years. She was a strong woman of faith and made sure to pass that message to everyone that crossed her path. She greatly enjoyed her semi-annual pilgrimage to the Basilica of Our Lady of San Juan Del Valle Shrine.

The simplest pleasures in life brought great joy to Amelia. As a great-grandmother, she cherished all family time, and loved the holidays. She always looked forward to decorating and holiday cooking. She was the best cook, especially with her enchiladas,

but by far were her delicious tamales.

“Momo” always said that “hard work pays off”, working for the University of Texas for 20 years. She never met a stranger that wouldn’t become her friend. Her hard work was evident in her garden, particularly her Pothus ivies, esperanzas and geraniums. She was a passionate sports fan and loved Texas Longhorns, San Antonio Spurs, and the Atlanta Braves, never missing a game.

Pallbearers honoring their grandmother, “Momo”, will be: Leonard Vizcarra Jr., Jason Vizcarra, Celina Sanchez, Joshua “Josh” Vizcarra, Nicholas “Nic” Vizcarra, Jaime Villarreal, Cody Vizcarra, Arturo Villarreal, Jalen Vizcarra, Brandon Vizcarra, Dustin Vizcarra and Luke Vizcarra.

The Vizcarra family wishes to extend a very special, heart-felt thanks to Sophie and Perk Hernandez for always watching over “Momo” and loving her as family throughout their many years as neighbors.

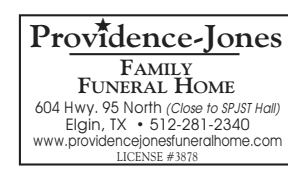
A visitation will be held Tuesday, November 24,

2020 from 6:00 pm – 7:45 pm at Providence-Jones Family Funeral Home followed by a private recitation for the family of the Holy Rosary beginning at 8:00 pm. Protective masks and social distancing will be required. A Celebration of Mass Christian Burial will be held Wednesday, November 25, 2020, 11:00 am at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Elgin, Texas. Interment will follow immediately at the Elgin Latin Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 302 West 11th Street, Elgin, Texas 78621.

“Momo”, you and your precious, loving smile will greatly be missed, and you will forever remain in our hearts.

Arrangements entrusted to Providence-Jones Family Funeral Home.



Etta Mae Smith Henigan

Etta Mae Smith Henigan, age 99, of Austin, Texas passed away Wednesday, November 18, 2020.

A Celebration of Etta's Life was held Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at Providence-Jones Family Funeral Home. Interment followed at Cook-Walden

Memorial Hill Cemetery in Pflugerville.

Arrangements entrusted to Providence-Jones Family Funeral Home.



Edward Joseph Werley

Edward Joseph Werley, age 69, of Granger, Texas, passed away Monday, November 16, 2020.

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



Karry Gene Barrs

Karry Gene Barrs, 54 of Austin, passed away Friday, November 20, 2020. Services are currently pending. Arrangements and care are entrusted to:



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- ACROSS**
- 1 Rising ____, TX
 - 5 honorary Texas Ranger: _____ Stanley Gardner
 - 6 former MLB pitcher from Texas, David
 - 7 transport for Dallas-based Greyhound (2 wds.)
 - 8 TX-born Steve Martin song: "King _____"
 - 9 flightless Australian bird
 - 12 TXism: "____ of" (lots)
 - 17 puzzling things
 - 19 "Ma," the first governor of Texas
 - 21 "____ up" (getting ready)
 - 22 TXism: "she could talk a wagon out of _____" (talks a lot)
 - 23 _____ Blanca, TX
 - 28 dork, dweeb
 - 29 gas _____ led to a school disaster in New London (1937)
 - 30 reveal an art work
 - 31 WBAP's business
 - 35 TX Janis Joplin album: "I Got _____ Kozmic Blues Again Mama" (1969)
 - 36 site where Missouri City, TX slaves learned they were free in 1860 (2 wds.)
 - 42 TXism: "mean as a _____"
 - 44 cut into two parts
 - 46 airport buildings

- 48 slain
 - 49 this Ron was "Tarzan" on NBC (1966-68)
 - 50 a church building recess
 - 51 more mentally healthy
 - 52 TXism: "he's ugly as homemade _____"
 - 53 TXism: "fits like ugly _____ ape"
 - 54 "Lexington" at Corpus Christi is an _____-class aircraft carrier
- DOWN**
- 1 it's located on the 3rd floor of the TX Capitol (2 wds.)
 - 2 "Jackson County Herald-_____"
 - 3 Alaska's islands
 - 4 TX Drew Stubbs played for the Cincinnati _____
 - 9 Muslim ruler
 - 10 Louise and Irene to Barbara (2 wds.)
 - 11 this Ulysses first saw combat at the "Battle of Palo Alto" in TX (init.)
 - 12 a TX doc is current pres. of this assn.

A Christmas Wish Part III

I was unable to sleep that night, here it was a couple days before Christmas and a young version of the former editor of the newspaper I "worked" for was the one in need of help.

He wanted his father in his life, what son doesn't.

Unable to sleep, I went to investigating, trying to locate the boy's father.

By the time the morning came I had a few leads as to where he might be. Li helped locate him within a 15-mile range, it was time for some good ole gumshoe footwork.

I managed to track him to the Thrall area. I entered a local diner there and asked the waitress if she knew Bill Jennington, the boy's father.

"He has been here a couple of times. He should be in today actually; he seems to be a fan of our Tuesday special of pot roast."

"Do you know about what time he's usually here," I asked.

"No, not really it varies." She went about her customers as I sat there.

I ordered coffee after coffee and eventually the special, which was indeed a delicious mouthful. The hours went by and I couldn't wait any longer.

The sun was beginning to set as I exited the diner. A man in a dusty straw hat and overalls approached the entrance. His build was strong, and a bit intimidating.

"Excuse me sir." He looked at me with the most humbling hard worker expression. "Are you Mr. Bill Jennington?"

"Yessir I am. What can I do for you?"

I paused; I wasn't sure how to approach the situation.

"Mind if I sit and have a cup of coffee with you?"

He was a bit weary; I could tell.

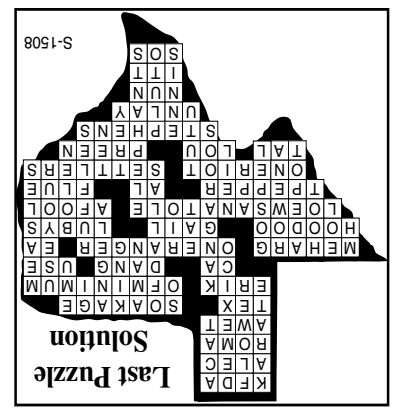
"This be about owing somebody money?"

"No sir, the person I am here to speak for is more important than that."

"Who," he asked.

"Your son sir."

Last week



Last week

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ANSWERS

Answer: Miley Cyrus
Guinn Wagon
Answer: Strategy

WORD SCRAMBLE

Guess Who?

I am a singer born in Tennessee on November 23, 1992. Few know my first name is actually Destiny, and I grew up on a farm. I became a child TV star on a Disney series. I later became a pop singing sensation.

Sudoku Puzzle

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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to games.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

No one deserves to be hurt instead of helped

Salutations to the people of the Elgin community—a community I deliberately joined over seven years ago because I perceived a community of goodwill.

Salutations—a lovely word offered as a gesture of goodwill, which I offer to my community members and which I value highly in my community—the goodwill of community members one to the other. And so I was shocked to the point of heart-break to hear of an incident that happened to one of our community members recently.

Someone had fallen, right there on the sidewalk by Main Street, where there is quite a bit of traffic and indeed plenty of people did drive past that day. No one stopped to help. For six hours, this person lay on the ground, unable to get up, unable to call for help, without water or shade. A few people did slow down to speak and what they had to offer—to one of our community members, as deserving of goodwill as all of us are simply by being part of this community—were hateful words.

There is no one in our community who finds themselves in need—in any condition or for any reason—

who deserves to be responded to with hatefulness instead of help. Surely we can find common ground in that truth, that no one deserves to be hurt instead of helped. And another truth—that any of us might find ourselves in a position of need. And another—that we would be hurt to be treated in such an uncaring way in response to our need.

Let us offer each other salutations, that we may live in a community that nurtures the best in us individually and collectively.

Peace and Wellness,
 Jules Assata
 Elgin, Texas

Readers share many tales of internet woe

Rural Texans have a lot to say about the lack of broadband service in their communities. Since we covered the topic earlier this month, many readers have emailed to share their stories and pleas for help.

An example is the email from reader Kathryn Steuart of Freestone County, who reads the column in the Fairfield Recorder. In her east central Texas county of 20,000, she reports that cell phones don't even work well. She and her husband pay for internet via a high-priced satellite service, which isn't sufficient to allow her to work from home.

An IBM AIX and Linux system administrator, Steuart said she has explored a variety of solutions, but found nothing. "We were willing/desperate to pay to have wire strung and present ourselves as a business to get decent speed internet," she wrote. "The rural phone companies are not incentivised to provide this service and quit answering calls. They go broke too often, as well."

She said she has some hope for Elon Musk's Starlink company, which is launching thousands of satellites promising accessible and affordable high-speed internet. Initial pricing is \$99 a month with an upfront hardware purchase of \$500. However, this project is in a testing phase dubbed "Better Than Nothing Beta," and the company warns customers of varying connect-



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ity speeds and occasional outages during the startup period.

Most employers won't hire remote workers with only satellite connections, Steuart said.

For more on the subject, watch a replay of the panel discussion "Broadband is a Lifeline" at TexasTribune.org. "Capital Highlights" will monitor how state lawmakers address the issue when they convene in January. For resources on advocating for solutions, contact Connected Nation Texas.

COVID battle rages on
 Gov. Greg Abbott touted some good news in Texas' fight against COVID-19.

"Medicines are delivered this week – and every week going forward – to heal those who get COVID," the governor tweeted. "Vaccines to prevent COVID are expected soon. Medical teams are being surged to areas that need it most."

Earlier in the day, Abbott visited Lubbock, which is confronting a surge in cases. There, he provided an update on the distribution of bamlanivimab, an antibody therapy for COVID-19. The state is sending first shipments of the drug to hospitals in regions with the highest num-

ber of new case counts, new COVID-19 hospital admissions and total COVID-19 hospital patients.

Abbott emphasized he would not be ordering any new statewide business restrictions and encouraged people to follow the same health practices, including wearing a mask and socially distancing, that helped during the state's spike in cases in July.

Texas has reported over 20,000 COVID deaths since the pandemic began, the Texas Tribune reported, based on data from the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Thankful and careful

The safest way to celebrate Thanksgiving this year is with only those already living in your household, the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services advises.

If you're planning to celebrate with others, the agency suggests that you take steps to make your celebration safer by following guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. They include: Wear a mask that fits securely over your mouth and nose and around your face.

Stay at least 6 feet away from those who don't live in your household.

If inviting others over, have a small outdoor gathering rather than an inside meal.

The CDC also encourages people to consider other activities rather

than a traditional meal with people outside their household. The agency's suggestions include:

Safely prepare traditional dishes and deliver them to family and neighbors in a way that does not involve contact with others. For example, leave them on the porch.

Participate in a gratitude activity, like writing down things you are grateful for and sharing with your friends and family.

A Thanksgiving gift

Texas A&M Chancellor John Sharp is encouraging all students to get a COVID-19 test before leaving campus for the Thanksgiving break.

Sharp has asked the Texas Division of Emergency Management, which is part of the Texas A&M System, to help the system get testing vans and tents to all campuses before the holiday.

"The greatest gift a student can give his or her family – including parents and grandparents – during this holiday season is the gift of a negative COVID test," Chancellor Sharp said. "Let's do all we can to stop this pandemic and get back to life as we knew it. Thanks to everyone who chooses to take a test before heading home."

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WORSHIP

Sincerely Thankful

We are all guilty of faking gratitude to God and to others. When you get a gift that you don't really want, you still have to be polite by saying thanks or sending a thank you note, but in such a case you are not being sincerely thankful. Yet that is not the sort of thanks we Christians should be giving to God, for Jesus says that the greatest commandment is this: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your strength." This includes the expectation that we give sincere thanks to Him with our whole heart, soul, and strength.

How much has God given us? Our lives and everything in them (except for our sin: we are responsible for that)! From the perspective of faith, it is



Rev. Carl ROTH
Guest Column

even inappropriate to say that we own anything ourselves—everything belongs to God, yet He has generously given us our lives and all possessions to use and enjoy. Every minute of every day we are receiving from Him countless gifts; just consider the oxygen you breathe, and the functioning lungs, heart, and vascular system that keeps you alive. God doesn't have to keep giving these things to you; so long as you have breath, you have at least that oxygen to give thanks for!

St. Paul says that our thanksgiving to God should

be not just occasional but constant when he says, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). For everything that God has given us, it is our duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him constantly, without ceasing, from cradle to grave. Our hearts should be sincerely thankful in sickness and in health, in bad times and good, in poverty and prosperity, in life and in death. If we are truly thankful for our lives and all that God has given us, then we will show our thanksgiving to God by living holy and righteous lives according to His expectations for us.

But if we examine our hearts and lives, what do

we find? Do we always offer sincere thanks or is it often insincere, or not at all? Do we perform heartfelt or grudging obedience (not to mention all our disobedience!)? Do we shirk our duties or do them selflessly? Oh, Lord have mercy on us!

We thank God above all else for sending His only-begotten Son into the flesh to save us from our sins. This is the most precious gift He could have given—He did not hold back His best from us, but gave us His dearest treasure, His beloved Son. He came to do the will of His Father, to reconcile the world to God and so that He doesn't have to count men's trespasses against them but instead against Jesus, who obeyed the Father's will perfectly in your

place. He gave His life for our sins on Good Friday, and on Easter morn the Father declared that He was pleased with His Son's sacrifice when He caused Him to be resurrected, never to die again!

So above all else we thank God for the redemption He has won for us in Jesus Christ, and we thank Him for delivering that redemption to us in the means of grace, the Word and the Sacraments, the Gospel, Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord's Supper, by which He takes the merit that Jesus earned and the righteousness He accomplished on the cross and applies it to each of you personally, individually for the forgiveness of all of your sins, for eternal life and salvation.

The path to salvation

and the path to heartfelt thanksgiving begins with the Word of Christ and leads us back continuously to the Word of Christ, as St. Paul says in Colossians, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Colossians 3:16-17).

Through Jesus. That is the key to all thanksgiving to God. It is by faith in Jesus Christ alone and through Him alone that we are saved, and only this Gospel can make our hearts sincerely thankful. Amen.

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SPORTS & OUTDOORS



Wesley Harkins (#68) and Jordan Hood (#76) open a hole for their quarterback, Peter McFarlin (#10).

Photo by Ron Ramirez

Wildcats win "Battle of Bastrop County" 37-17

By Ron Ramirez
Sports Reporter

Why would this game be any more important than other contests earlier in the season?

First of all, it was Senior Night, honoring the soon-to-be-graduating band members, Purple

Diamonds, cheer squad and football players and trainers.

It was between the two largest towns in the county, thus the "Battle of Bastrop County."

And lastly, it was the last game of the season, and both teams wanted to finish with the good taste of

victory in their mouth.

This was an Elgin squad who had only won one game all year, yet this group of young men had been either winning or barely trailing with two minutes left in every contest but one. There are no

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Paige Bailey (#3) sets a screen for Natasha Stafford (#23).

Photo by Ron Ramirez

Lady Cats open basketball season against Navasota

By Ron Ramirez
Sports Reporter

In a game that was evenly matched through the first three periods, the Lady Cats (0-1) were not able to keep up the pace in quarter 4, losing a hard fought match against the Lady

Rattlers of Navasota (1-0) 54-45, on Saturday, November 21.

Head Coach Patrick Roberts put out a starting five of sophomore Nevaeh Charvarria, freshman Jaylen Roberson, sophomore Cpeeritt Plummer, Junior Tianna Upton and soph-

omore Natasha Stafford. Seniors Anaya Freeman and Morgan Heine each saw extensive playing time, along with junior Paige Bailey and freshman Mackenzie Farris.

The Lady Rattlers held a

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ELGIN COURIER CHOOSE 'EM FOOTBALL CONTEST



Ron Ramirez Brian Lundgren Shorty Russell Randy Reyna Erin Anderson

The Mississippi at A&M game was cancelled last week.

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Last Week	4-5	6-3	3-6	4-5	5-4
Season total	54-33	58-29	48-39	56-31	57-30

Wildcat basketball takes on Round Rock Westwood and Bryan Rudder

By Ron Ramirez
Sports Reporter

It was a tough week for the boys' basketball team.

A seriously undermanned team of only seven players took on a fully-staffed team of the Westwood Warriors on Tuesday, November 17. Already short staffed at eight players, one of their top scorers and best defensive player was not able to play due to injury, leaving a willing but out-matched Wildcat squad.

Westwood rolled from the start. They had a hot hand shooting, and with their height advantage, were able to grab most offensive and defensive rebounds at will. Warrior defensive pressure, and Elgin's poor passing and ball



Adrian Jaimes drives between two defenders to score.

Photo by Ron Ramirez

handling, led to numerous turnovers throughout the game. With only two players able to substitute, the 'Cats were too worn out physically to stay competitive.

The halftime score was Westwood 28-13, and the final score Westwood 72-33.

On Friday, November 20, Bryan Rudder (2-1) came to town to take on the Wildcats (1-2). In a close game, Rudder rode back home with the victory 46-40.

The team should get some much needed depth as other players that were

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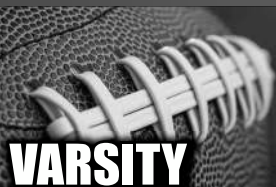
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DEC. 5
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DEC. 5
 HOME vs. East View 12:30 pm
DEC. 8
 @ Harker Heights 7:00 pm
DEC. 12
 HOME vs. Liberal Arts, 3 pm

LADY CATS ...
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slim three-point margin after the first period, 11-8. Good rebounding and timely scoring by Roberson, Plummer and Stafford had the Lady Cats still in contention at halftime, trailing by only two points, 20-18.

Elgin picked up the attack in the third quarter, scoring 17 points and holding Navasota to 13, and the Lady Cats were in the lead heading into the final period, Elgin 35-33. The start of the final period saw Elgin extending their lead up to six points, but then the bottom dropped out and the Lady Cats went cold in the offensive department while the Lady Rattlers saw a scoring spurt that would ultimately catch Elgin and let them coast to a comfortable nine-point victory.

"I thought my girls played hard," Coach Roberts said. "Their effort was good; they just ran out of gas at the end of the game and made some mental mistakes." Leading scorers for the Lady Cats were Stafford, Plummer and Roberson. Leading rebounders were Bailey, Plummer and Freeman.

The Lady Cats hosted Lampasas on Monday, November 23 and travelled to Hays High School on Tuesday, November 24. Results will be posted in the following weeks issue. They will host the Lady Cardinals of Del Valle on Tuesday, December 1 at 6:30 p.m.

WILDCATS...
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in football migrate to the basketball team.

The Wildcats will travel to Belton on Tuesday, November 24 at 1:30 p.m. to take on the Tigers. The season will pick up after Thanksgiving break, with a December 5 contest against East View at 12:30 p.m.

Wildcat Band receives new band rig



Band director Armando Martinez and assistant band directors Christopher Montemayor and Alyson Keller had a special surprise for their band members after practice on Thursday evening, October 29th: a brand new band rig! The band now has a consistent and good-looking vehicle that will not only haul instruments, uniforms, props and equipment 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.

Photo by Ron Ramirez

FOOTBALL ...
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moral victories in the win-loss column, but the 'Cats played hard, never gave up or gave in, and stuck together as a team.

They were taking on a Bastrop Bears team riding in with a lot of momentum, sporting a two-game winning streak, both over teams that had already beaten the Wildcats earlier.

The big three Wildcat offensive playmakers once again led the way. Senior quarterback Peter McFarlin had an outstanding rushing game, going over 200 yards and scoring two rushing touchdowns. He finished his last year with over 1,100 yards rushing, 700 passing yards and 17 scores. Senior running back Lyndon Rangel added 73 tough rushing yards and one rushing touchdown versus the Bears. Rangel finished his last year with over 600 total yards and seven scores. Senior wide receiver Trey I'som added two rushing scores against Bastrop to bring his yearly total to six touchdowns and over 500 yards receiving/rushing.

Junior Trevor Kirgan had a good year as a starting receiver. Keaton Grady did well as a kick returner, receiver and punter for the 'Cats. Young freshman Paden Maass was moved up

to the varsity in game five and proceeded to surprise everyone but himself and his parents, making 15 of 16 point after tries and his only field goal attempt (31 yards). The big three would not have been successful if their offensive line hadn't bulldozed the other team's big bodies consistently. Blocking back Matthew Herndon and offensive linemen John Reboloso, Wesley Harkins, Juan Solis and Jordan Hood were the big boys who paved the way.

The Wildcat defense was led by linebackers Willie Simmons, Braylon Owens, Jaylen Koch, Aaron Vega and Mario Navarro. Defensive lineman Jordan Hood fought double teams all year, but still managed to be a leading tackler while lineman Omari Williams has a bright future ahead. Seniors Markale Thompson and Wesley Harkins made numerous stops all year. Defensive backs Devin Manor, Khrys Washington, Lyndon Rangel and Devin Meurin, the interception against Bastrop, patrolled a very active secondary against some really good passing teams.

"It was truly a team win and we executed well in all three phases of the game," said Head Coach Jens Anderson.

He added he was so proud of his players, especially the seniors. He knows the team faced a lot of adver-

sity this season, but hopes the lessons they learned will carry them to success in college and beyond.

Anderson also wanted to thank his staff: offensive coordinator Jarad Richards, defensive coordinator Ramon Fuentes, special teams coordinator Jacob Rowe and assistant coaches Andrey Vanduren, Lance Hamilton, Mark Garcia, James Foehner, J. Stout, Chris Mueller, Hollis Stringer, Maxx Hill, Pete Heintze, Michael Morel, Dustin Maedgen, Travis Early and Aaron Griffin.

"(The coaches) continued to prepare for success, week in and week out," Anderson said.

Which leads me back to the "Battle of Bastrop County." Elgin (2-6) had won three of the last four contests against Bastrop, and the Bears (3-6) were not happy with that at all. The problem is that they ran into a Wildcat team who knew they were better, even if this season's win-loss tally didn't show it.

Elgin scored midway through the first quarter on a McFarlin rush and Maass kick, and the 'Cats never trailed again. I'som scored on handoff around end, Maass kicked, and the score was Elgin 14-3 at end of the first quarter.

The defensive line played an outstanding game, with Hood and Williams racking up nice tackles for loss or

little gain. The linebackers were also very active with Navarro and Simmons leading the way, and Owens with an interception in the second period. The half ended with Maass successful on a 31-yard field goal, making the score at the half, Elgin 17-3.

Bastrop scores first after half, making the score Elgin 17-10. The teams traded possessions for the rest of the period.

Quarter 4 saw Elgin draw first blood, with a five-yard run to paydirt by Rangel, making the score Elgin 24-10. Bastrop answered right away on a 65-yard pass and run, closing the contest to Elgin 24-17 with 10 minutes left in the game. But this time, the Wildcats left no room for opponent comebacks, with McFarlin scoring again on a nine-yard scamper, making the score Elgin 31-17. Elgin's defense stopped the Bears on a fourth down, and I'som finished the scoring with a seven-yard run around left end, Maass kick, and a final score of Elgin 37-17.

Ohhh, the sweet taste of victory...The Wildcats have now been Bastrop County champions four of the last five years!

This was my third season covering Wildcat football, and this will be my last game reporting on them, as I have other things to work on now. But know, I have so enjoyed meeting

and watching these young athletes in all sports and other teams compete. I can guarantee you that young lady in the Purple Diamonds is just as competitive as the young man making a tackle. That band member works just as hard to excel as does that volleyball player. I never cease to be amazed at how sharp and aware and caring these young people are. When they discuss their future plans with me, I see the sparkle and determination in their eyes. While many lament about young people nowadays, I see only a bright future for our community and our country.

It's been fun and I will see y'all in the stands next year.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final
Bastrop	3	0	7	7	17
Elgin	14	3	0	20	37

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The Elgin Youngs 9U baseball team are small town heroes in a big time league! The Young Guns fought a hard battle Saturday in pool play going 1-1, just to turn it around on Sunday winning three straight games in bracket to secure the USSSA Fall State tournament championship. These boys love the game and know that hard work pays off. The Young Guns are currently the number one 9U team in the state and nation.

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Lions Club contributes to local organizations

The Elgin Evening Lions Club has recently presented money given to non-profit organizations in Elgin and Bastrop County.



The Elgin Evening Lions Club presented a check to the Elgin Historical Association for \$1,250. From left to right: members of the Elgin Evening Lions Club, secretary Sue Reavis, president Jeanette Shelby, Tom Arsuffi, store manager Gilda Leyva, and John Smith who is also on the board of the Elgin Historical Association.



The Ministerial Alliance was given \$1,200. From left to right: Pastor Blanco; Gilda Leyva; Jeanette Shelby; Mark Stewart, member of the Lions Club.



Drive a Senior received a check in the amount of \$1,100. From left to right: Pamela Ficklin, driver for Drive a Senior; Esther Garza, services coordinator for Drive a Senior; Jeanette Shelby; Gilda Leyva; Mark Stewart.



The Elgin Evening Lions Club contributed \$1,500 to the Empty Bowl Project. Left to right: Gilda Leyva, Jeanette Shelby, Sue Reavis, Tom Arsuffi, John Smith, and Stephanie Wood who is the chair of the Elgin Empty Bowl Project and a board member with the Bastrop County Food Pantry.



Advocacy Outreach was given a check for \$1,000. From left to right: Beth Rolinson, director of Advocacy Outreach; Jeanette Shelby, Gilda Leyva, Mark Stewart. Photos courtesy of Elgin Evening Lions Club

COVID ...

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Emergency official reports rise in cases, imminent vaccine

During Monday's meeting, deputy emergency director Christine Files had a little bit of both good and bad news in her update to the Bastrop County Commissioners Court. "It's two different emotions coming today," she said, "because I'm reporting to you on the rise in the cases, and I'm also reporting to you on the hope of a vaccine." Files said Bastrop County is continuing to see a slow rise in the number of new cases and the positivity rate. Last week, 91 new cases were reported, which has not been seen since the beginning of September.

The "biggest news is on the vaccine front," Files said. Last week, Pfizer asked the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for emergency use authorization, which will be considered in December, she said. Once the FDA approves a vaccine, it will go to the CDC for review before being distributed. The vaccine would be given first to healthcare workers, then first responders.

So far, 11 healthcare providers in Bastrop County have signed up for distribution of the vaccine, including local health authority Dr. Desmar Walkes, Files said. The week before last, Walkes held the first meeting of the Bastrop County vaccine task force. Bastrop County is also involved in the Austin vaccine coalition. "Right now, a lot of things are revolving around vaccines and vaccine distribution, and that's just really incredible news," Files said.

Files concluded by emphasizing the impor-

ance of wearing masks and keeping gatherings small for people who choose to get together for Thanksgiving.

"What each of us decides to do this Thanksgiving is really going to determine the impact on our number of COVID positive patients and hospitalizations," she said.

Ahead of Thanksgiving, local health authority Dr. Desmar Walkes and the leaders of each local government in Bastrop County released a joint statement about being safe and avoiding COVID-19 during the festivities.

"We are in the ninth month of responding to the COVID-19 pandemic," said Dr. Walkes. "All are tired of this fight and want to get back to normal, especially around the holidays. However, the timing is not right to let down our guard. Wearing a mask and social distancing will make your family gathering safer and make the memories even more precious."

COVID-19 cases: 169 active, 2,017 recovered

As of Monday afternoon, Bastrop County has confirmed a total of 2,221 positive cases of COVID-19, according to the county's dashboard.

So far, 2,017 people have recovered from the illness in Bastrop County, leaving 169 active cases.

At the same time last week, the county's total number of cases was 2,127, with 1,970 recoveries and 124 active cases.

The dashboard reports two more COVID-19 fatalities, bringing the number of deaths in Bastrop County due to the illness to 35.

According to the Bastrop County Office of Emergency Management's weekly update last Tuesday, the county's two community test-

ing sites in Bastrop and Elgin performed 349 between November 10 and November 16. The positivity rate for tests conducted at these sites for that period is 4.1%.

For more information about receiving a test at one of these county testing sites, visit www.bastropcountycovid19.org or call 512-972-5560. For local questions about COVID-19, call the Bastrop County hotline at 512-303-4300.

For the latest update, posted each Tuesday, visit @BastropCountyOEM on Facebook.

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 226 cases. Last week, this number was 224.

As of Monday afternoon, the five-county Austin-Round Rock Metropolitan Statistical Area has 210 inpatients in the region's hospitals, with 77 patients in the intensive care units (ICU) and 45 ventilators in use.

Last week, 182 people were in the hospital as inpatients due to COVID-19, 62 patients were in the ICU and 32 ventilators were in use.

Three cases were reported on November 17: two cases from Elgin Elementary School, a staff member and a student, and one case from an Elgin Middle School student.

Two cases were reported on November 19: one staff member at Neidig Elementary School and one student from Elgin Middle School. Another case from a staff member at Elgin High School or Phoenix High School was reported on November 20.

Five cases were reported earlier in the month, for a total of 11 in November as of Monday.

Bastrop school leader earns award during pandemic

Press release
Calvary Episcopal School

Catherine Bohot, Calvary Episcopal School (CES) Head of School, has been presented the Young Leader Award for Excellence in Pandemic Leadership and Risk Mitigation from the Health Care Advisory Collaborative (HAC).

Bohot, collaborated with HAC virtually immediately once faced this spring with COVID-19 and its impact on schools and student education.

HAC, is comprised of founding collaborator Dr. Monroe and also draws upon the expertise of Linda Speer and Virginia Kennedy, both nurses and seasoned healthcare executives. Usually HAC works with hospitals and healthcare systems in various areas of clinical performance improvement. But they added services in pandemic risk mitigation in April of 2020, early during



Catherine Bohot, head of school at the Calvary Episcopal School in Bastrop.

Photo courtesy of Calvary Episcopal School

the pandemic..

"In April, we decided to offer our services to schools in order to ensure the safety of children throughout the pandemic," Linda Speer said. "CES was one of our first clients in this new area. It was obvious to us that Catherine had done

her homework – and lots of it – even before we met."

For more information on Calvary Episcopal School Bastrop, follow them on social media, go to their website calvaryschool.net or call the school office at 512-321-1610.

See more online.

PARK ...

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from Bastrop, Caldwell and Travis Counties.

The City of Elgin matched the grant to replace aging playground equipment, add fitness opportunities, create a multi-purpose track, and plant new trees in Elgin Memorial Park. Sidewalks, paving and parking lot improvements from Alpha Paving, costing \$74,545, were funded by the City of Elgin.

"We believe equitable access to safe, vibrant park spaces not only benefits the community by helping promote physical activity, but also serves an

important role in mental well-being and social connection," said Abena Asante, Senior Program Officer, St. David's Foundation. "We are so deeply honored to partner with the community of Elgin to create this beautiful new area neighbors of all ages and abilities to enjoy."

Located at 1127 North Main Street, at North Highway 95 and Main Street, the new play and fitness equipment is centrally located in Elgin, providing access to all residents. The park is approximately 26 acres with hundreds of elm trees and green grass and includes a large pavilion, concession

stand, restrooms, two sand volleyball courts, tennis court, basketball courts, horseshoe pits, playground, covered and uncovered picnic tables, barbecue grills, and park benches. The new fitness equipment and open space allows for outdoor fitness classes including yoga and HIIT in close proximity to the children's playground, with access to the new quarter mile loop walking trail for added cardio. New fruit, nut and shade trees will be planted along the walking path, enhancing the appearance of the park and providing hands on learning through the park's Edible Arbor Walk program.

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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 21 - 28

HAUNTED WIZARDS SCHOOL & BUTTERED BEER TAVERN

The haunted wizards school creates a dark twist on your favorite wizard experience at Scream Hollow, 149 Split Rail Lane in Smithville, on November 21, 22, 27 and 28. The school also boasts a buttered beer tavern. Explore the grounds, shop at the dark village, buy a wand, meet the ghost of the school and be sure not to miss the live music from Wizard Rock Bands. For more information, visit www.screamhollow.com/events.html.

NOVEMBER 27 - JANUARY 1

BASTROP RIVER OF LIGHTS

Take in the River of Lights, numerous lighted displays in a variety of seasonal themes lining Bastrop's scenic June Hill Pape River Walk, through January 1.

NOVEMBER 28

SHOP SMALL SATURDAY

Celebrate Shop Small Saturday on November 28 and join the search for Priscilla the Pig, the mascot for the Elgin Hogeye Festival, at participating businesses in downtown Elgin. As you find Priscilla, enter to win Downtown Dollar Gift Certificates and enjoy refreshments, store specials and holiday sales. Shop Small Saturday is a national promotion by American Express to support shopping with locally-owned businesses.

NOVEMBER 28

DRIVE-IN MOVIE & VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Join the Whos of Whoville in helping us make Christmas bigger and brighter by coming to the Bastrop Convention Center, 1408 Chestnut Street, for an old-fashioned drive-in movie at 6 p.m. But first, feel the Christmas Spirit come alive with the City of Bastrop Annual Christmas Tree Lighting—this year brought to you virtually on the big screen! Visit lostpineschristmas.com for more information.

DECEMBER 1 - JANUARY 29

SQUARE SHOW

Come enjoy an eclectic collection of works from regional artists in small square sizes at the annual Square Show at the Lost Pines Art Center, 1204 Chestnut Street, from December 1 through January 29. All artwork is for sale, as well as artist-made greeting cards and ornaments.

DECEMBER 4

LUNA HOLIDAY MARKET

Visit the Luna Holiday Market, hosted by She Creates Union, in downtown Elgin on December 4 from 6 to 9 p.m. Enjoy shopping for handmade gifts by local artisans, amazing food, and a holiday sing-along at Firewild on Main, 201 North Main Street.

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Representatives from the PTSD Foundation of America and members of the headlining band Amy N Me. PTSD Foundation of America representatives include: Michael Carson, Central Texas outreach chapter manager; Dana Martin, volunteer; Jay Fondren, outreach manager; and Zack Alexander, outreach special projects manager. Amy N Me band members include: Amy Linn, vocals; Alby Valadez, vocals and guitar; Ray Lavine, bass; Roy Riggs, drums; and Jeff Knight, keyboards.

Festival promotes hope for those affected by PTSD

By Julianne Hodges
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A festival hosted by the Community Gardens in Bastrop on Saturday, November 14 helped raise money and spread awareness of the struggles facing combat veterans and first

responders. Hope Fest was a festival benefiting Camp Hope and the central Texas chapter of the PTSD Foundation of America. PTSD stands for post-traumatic stress disorder, which often occurs when a person experiences or witnesses a terri-

fying event and can cause flashbacks, nightmares and severe anxiety. The festival featured activities, veteran-owned vendors and live music, including the band Amy N Me from the Texas Country Music Association. "We save veterans' lives,"

said Michael Carson, the central Texas chapter manager for the PTSD Foundation of America. "We hope to continue to reach out and cut down on the number of suicides each day."

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September 26

12:46 p.m. 18700 blk Imperial Eagle Ln—Disturbance. Reporting party advised of a disturbance, and yelling was heard in the background. Emergency medical services responded to the scene along with police. A subject was taken into custody, arrested and taken to Bastrop County jail.

12:48 p.m. 700 blk E 2nd St—Burglary. Reporting party advised a subject took a weapon from the home, then returned it. The complainant stated the subject admitted to others about breaking into the residence and taking a BB gun. The weapon has since been returned.

7:38 p.m. 18600 blk E

U.S. Hwy 290—Unwanted person. An employee advised a subject in the drive-through line at the business was being verbally abusive and refused to pull up and stop blocking the line. The subject did not listen to police or leave the line at first. The disturbance was over a refund, and the subjects left after the refund was issued.

September 27

10:41 a.m. 800 blk S MLK Blvd—Assault. Reporting party advised she was sitting in her room when someone came into her room and started hitting her, then left. The subject was detained, and emergency medical services were requested to the scene to check on the reporting party. The subject had a warrant confirmed by Bastrop County Sheriff's Office, and she was arrested for the warrants and the assault and taken to Bas-

trop County jail.

1:07 p.m. 500 blk Old McDade Rd—Forgery fraud. Reporting party wanted to report debit card abuse; their card was being used without permission. Two days later, video footage regarding the case was retrieved from a business.

September 28

7:27 a.m. 700 blk N Main St—Forgery fraud. Complainant wanted to report fraud and said she would be contacting the online payment company to cancel her account.

8:12 p.m. 14400 blk Little Eagle Ln—Suspicious person. Complainant had a video of a subject pulling on the door handles of her vehicle. The subject never made entry into her vehicles. Her neighbor advised that he found the center consoles open in his vehicles, but nothing was taken from the vehi-

cles. The neighbor did not want to press charges but requested frequent patrols in the area.

September 29

7:32 a.m. 1100 blk W U.S. Hwy 290—Burglary. Reporting party advised someone has been stealing money and damaging his ice machine; recently, the subject had stolen almost \$1,000 in cash. The subject was caught by Austin police, who advised the complainant to contact Elgin police about issuing a warrant for the subject. Information was collected for a report.

9:23 a.m. 200 blk E U.S. Hwy 290—Disturbance. Reporting party advised a customer in the drive-through of the business is at the window and yelling at them and threw something. The subject refused to move; he threw money and demanded to receive his

food, but had not ordered anything. During the disturbance between the customer and the staff, a small piece of the drive-through window was broken off, with conflicting stories as to who broke it. The manager stated the damage was less than \$100, so they were provided a direct file packet, and a criminal trespass warning was issued to the customer at the manager's discretion.

3:39 p.m. 200 blk Depot St—Forgery fraud. Reporting party advised someone applied for a stimulus check in his company's name, and he wanted to file a report. The complainant advised his credit accounts were frozen, but he has not suffered any monetary loss. The complainant was provided with advice on the next steps to take.

September 30

4:23 a.m. U.S. Hwy 290

& Red Elm Pkwy—Warrant service. During a traffic stop, a subject was found to be wanted out of Seward County, Kansas for rape. The subject was detained, and after the warrant was confirmed by Seward County, the subject was taken into custody and taken to jail.

11:39 a.m. 600 blk S Ave C—Assault. Police responded to a report of an assault, where a subject was taken into custody, arrested for assault family violence, and taken to Bastrop County jail.

5:34 p.m. 1000 blk E U.S. Hwy 290—Theft. Reporting party advised her friend stole some medication out of her purse the previous day and she wanted to file a police report. The price of the pills was less than \$100, so the complainant was issued a direct file packet and other information.

BASTROP COUNTY JAIL LOG



November 2

Delano Dean Bartone—Possession or delivery of drug paraphernalia; possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1, greater than or equal to 4 grams, less than 200 grams; wrong, fictitious, altered or obscured registration insignia; wrong, fictitious, altered or obscured license plate.

Joshua Allen Burdette—Parole violations.

Brian Wesley Cox—Public intoxication.

Kenton Reiley Inmon—Possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1, less than 1 gram.

Kewaton Marseler Johnson—Parole violations; possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1, greater than or equal to 1 gram, less than 4 grams.

Michael Anthony Lotfi—Fail to maintain financial responsibility; no driver's license when unlicensed, not CDL.

Alejandro Vasquez—Driving while intoxicated.

Tyrone Manuel Walker—Possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 2, less than 1 gram.

November 3

Constevius Jabar Clay—Possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 2, greater than or equal to 4 grams, less than 400 grams.

Tony Bern Deshay—Possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 3, less than 28 grams.

Chad Alex Espinosa—Public intoxication.

Justin Robert Gonzales—Tamper with government record.

Colt Lee Haydon—Driv-

ing while intoxicated, third or more.

Garry Wayne Henderson—Criminal mischief; evading arrest or detention.

Ruben Hernandez—Aggravated assault of date/family/house member with a weapon.

James Robert Young Jr—Burglary of a building.

November 4

Matthew Alan Facciolo—Public intoxication.

Christian Ann Hicks—Fail to identify fugitive intent give false information; parole violations; possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1, greater than or equal to 1 gram, less than 4 grams.

Timothy Ray King—Theft of property, greater than or equal to \$100, less than \$750.

James Carroll Lawrence—Parole violations.

Mario Alberto Martinez Galvan—ICE detainee; no driver's license.

Jose R Martinez—Driving while intoxicated, third or more; ICE detainee.

Justin Ray Painter—Assault causes bodily injury, family violence; public intoxication.

November 5

Raul Casillas Arizola—Possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1, greater than or equal to 1 gram, less than 4 grams.

Wesley Everett Brown—Driving with license invalid with previous conviction/suspension without final restitution.

Valentino Davilla—Possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1, less than 1 gram.

Jaime Diaz-Segura—Driving while intoxicated, blood alcohol concentration greater than or equal to 0.15; false or misleading statement in providing appraisal or give info, dam-

age to attended vehicle, greater than or equal to \$200.

Matthew Rayshard Felix—Dismissal of expired driver's license; requirement of financial responsibility.

Victor Gauna—Driving with license invalid with previous conviction/suspension without final restitution; fail to maintain financial responsibility; no driver's license when unlicensed, not CDL; operate unregistered motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer.

Jose Trinidad Gonzalez—Expired driver's license.

Jose Alberto Guerrero-Espinoza—Driving while intoxicated; ICE detainee.

Daveon Isom—Theft of firearm.

Darrell Lorenzo Mccloud Jr—Criminal trespass.

Gerardo Mondragon-Lopez—No driver's license.

Deshawn Ramon Moore—License required; compliance with or violation promise to appear; safety belts, driver; requirement of financial responsibility.

Chase Christian Pina—Evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Joshua Charles Randolph—City code violation, park (curfew); possession of drug paraphernalia.

Cisilio TurrubiarTE—Fail to comply with registration requirements.

November 6

John David Applewhite—Possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1, greater than or equal to 4 grams, less than 200 grams; resist arrest, search or transport.

Christopher Bryan Bostic—Driving with license invalid with previous conviction/suspension without final restitution;

possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1, greater than or equal to 4 grams, less than 200 grams.

Toni Rae Cervantes—Theft of property, greater than or equal to \$100, less than \$750.

Jeffrey Bryan Connally—Public intoxication.

Julie Renee Easterly—Fraudulent use/possession of identifying information, number of items greater than 10, less than 50.

Clayton Ray Gorman—Tail lamps required; tamper with identification numbers.

Amber Frierson Jones—Theft of property, less than \$100, with previous conviction.

Jorge Perez—Driving while license invalid; requirement of financial responsibility.

Jeremiah Elias Pond—Criminal trespass.

Elliott Tuttle—Assault causes bodily injury, family violence.

November 7

Harold Glen Hulgan—Terroristic threat; unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Kathryn Mott Johnson—Driving while license invalid.

Samuel Morgan—Display expired license plates; driving while license invalid; no insurance; driving while license invalid.

Maribel Pena-Zelmer—Cruelty to non-livestock animals.

Rebecca Kendal Ross—Possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1, greater than or equal to 1 gram, less than 4 grams.

Matthew Alan Zelmer—Cruelty to non-livestock animals.

November 8

Enrique Dominguez-Baranco—ICE detainee; tamper with government record.

Pedro Guzman Garcia—False alarm or report.

Jesus Antonio Pena—Driving while intoxicated; ICE detainee; possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1, greater than or equal to 1 gram, less than 4 grams.

November 9

John Pedro Aguero—Probation violations.

Kenton Reily Inmon—Public intoxication.

Orianna Raychele Saulsberry—Assault causes bodily injury.

Richard Schnabo—Driving with license invalid with previous conviction/suspension without final restitution; possession or delivery of drug paraphernalia.

Harley Schnell—Possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1, greater than or equal to 4 grams, less than 200 grams; possession of drug paraphernalia.

November 10

Kenneth Wayne Alexander—Driving with license invalid.

Patricia Anne Davis—Possession of drug paraphernalia.

Colton Hunter Herbert—Possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1, less than 1 gram.

Annie Elizabeth Howell—Criminal trespass; possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1, less than 1 gram.

Jose Fidencio Leyva-Victorino—ICE detainee; evading arrest or detention with a vehicle; robbery.

Austin Myles Luther—Obstruct highway passageway.

Jonathon Maldonado Sanchez—Assault causes bodily injury, family violence; interfere with emergency request for

assistance.

Mark Thomas Phillips—Public intoxication.

Jeremiah Elias Pond—Criminal trespass.

Rosalio Antonio Ramon—Burglary of habitation, force.

Jacob Michael Renck—Driving while intoxicated/open alcohol container; possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 3, less than 28 grams.

Brandon Jerard Sims—Possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1, greater than or equal to 4 grams, less than 200 grams; possession of a dangerous drug; unlawfully carrying a weapon.

November 11

Julio Cesar Campusano-Vargas—Driving while unlicensed.

Anthony Dee Canada—Indecent exposure.

Chase Nicole Cormack—Criminal trespass.

James Matthew Duncan—Injury to child/elderly/disabled with intent of serious bodily injury/mental.

Clayborne Joiner Jr—Delivery of marijuana, greater than 0.25 ounces, less than or equal to 5 pounds.

Brandon Michael Kasper—Public intoxication.

Michael Joe Kelly—Public intoxication.

Elicia Adela Montez—Driving with license invalid with previous conviction/suspension without final restitution.

November 12

Yoanis Jimenez Figueredo—Assault causes bodily injury, family violence.

Angela Renae Jaso—Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Richard Rodell Reed—Criminal nonsupport.

FESTIVAL ...

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Carson has his own story about PTSD and Camp Hope. He was sworn into the Army National Guard on September 11, 2001, then immediately spent the next 14 years in active duty and served a total of 19 years. He struggled with use of alcohol and drugs,

two of his friends died by suicide, and he eventually attempted suicide himself.

"After I came home, life wasn't the same," Carson said. "I deployed real strong, confident and committed, and returned with invisible wounds that my family, my friends, even me myself didn't understand."

At that point, Carson found Camp Hope, a

program with the PTSD Foundation of America located in Houston. There, he was taught skills such as anger management, coping skills, grounding techniques and cognitive behavioral therapy, and he participated in group sessions to talk about addiction. Camp Hope also gave him a place to stay and provided food and clothing, then helped him get set up with a vehicle,

a house and a job once he was about to graduate after 11 months in the program.

"We get educated in how to be a civilian again, once you actually deal with those demons from deep inside, and allow something bigger than yourself to heal those things," Carson said. ... "They literally gave me my life back, plus some, and it is due

to contributions from individuals who donate to Camp Hope."

Carson encourages any combat or first responder struggling with line-of-duty stress or post-traumatic stress, or anyone who knows someone in that situation, to reach out to the PTSD Foundation of America at www.ptsdusa.org or call their crisis line at 877-717-PTSD (7873).

"Don't hesitate," is the advice Carson would give. Don't ever think that you're alone, because I've been there, I understand it, I've been through it. The worst thing that we can do is isolate and not reach out. There are people out there that care about you. I'm one of them, and I would much rather hear your story than read your obituary."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER 4 - 20

ELF THE MUSICAL

The Bastrop Opera House, 711 Spring Street, will present ELF the Musical, a fish-out-of-water comedy based on the holiday film following Buddy the Elf in his quest to find his true identity, this December both in the theatre and online. The theatre will host in-person performances on December 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. and December 6, 13 and 20 at 2:30 p.m.; performances will be livestreamed online on December 5, 12 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. For tickets and more information, visit www.bastropoperahouse.com.

DECEMBER 5

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS OUTDOOR MARKET

Celebrate the holidays by shopping at outdoor vendor booths on Main Street in Smithville on December 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Photos with Santa will be \$5 until 2 p.m.

DECEMBER 8 - 22

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS BOOKS

Join the Elgin Public Library online via Facebook Live each morning at 10:30 a.m. for 12 days of Christmas books starting on December 8.

DECEMBER 11 & 12

ELGIN ART STUDIO TOUR

The Elgin Art Studio Tour on December 11 & 12 is a weekend filled with artists' demonstrations, live music, hands-on activities, and film screenings in historic downtown Elgin. The Elgin Art Studio Tour details and a schedule of demonstrations and featured music will be available online at www.elgintx.com and on Facebook @VisitElginTx. COVID-19 updates will be shared online; if you're visiting Elgin or shopping in person, please remember your face covering and practice social distancing.

DECEMBER 12

THE ART OF GIVING

The Art of Giving connects you with locally made, hand-crafted gifts so you can do your holiday shopping with online and in-person options in downtown Elgin on Saturday, December 12. Links will be posted to online shops and artists studios and physical locations. If you're shopping in-person, please remember your face covering and practice social distancing.

DECEMBER 12

HOLIDAY SWEATER SATURDAY

Wear your holiday sweater while you shop in downtown Elgin, and participate in a Tackiest Holiday Sweater Contest, on Saturday, December 12.

DECEMBER 12

BLOW YOUR OWN GLASS

Experience the art of glassblowing and create your own piece at the Lost Pines Art Center, 1204 Chestnut Street, on December 12. The class is a 20-minute session between 2 and 5 p.m. and costs \$50 per ticket.

DECEMBER 17

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Save a life, give blood! Elgin will host its next community blood drive on December 17 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Fleming Community Center, 802 North Avenue C, in cooperation with the Blood and Tissue Center of Central Texas. For more information, visit www.weareblood.org or contact local event coordinator Jason Tatum at 512-731-0352. Walk-ins are welcome, or sign up for a donation time online.

DECEMBER 19

MOVIE & MUSIC IN THE PARK

The Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to host Movies & Music in the Park on Saturday, December 19 at Riverbend Park. At 6 p.m., the evening will begin with live music until dark, at which time The Grinch will be shown on a large screen. Social distancing is required.

DECEMBER 4 - 19

SCREAM HOLLOW'S TWISTED CHRISTMAS

Each night, Krampus arrives and makes his trek through Scream Hollow, 149 Split Rail Lane in Smithville, for some of the darker Christmas traditions on December 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19. A bar, cafe, bakery, vendors, live music and more will be available.

CANCELED: FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS & LIGHTED PARADE

Smithville's Festival of Lights and Lighted Parade, scheduled for December 5 this year, has been canceled by city officials due to COVID-19.

DECEMBER 5

ELGIN SIDEWALK SALE

Businesses in downtown Elgin will use the area in front of their stores to display and sell merchandise on Saturday, December 5 during the monthly community sidewalk sale. For more information, look on social media and visit @VisitElginTX on Facebook.

DECEMBER 5

HANDMADE HOLIDAY OUTDOOR MARKET

Enjoy the second annual Handmade Holiday Outdoor Market, featuring several local and regional artists and craft-makers, at the Lost Pines Art Center, 1204 Chestnut Street in Bastrop, on December 5 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets will be sold online; if they are not sold out, they will be for sale at the door.

DECEMBER 8

ABC ZOOM BOOK CLUB

Join the ABC's book club for a monthly Zoom meeting each second Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m. On December 8, the featured book will be The Daughter of Erietown by Connie Schultz. For a Zoom invite, email library@ci.elgin.tx.us.

DECEMBER 11

DOWNTOWN CHRISTMAS STROLL

The Bastrop Christian Ministerial Alliance will host a traditional community event for Christians to come together to stroll down the sidewalks on the main street of Bastrop and sing Christmas carols on December 11 at 6:30 p.m. They will begin at the Wells Fargo Bank in downtown Bastrop, ending at Ascension Catholic Church for a scripture reading and refreshments.

DECEMBER 12

MAKERS & MERCHANTS FAIR

Head out to the Makers & Merchants Fair right in front of EH Mercantile & Subway at 1509 Dorothy Nichols, Smithville, on December 12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Browse the many hand-crafted items and other wonderful wares available.

DECEMBER 12

POINSETTIA AND STOCKING STUFFER SALE

Join Down Home Ranch, 20250 FM 619 near Elgin, for their annual Poinsettia and Stocking Stuffer Sale on December 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Whether you're looking for the perfect holiday centerpiece or a handmade gift, this family friendly event is the place to be.

DECEMBER 13

WINE AND UNWIND

Follow along with a resident instructor at the Lost Pines Art Center, 1204 Chestnut Street, to create your own masterpiece on December 13 at 2 p.m. Bring your own beverage and snacks; no painting skills are required. The event costs \$40 per person.

DECEMBER 5

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS & HOT COCOA STROLL

Elgin is Home for Holiday by the Tracks! Enjoy the Hot Cocoa Stroll, shopping and more in Historic Downtown Elgin on Saturday, December 5. COVID-19 updates will be shared online and in the events on Facebook. If you're visiting Elgin or shopping in-person, please remember your face covering and practice social distancing.

DECEMBER 5

WORK DAY AT THE COLORADO RIVER REFUGE

Come help the Pines and Prairies Land Trust maintain the hiking trails at their Colorado River Refuge on Riverside Drive in Bastrop on Saturday, December 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Volunteers will cut back encroaching vegetation, remove fallen or dead branches and level off tread. For more information and to sign up, visit www.pplt.org/events.

DECEMBER 5

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Come out to Calvary Baptist Church, 3005 Loop 150 in Bastrop, for a free pancake breakfast and pictures with Santa on December 5 from 9 to 11 a.m. There will also be crafts, games and more for children to enjoy.

DECEMBER 5 & 6

A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM DRIVE-THROUGH LIVING NATIVITY

Come experience the miracle of Christmas with the Bastrop Christian Outreach Center, 1096 West Highway 71 in Bastrop, for a drive-through living nativity on December 5 and 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. In this drive-through living nativity, you'll find scenes that tell about the events leading up to the night Jesus was born narrated from the comfort and warmth of your car.

DECEMBER 10 - 12

HOLIDAY SIDEWALK STROLL

Head to downtown Bastrop for one of the most wonderful times of the year: the Holiday Sidewalk Stroll on December 10 through 12. You can find treasures and eclectic specialty stores to snag Christmas gifts that are as original and independent as Bastrop. Hunt for the special sidewalk stroll ornaments for a chance to win a Downtown Bastrop Gift Card Tree!

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McDade ISD earns highest fiscal accountability rating

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McDade Independent School District officials announced that the district received a rating of “A” for Superior Achievement” under Texas’ School FIRST financial accountability rating system. The “Superior Achievement” rating is the state’s highest, demonstrating the quality of McDade ISD’s financial management

and reporting system. This is the 17th year of School First (Financial Accountability Rating System of Texas), a financial accountability system for Texas school districts developed by the Texas Education Agency in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76th Legislature in 1999 and amendments under House Bill 5, 83rd Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2013. The primary goal of School FIRST is to achieve quality performance

in the management of school districts’ financial resources, a goal made more significant due to the complexity of accounting associated with Texas’ school finance system. “We are very pleased with McDade ISD’s School FIRST rating,” said McDade ISD Superintendent Barbara Marchbanks. “This rating shows that our district is making the most of our taxpayers’ dollars. This rating shows that McDade’s

schools are accountable not only for student learning, but also for achieving these results cost-effectively and efficiently.” The Texas Education Agency assigned one of four financial accountability ratings to Texas school districts, with the highest being “A” for “Superior Achievement,” followed by “B” for “Above-Standard Achievement,” “C” for “Standard Achievement” and “F” for “Substandard Achievement.”



Words can’t express just how much we appreciate the support of our customers and community through the challenges of this past year. The events of 2020 have changed all of our lives, and given us pause to reflect on the things we value and appreciate most. The kindness, friendship, consideration and comradery our neighbors have shown toward us and one another makes us truly grateful to be a part of this resilient community. Thank you for helping us through a difficult year, and for your cooperation and patience. We appreciate your business, and we look forward to rebuilding our local economy together and reconnecting with all of you.

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Notice is given of a public hearing to be held by the City of Elgin at the Elgin Public Library Annex (Civic Center), 404 N. Main St. in Elgin, Texas, USA on 12/21/2020 at 6:30 PM Central Standard Time by the Planning & Zoning Commission for consideration of Project #202001200: A re-plat for "Replat of Lot 2 Block A, Elgin Business Park III" located on parcels of land known by the Bastrop County Appraisal District as Parcels 47326 & 8712052, located west of Roy Rivers Rd. and north of Littig Rd. in order to create a new lot and merging a tract of land into an existing platted lot. This hearing is open to the public & comments may be expressed at the hearing. For more information contact planninganddevelopment@ci.elgin.tx.us or 512-281-0119.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS MCDADE ISD

State Financial Accountability Rating
 McDade ISD Board of Trustees will hold a public meeting at 5:30 on December 8, 2020 in the McDade High School Gym located at 156 Marlin St. McDade, TX. 78650 The purpose of this meeting is to discuss McDade ISD's FIRST rating on the state's financial accountability system.

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TO:
IRENE BROWN AND, IF APPLICABLE, HER UNKNOWN HEIRS MARY CLARK JONES AND, IF APPLICABLE HER UNKNOWN HEIRS KATHERINE WINDOM AND, IF APPLICABLE HER UNKNOWN HEIRS DEFENDANTS

GREETINGS:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable Carson Campbell Court, Bastrop County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said county in Bastrop Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 4th day of January 2021, to PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION AND REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE filed in said court, on the 2ND day of OCTOBER, 2020, in this cause, numbered 1623-21 on the docket of said court and styled:

H&P BASCO FAMILY PROPERTIES, LTD, PLAINTIFF
vs.
IRENE BROWN AND HER UNKNOWN HEIRS, MARY JONES CLARK, AND HER UNKNOWN HEIRS, AND KATHERINE WINDOM AND HER UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEFENDANTS

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
"Plaintiff respectfully prays that Defendants be cited to appear and answer herein, and that upon a final hearing of the cause, judgment be entered for the Plaintiff against Defendants finding that H&P Basco Family Properties, LTD is the true and lawful owner of Lot 7, together with such other and further relief to which Plaintiff may be entitled at law or equity. Lot 7 located in Bastrop County, Texas known locally as 755 Waugh Way, Bastrop, Texas 78602 Lot 7, Block 2, Town of Sayers, as shown on the Map of the Town Sayers recorded in Volume 14, page 17, Deed Records of Bastrop County, and H.N. Bell's Subdivision of Part of Sayers Town Tract, recorded in Cabinet 1, Page 6a, Plat Records of Bastrop, County, Texas. If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Witness, SARAH LOUCKS, Clerk of the 21st District Court of Bastrop County, Texas
Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Bastrop, Texas, this the 16th day of November, 2020.

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EHS Class of 1969 reunites



Back Row (left to right): Stan Lundgren, Don Evans, Darrell Glover, Douglas Arnhamn, Johnny Klemm, Debbie Cartwright, Jerry Murphy, Sharon Robbins, Glen Guernsey, Mark Nygard & John Ward. Front Row (left to right): Paula Branum, Nelda Kubicek, Nancy Bandy, Aubrey Lewis, Gayle Graham, Pam Murphy, Linda Conner, Linda Ging, Elaine Martin & Mary Ann Tatum. Not pictured but attending: Sandra Frietag & Naomi Melendrez

The Elgin High School Class of 1969 celebrated its 51st year since graduation on October 24.

Twenty-three classmates, along with spouses, gathered at the Rising Sun Vineyard in McDade to reminisce and share stories of their lives. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, face shields were provided and social distancing was observed.

Showing his determination to attend the get-together, Aubrey Lewis traveled from Port Arthur with a broken foot! Also attending were Don

and Sylvia Hudson. Don was honored as a faculty member in 1969. Other

honorees (not attending) were Sherry Moore and the High School prin-

cipal Jack Flinn. These faculty members were recognized, as were the

classmates who are deceased. Such a good time was had that the plan-

ning group is already working on the next reunion!

Courtesy photo

Neidig Elementary hosts contest for Red Ribbon Week

During Red Ribbon Week on the week of October 26th, Neidig Elementary School had a variety of dress-up days to celebrate the Red Ribbon Week Slogan, which is "We are Superheroes: Be Happy, Be Brave, Be Drug-free."

One of the new activities this year was to have a Red Ribbon Week bookmark

decorating contest. In this contest, students had to create a bookmark using the slogan previously listed.

One winner was chosen per grade level. There was also a teacher division. The following are the winners of the 2020 Red Ribbon Week bookmark decorating contest:



2nd Grade: Kamryn Menard



3rd Grade: Christopher Lara Garduno



Kindergarten: Hunter Grier



1st Grade: Sonny Ann Rowe



4th Grade: Elizabeth Anderson



Teacher: Lydia Miranda
Photos courtesy of Neidig Elementary School



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Meet the WAMPANOAG

In the 1600s, the Wampanoag Nation had about seventy thousand people living in 67 villages. This map shows some of them. The large print shows the Wampanoag name of a village. The small print gives the modern name.



When the Pilgrims arrived at what is now Plymouth, Massachusetts, they met native peoples who had lived in the area for thousands of years. Their name, Wampanoag, means "People of the First Light." This name was chosen because they lived on the east coast and they received the light of dawn before anyone to the west.

MAP CHALLENGE

Can you find the region shown on the map at right on a U.S. map?

Standards Link: History: Students understand the reasons that Americans celebrate certain holidays.

When did Thanksgiving begin?

Celebrations of thanksgiving in North America did not _____ with the Pilgrims at _____ in 1621. Gratefulness was (and is) a very important part of _____ life.

The Wampanoag have held _____ to give thanks since _____ times. And not just for a good _____. The Wampanoag give thanks for the birth of a child and other good fortune. In fact, giving thanks was the _____ reason for Wampanoag celebrations.

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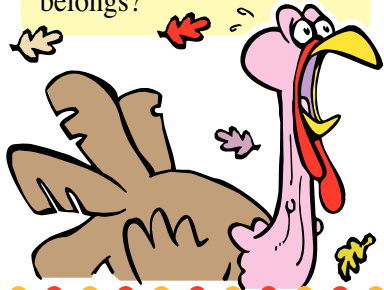
Find It!

Give each person at your Thanksgiving feast a page of the newspaper. See who can find each of the following in his or her paper:

- An odd number
- The word "thanks"
- Something to be thankful for
- A delicious food
- A Thanksgiving event
- A good place to visit

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

This trouble-making turkey has taken some words out of these paragraphs. Can you find where each word belongs?



Corn Confusion

The arrival of colonists from Europe was seen differently by different groups of people. The Wampanoag were cautious and unsure about these new people. The colonists were relieved to be done with their long voyage, but afraid of what might lie ahead.

In November of 1620, exploring colonists found corn buried in the ground. They called corn "Indian wheat." Here are two viewpoints on this same event:

The Wampanoag Viewpoint

"What kind of people would steal what isn't theirs? The corn was a family's seed for planting next spring, as well as food to carry them through until harvest."

The Colonial Viewpoint

"While exploring, we discovered many places where Indian wheat was buried. We dugged it up and took away as much as we could carry. We saw none of the Indians, but we will pay the owners if we can find them."

Standards Link: History: Students understand the history of how communities in North America varied long ago.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

WAMPANOAG RIDDLE

I am the shape of all things given by The Creator.
I have no end and no beginning.
I am the shape of life itself.

What am I?

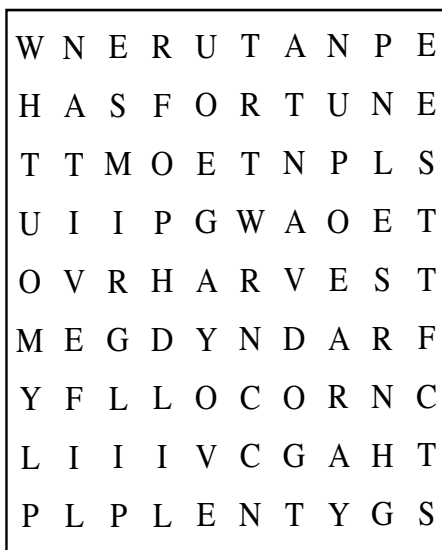
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21 - 5 = A 11 + 6 = E 21 - 8 = L
18 - 9 = C 14 - 8 = I 24 - 9 = R

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

WAMPANOAG VOYAGE HARVEST COAST PILGRIMS CREATOR PLYMOUTH NATIVE PLENTY CORN DAWN FORTUNE SEED LIFE



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Headline Poem Challenge

Clip at least 10 headlines from today's newspaper and divide them into their parts of speech (noun, verb, adjective, etc.). Create a poem about Thanksgiving using all the words you clipped.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write in a variety of genres including poetry.



What do math teachers do on Thanksgiving?

ANSWER: Count their blessings.

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