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## Board to meet Aug. 27 to adopt budget, tax rate

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The Hallettsville ISD board of trustees will hold a special meeting, Thursday, Aug. 27 to adopt the 2020-21 budget and 2020 tax rate.

The appraisal roll showed the total taxable property value for 2020 is \$756 million.

The board gave the nod to ordering authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of HISD unlimited tax refunding bonds, series 2020B.

Refunded bonds are bonds that have

their principal cash amount already held aside by the original issuer of the debt. A subset of the municipal and corporate bond classes, the funds required to pay off refunded bonds are held in escrow until the maturity date, usually by purchasing Treasury or agency paper.

The board authorized a pricing officer to approve the amount, interest rates redemption provisions and terms and certain other procedures. The refunding of the 2010C Series bond will produce an estimated savings of \$1.6M for the district.

The board approved a resolution regarding extracurricular status of 4-H and adjunct facility.

County Agent Natalie Knesek will be the HISD adjunct staff member.

A report was given on employee professional development, safe school training and accountability.

The district will seek a grounds/maintenance employee.

Mike Appelt is retiring Aug. 19 and the board may opt to contract the job instead of a regular employee.

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## Tax assessor proposes tax rates

RATE TO BE ADOPTED  
MONDAY, AUG. 31 AT 10 A.M.

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At Monday morning's Lavaca County Commissioners' Court meeting, County Tax Assessor-Collector Deborah Sevcik presented the certified values for 2020 and said the values have gone down from the previous year.

Following the court accepting the county and farm-to-market road certified values for 2020, Sevcik presented the calculated no-new-revenue tax rate and the voter-approval tax rate.

Sevcik said based on her calculations, including the general and Farm-to-Market Road (FMR) fund, the calculated no-new-revenue (NNR) tax rate for 2020 is 60.16 cents per \$100 valuation, which is calculated to be 47.32 cents for the general fund and 12.84 cents for the FMR fund. Before last year, the no-new-revenue tax rate was referred to as the effective tax rate.

Sevcik reported she calculated the voter-approval (VA) tax rate at 61.15 cents per \$100 valuation, which includes both the general fund (47.81 cents) and the FMR (13.34 cents). The voter-approval tax rate is the highest rate that can be adopted without holding an election. Before last year, the voter-approval tax rate was referred to as the rollback tax rate.

Last year's 2019 adopted rate, including general fund and FMR, was 56.79 cents per \$100 valuation.

Following a vote to accept the Tax Assessor-Collector's presentation on the tax rate calculations, Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff moved for proposing last year's tax rate of 56.79 cents per \$100 valuation, that included 44.68 cents on the general fund and 12.11 cents for FMR and is below this year's no-new-revenue tax rate.

The court voted 4-1, with Commissioner Dennis W. Kocian opposing the motion.

The court set Monday, Aug. 31 as the date to vote on adoption of the tax rate with the meeting taking  
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## Bludau is Overall Champion at TCFA Junior Fed Beef Challenge

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Students from across the state competed in the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) 2020 Junior Fed Beef Challenge held at West Texas A&M University in Canyon Friday, July 24 with Hallettsville FFA member Luke Bludau bringing home the top award as Senior Overall Champion.

This annual contest gives 3rd through 12th grade students the opportunity to gain industry knowledge and practical experience in commercial cattle feeding.

The challenge has students involved with feeding a pen of three steers as well as taking a written test and competing in oral presentations and interviews. In addition, cattle performance points are also figured into the scoring to determine the winners.

Students compete for a combined \$20,000 in college scholarships along with trophy buckles and plaques.

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Hallettsville FFA member, Luke Bludau, was named the Senior Overall Champion at the Texas Cattle Feeders Association 2020 Junior Fed Beef Challenge held at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Bludau was awarded a \$5,000 scholarship along with a plaque and buckle. He also took first place in the senior division written exam and was awarded a \$500 prize. Contributed photo.

## COVID-19 showing slight drop in county cases

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Lavaca County Emergency Management Coordinator, Egon Barthels, reported to Commissioners' Court Monday that the number of active COVID-19 cases, which have been fluctuating is at 26, as of Monday, 9 a.m.

Barthels told the court the displaying of reported COVID-19 deaths is somewhat different due to two different reporting agencies.

"According to the Texas Department of Health Services and their statewide dashboard, they show 17

who have died," Barthels said. "They are using what is recorded on death certificates."

However, the information Barthels uses on death reports comes from Region 8, a division of state health services.

"They (Region 8) shows we (county) have a total of six four in the Hallettsville zip code and two with Yoakum's zip code," Barthels said. "As you know there is a big difference between 17 and six. Region 8 looks at all investigative information, while the state is only looking at what is reported on the death certificate."

Regarding active cases reported, according to zip codes, Barthels said there are 12 active cases for Hallettsville, two for Moulton, five for Shiner and seven for Yoakum.

Lavaca County has had 629 total cases since March with 597 having recovered.

Regarding availability of hospital beds in the Golden Crescent Region, out of 497 beds in regional hospitals, there are 133 (27 percent) total beds available and 154 (26 percent) total hospital surge beds available.

"It's still tight, but a lot better than three weeks ago," Barthels said.

## Limited visitation allowed at nursing/long-term care facilities

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The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) announced Friday rules for limited visitation at nursing and long-term care facilities.

In addition, HHSC also issuing enhanced emergency rules requiring additional actions to be taken by nursing facilities to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

"This is a rapidly evolving situation and we are constantly assessing what actions are  
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## HISD starting school year Thursday, Aug. 20

The Hallettsville Independent School District will open its doors Thursday, August 20 with the start of the 2020-21 school year. Teachers and staff members are excited to see students in person following the extended school closure that began on March 23 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The HISD staff officially began the new school year Wednesday, Aug. 5 with the district address led by the superintendent, Dr. Jo Ann Bludau and followed by professional development sessions held on the campuses.

During the district address, all teachers and staff members reviewed the district strategic goals and priorities, employees were recognized for their years of service.

In addition, district leaders introduced new employees and resources as well as strategies that will be implemented during the 2020-21 school year to maintain a safe and secure environment, and help students to be successful.

Teachers new to the district met with Dr. Mandy Bucek, Farrah Jernigan, and members of the HISD instructional technology team on Thursday, July 30, as well as Monday and Tuesday, August 3-4, for three additional professional development days.

The new teachers were familiarized with technology hardware and software that is available for them to use in accomplishing student goals.

Dr. Bludau also met with new staff

members on Tuesday, August 4th at the administration office to provide an orientation in district operations and procedures.

New personnel on the high school campus include: Hunter Helavaty (Science Teacher/Coach), Celine Markert (Health-PE/Coach), Brooke Derringer (AVID Teacher), Tim Bridges (Geometry/Coach), Shelby Vandenburg (Ag-Science), and Michael Hudson (ISS-DAEP).

Terry Dusek (5th grade Math), Amanda Steffek (6th Grade ELAR) and Stephen Appelt (8th grade Science/Coach) will be joining the HJHS team.

The Jr. High campus also welcomes Jordan Garner (7th grade Math/Coach),  
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## City of Hallettsville considers Drainage Grant Application

As part of the City of Hallettsville's efforts to secure grant funding from the General Land Office (GLO) for local mitigation projects including drainage, representatives of the City will be calling the community to gather information through an income survey

of area residents.

The City will be asking if the household income level is greater than or less than a specified amount and will use the information gathered from the survey to apply for a Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT)

Grant through the General Land Office.

The General Land Office has received funds from Housing and Urban Development to award mitigation projects to cities and counties. This is a competitive process. An important part of the appli-

cation is assure it serves a majority of low-to-moderate income persons. It is critical to have everyone in the City participate.

If you have questions regarding the survey, please contact the City Hall at (361) 798-3681.





# FIFTY YEARS AGO

## FROM THE PAGES OF THE Hallettsville Tribune-Herald

Aug. 11-14, 1970

### Area Spared by Hurricane

Lavaca County was spared by Hurricane Celia late Monday.

The destructive storm continued to the northwest after hitting Aransas Pass and Corpus Christi.

So often after storms strike the Texas coast, they veer north and eastward in the past, but this one was just the opposite.

Lavaca County received only wind gusts up to 30 mph and rain averaged from a few tenth to one inch. There was plenty of lightning but no damage reported.

A large tornado funnel was spotted above ground at the Hwy. 111 intersection and highway 77 south, but evidently didn't dip down according the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The National Guard, with headquarters in Gonzales, was called to the disaster and left Gonzales at four a.m. Wednesday. They will be guarding against looting and helping clear the wreckage for three or four days. National Guardsmen from all over Texas are now in Corpus Christi and Aransas Pass. Many Hallettsville National Guardsmen are members of the Gonzales Unit.

### School Board Meets Mon.; Okays Faculty

The school faculty for the 1970-71 school year which begins August 25th, is complete after the approval by the Hallettsville ISD board of trustees.

The tax rate for 1970 has been set at \$1.35 per \$100 valuation on a property value of \$20,864,000.

Fred Strauss, auditor, presented the tax report and it was accepted by the board.

The board accepted the milk

bid from Superior Dairies of .078 per one half pint.

The board accepted a bid of \$287.76 for 24 steel lockers for the high school. The bid was submitted by Foremost Equipment Co. out of Temple. The current high school locker capacity is 380 and with the registration of 408 students for 1970-71, the lockers were needed.

### Mullins to Receive Law Degree

Terrell Mullins is a candidate for the Doctor Jurisprudence degree from the University of Texas Law School at the close of the summer session.

Terrell, who was recently promoted to First Lieutenant in the Army Reserve, is a 1967 Distinguished Graduate of Texas A&M where he was the president of the senior class.

### Democratic Pct. Chairmen Nominates Mullins

The Lavaca County Democratic precinct chairmen met here Wednesday morning and nominated Claude B. Mullins of Speaks for county judge of Lavaca County.

The action places Mullins' name on the November ballot where he will run unopposed.

Mullins's nomination comes as the result of the recent death of county judge Gus Strauss Sr. Attorney Gus J. Strauss Jr. is filling the county judge post until the November election. Strauss did not seek the nomination.

Mullins will take office after the election and beginning January 1st, 1971, he will begin his four-year term.

### Storm Destroys Buske Home

A beach house owned by Mr. and Mrs. Al Buske Jr. was blown away by Hurricane Celia Monday at Holiday Beach close to Rockport.

Buske feels the damage was done by one of numerous tornadoes in the area that accompanied by the hurricane. Meanwhile, several homes in the area had light damage.

### Turtle Derby Winners Named

The Lions Club Carnival Saturday night was a big success in every way.

Winners of the Turtle Derby were as follows:

First place, Schwabe and Mikes of Shiner who entered "Jimmy," received \$50.00.

Second place, Frank Harris with "Pokey," received \$25.00.

Third place, Gindler's employees with "Bee Gee," received \$15.00.

Winners of various prizes were first place, Julius J. Tobola of Rt. 4 Hallettsville Angus bull; second prize, \$50.00 cash, Johnnie Rainosek, Rt. 4, Hallettsville; third prize, 50 pounds of beef, won by Mrs. R.B. Brown, Hallettsville, south of town. The following won \$10 gift certificates:

Henry Hessler, Randy Hartmann, Faye Stratmann, Rubin Lindemann and Mrs. Edwin Chovanetz.

### First Bale of Cotton Brought to Vrana Gin

The first 1970 bale of cotton was ginned by Eddie Vrana Gin at Moravia.

The bale was brought in Tuesday at 2 p.m. by Alois H. Grahmann, who farms north of Hallettsville.

The 560-pound bale was purchased by Mikulenska & Co. Other members of the corporation are Jake Sandelovic and Henry Timm Jr.

The Mikulenska firm paid 30¢ a pound for the bale.

The president of the firm is Francis J. Mikulenska.

The bale brought 925 pounds of seed and was purchased by at \$570 per ton by the Moulton Oil Co., James Kolar, owner.

The Vrana Gin paid of premium of \$5.00 per ton. Vrana ginned the bale for free.

Compiled by Chuck Grafe

## TOWN CHATTER

Henry Joe Jasek's

The Sacred Heart Catholic Church Blood Drive has been set for Sunday, Aug. 30 from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Family Center. (By appointment only). All donors will receive points to the new donor store to choose from hundreds of gift cards, including: • Amazon; • Walmart; • Chili's; and many more, or donors may chose STBTC merchandise. There will be Free COVID-19 Antibody Testing. For further information, contact Geradette Haas at 361-772-4358....

The Lavaca County Go-Texan Barbecue Pork Steak Dinner (plates-to-go only) will be served on Monday, Aug. 17 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Hallettsville KC Hall. Plates are \$10 each....

Bear's BBQ Benefit meal has been set for Sunday, Aug. 23 from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Sweet Home Fire Department. The meal will consist of chicken, green beans and giblet rice. Donation is \$10 per plate. Proceeds will help defray medical expenses for David "Bear" Stueber as he valiantly fights cancer. Contact Jennifer at 361-293-4542 or Desi at 361-772-6248 for tickets....

Clifton Sevcik celebrated his 90th Birthday on Aug. 10. He is a resident at Shady Oak Nursing Home in Moulton. Evelyn Sklar will be celebrating her 96th Birthday on Aug. 15. We wish both, Clifton and Evelyn, many more Happy Birthdays in good health....

The following couples have wedding anniversaries this week (50 or more years): Kenneth and Edwiner Deshotel — 51st Wedding Anniversary on Aug. 12; Raymond and Patricia Opela — 59th Wedding Anniversary on Aug. 12; Jimmie and Jeannette Jahn — 60th Wedding Anniversary on Aug. 14. May God bless these couples with many more Happy Anniversaries....

Brittany Petru, Carol Woytek, Dustin Speyrer, Hubert Gerlich, Daniel Drozd, Mary Cargile, Mary Ann Pavliska, Margie Price, Wayne Adams, Larry Bordovsky, all of Hallettsville, Marty Patek of Sweet Home, Paul Ganter of Santa Fe, Joyce Kneifel of Shiner, Leona Sedlar of Victoria, Olivia Weiser, correctly guessed Joseph Fry as the inventor of the first bar.

The first chocolate bar was made in Britain by Joseph Fry and his son, who pressed a paste made of cocoa powder and sugar into a bar shape.

The chocolate bar was further developed in 1849 when John Cadbury introduced his brand of the chocolate bar.

Mary Ann Pavliska of Hallettsville is this week's winner of the \$5 gift certificate, courtesy of the Sacred Heart Federal Credit Union in Hallettsville.

#### TRIVIA QUESTION:

What is the name of the fish that has a deep-bodied, compressed marine shape with sharp dorsal spines.

It has a hard mouth and stubby teeth that bear a striking resemblance to human teeth.

If you know the answer to this Trivia, please call the *Tribune-Herald* at 798-2481 and ask for Henry.

The Sacred Heart Federal Credit Union sponsors the Trivia on the second, fourth, and fifth issues of the *Tribune-Herald*, so the Trivia winners will be printed only in these issues. Please email your "Town Chatter" news to the tribuneherald@sbcbglobal.net. Call 361-798-2481; fax it to 361-798-9902, or mail it to P.O. Drawer 427, Hallettsville, Tex. 77964.

## MEETING NOTICES

- American Legion Hodgeons VFW Post 230 and Auxiliary Meeting, Wednesday, Sept. 2.
- Lavaca Memorial VFW Post 6382 and Auxiliary Meeting, Wednesday, Aug. 12, at Sacred Heart Parish Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., meal at 6 p.m. and meeting at 7 p.m.
- The Vietnam Veterans of America and the Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America meet the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Hotel Texas. Any veteran serving from 1957 to 1975 is invited to join

- the Vietnam Veterans (VVA). For more info on VA, contact Earl Cummings at 979-263-4222. — You do not have to be a Vietnam Veteran to join the Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America (AVVA), both men and women are welcome to join AVVA. For more information on AVVA contact Marie Ridgeway, Chapter representative at 281-684-0698.
- Hallettsville City Council Meeting, first and third Monday of every month, 6 p.m., City Hall Annex.

- The Board of Directors of the Lavaca Hospital District meets at 5:30 p.m. third Monday of month, Meeting Facility, Lavaca Medical Center Health and Wellness Center, 1400 N. Texana, Hallettsville.
- Murchison Masonic Lodge #80 AF&AM meets the third Tuesday of month, Masonic Lodge Building, Fink Drive. Meal begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- The Lavaca County Commissioners Court meets at 10 a.m. every second and fourth Monday of the month, Commissioners' Court Room, Lavaca County Courthouse.
- The Health Ministry of Hallettsville meets last Monday of the month, 6 p.m., Methodist Church Annex, 502 E. 4th St. Call Barb Koehn, RN, 772-7498.
- The Hallettsville STARZ meets first Monday of month, 6:30 p.m., Jalisco Café, 706 E. 4th Street, Hallettsville. Call Angela Tullos at 798-3100.
- Friends of Hallettsville Downtown Revitalization (FHDR) meet every first Tuesday of the month, 4:30-6 p.m., Hallett Oak Gallery, 115 N. Main St....
- The Hallettsville Rotary Club meets Tuesday at noon for lunch and a program, Fellowship Hall, United Methodist Church, 206 S. Dowling St.
- The Hallettsville Lions Club meets at noon, first and third Monday of month, at the Fellowship Hall Annex, United Methodist Church, 206 S. Dowling St.
- The Lavaca County Retired Teachers Association meets for a program and business meeting, second Tuesday each month, 9:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church Activity Center, 206 S. Dowling Street. All retired school personnel and guests are welcome.

- The South Central Texas Art meets at 6 p.m., second Wednesday of each month, Hallett Oak Gallery.
- Hallettsville Writers' Group meeting, second Wednesday of each month, 1:30 p.m., Lavaca County Historical Museum meeting room.
- Hallettsville Little League Board meeting (open to public) Hallettsville Youth Center, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., first Wednesday of month.
- Hallettsville Garden Club meeting, every third Thursday, at the Garden Center at 2 p.m. Guests are welcome. Please call Dianne Appelt at (214) 906-1157 or Melba Hynes at (361) 798-0746 with any questions concerning rental reservations.
- The Lavaca County Democrats meet the third Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m., Jalisco's Restaurant, 706 E. 4th in Hallettsville.
- The Whole Food Way — Join us and learn a healthier way to eat and live. Meetings are held every third Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. in the Queen of Peace Catholic Church Parish Hall in Sweet Home. For more information, call or text Angela McConnell at 361-741-8730.
- Republican Women of Yoakum Area meetings second Wednesday of the month, 11:30 a.m., Yoakum Community Center.
- Lavaca County Republican Party monthly meeting is on the 4th Tuesday evening every month beginning at 6:30 p.m. Meeting locations move around the county each month for conservative citizens attendance and information. Please contact LCRP Chairman Cheryl Thompson-Draper for the current month's 713-516-8880 (text or call) or Chairman.LCRP@gmail.com

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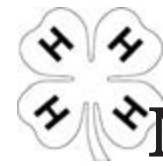
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## LAVACA COUNTY 4-H NEWS



Due to the concerns amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the Lavaca County 4-H Banquet was canceled. The County Council officers, along with several of the past year's award recipients, created a video recognition that may be viewed on the Lavaca County 4-H Facebook page. The video is also available on the 4-H page of the Lavaca County AgriLife website.

4-H members were recognized for completing recordbooks and serving as junior and teen leaders. Additionally, 4-H members who served in state level leadership positions were acknowledged. Awards presented included the Silver Star, I Dare You, and Gold Star Awards, along with the Lavaca County 4-H Scholarship. To be considered for these awards, members must have completed a project recordbook.

The Silver Star Award is presented to a member of 4-H that is in the 6th through 8th grade and has been active in 4-H for at least two years. This year's recipients are Zachary Henke, Town Rounders and Ryan Janak, Green Leaves. I Dare You is awarded to an outstanding teen leader in the 9th through 11th grade. This year's recipient is Arielle Bennetsen, Sweet Home.

The Gold Star Award is the highest honor a 4-H member can receive in 4-H. A member may only receive the award one time in their career. In Lavaca County, consideration for the award also includes that the member must be in the 11th or 12th grade. This year's recipients are Luke Bludau, Town Rounders and Emma Grahmann, Green Leaves.

Receiving scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each from Lavaca County 4-H were Carley Haas, Green Leaves; Abby Hermes, Town Rounders, and John Wenske, Moulton.

Members who had perfect attendance prior to the pandemic were entered in a door prize drawing for \$50. The winner was Taylor Self, Moulton. Members who completed recordbooks were entered in a drawing for a 4-H grilling spatula. Spatula winners were Caden Christmon, Half Moon; Elliott Peters, Half Moon; Macy Pustka, Moulton, and Julia Machacek, Shiner.

The awards are made possible by support from the Dickson-Allen Foundation, People's State Bank, Sacred Heart Federal Credit Union, Yoakum National Bank, Prosperity Bank, Sage Capital Bank, and First National Bank of Shiner.

4-H members may pick up awards items from the office beginning Thursday, August 13. Along with awards certificates, packets include the spring events ribbons including photography, storyboard, and recordbooks.

4-H is open to all youth in the third through twelfth grade. The 4-H year officially begins September 1, but several of the clubs in Lavaca County do hold August meetings. 4-H has projects in five main areas: Agriculture & Livestock; Family and Community Health; Natural Resources; Leadership & Citizenship; and STEM. For more information on how to join 4-H in Lavaca County, please call our office at 361-798-2221.

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# HISD Years of Service



15 Years - Claudette Demel



15 Years - Claudine Hajek



15 Years - Karen Boone



15 Years - Katrina Bedford



15 Years - Sonia Grahmann



20 Years - JoAnn Madden



20 Years - Kari Etzler



20 Years - Reed Herrington



25 Years - Geraldine Dornak



30 Years - Betty Grahmann



30 Years - Michele Kolacny



30 Years - Roberta Jurena



40 Years - Joan Dusek

## Hallettsville ISD Employees Recognized for Dedication and Years of Service

On Wednesday, Aug. 5, employees of the Hallettsville Independent School District were recognized for their dedication and years of service with the district.

## Mass Guidelines at Sacred Heart, St. Mary's, Ascension, St. John Churches

Beginning Wednesday morning, June 24, anyone coming to Mass (except small children who can't keep them on) at Sacred Heart, St. Mary's, Ascension or St. John must wear a mask. A few disposable will be available at the main entrance of the churches and a few cloth ones for sale at the rectory. Anyone not wearing a mask may not come in for Mass. This is for the safety of everyone. Hopefully this will help cut down on the virus in our Church and our Community.

# HOFFER'S

## DRIVE IN GROCERY & Washateria

SPECIALS: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12 - TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

<b>Springdale White Vinegar 100 Grain</b> \$3.59 <small>Gallon</small>	<b>Skinner Large Elbow Macaroni</b> \$2.39 <small>24 Oz.</small>
<b>Tony's Dirty Rice &amp; Red Beans and Rice Mix</b> \$1.69 <small>8 Oz.</small>	<b>Bar-S Franks</b> \$1.69 <small>12 Oz.</small>
<b>Del-Dixi Baby Kosher Pickles</b> \$2.89 <small>22 Oz.</small>	<b>Daisy Sour Cream</b> \$2.39 <small>16 Oz.</small>
<b>Grands Buttermilk Biscuits</b> \$2.39 <small>16.3 Oz.</small>	<b>Blue Bell Ice Cream</b> \$2.49 <small>Pint</small>
<b>Niagara Water</b> \$3.99 <small>24 Pack</small>	<b>Hormel Chopped Ham</b> \$2.49 <small>Lb.</small>
<b>Hy-Top Charcoal Starter</b> \$2.89 <small>Quart</small>	<b>Royal Oak Charcoal Briquets</b> \$4.29 <small>7.7 Lbs.</small>
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# Hallettsville grad embarks on new venture with AudreyMo.DesignCo

KAITLIN STUBBS, STAFF WRITER  
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At the beginning of July, Audrey Higgins opened her Etsy sticker shop AudreyMo.DesignCo.

Higgins is a Hallettsville High School alum and currently attends University of Houston-Victoria. At UHV, she studies communication design, which is art and design in the advertising and marketing world.

"I've always been very talented at art and been very creative," Higgins said of her career path. She began graphic design two years ago. She first started practicing drawing on her iPad and as she continued, she decided she could make her drawings into stickers.

Over the next few months, more specifically when she was quarantining from COVID, she began turning her hobby into a small business.

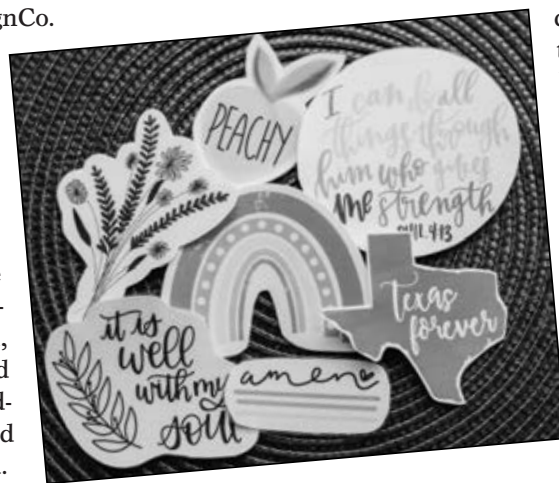
"I have been blessed to have many supporters that have bought and help me continue to grow my business," Higgins

said of the first month she was selling. AudreyMo.DesignCo is her only source of income right now because she is about to start an internship for her degree, but says that if this could be a full-time job in the future, it would be a blessing, not to mention "a really cool experience."

She runs the shop herself, but when overwhelmed, her younger sisters pitch in to help her.

In addition to helping Audrey with stickers, Emma Higgins, Audrey's sister, takes all the pictures for the website and social media. Emma, incidentally, has a photography business called Emmy V Photography. She offers a large variety of different stickers and custom orders such as faceless portraits and custom animal stickers.

AudreyMo.DesignCo is strictly online through her Etsy shop at <http://www.etsy.com/shop/audreymodesignco/>. Custom orders can also be made through Facebook or Instagram at AudreyMo.DesignCo.



## 'Family Movie Night' at HCLC in Yoakum

God's Blessings to All! Holy Cross Lutheran Church is reintroducing our monthly "Family Movie Night" which will be held at our church's Fellowship Hall located at 605 Highway 77A South in Yoakum on Sunday, Aug. 23. We would like to invite you, your family and friends to attend. Proper social distancing will be observed. The movie will begin at 5 p.m., with bottled water and popcorn available prior to and during the movie, and it's all Free!

This will be an inspirational movie for the whole family titled "Overcomer". Life changes almost over night for a small town high school basketball coach when the town's biggest employer, a manufacturing plant, is closing its doors and laying off most of the employees. The school's basketball team is in jeopardy, because most of the team's families have someone who works at the plant and are moving. The school's principle assigns the coach to the cross country team, a new sport that he doesn't know or like.

The only student to try out for the team is a transfer student whose parents are supposedly dead, lives with her grandmother, and has asthma. As the coach questions his own worth, he dares to help the girl take on the biggest race of the year. Filled with a powerful mix of faith, humor and heart, this inspirational story will have you on the edge of your seat.

Please plan to join us, and don't forget to bring your family and friends, We Hope To See You There! (movie run time: 115 minutes.)

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# SPORTS

## SACRED HEART GETS ITS MAN

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When retired coaches get the itch, they have to scratch it.

David Husmann inked a contract Monday to become the head football coach and AD at Sacred Heart Catholic School, coming out of retirement after two and a half years.

"I was mowing the lawn twice a week, playing golf three times a week, walking and teaching Sunday School," Husmann said. "I am really excited about getting back into coaching. I was resigned to the fact I wasn't going to coach anymore. I didn't adjust to retirement very well and I just have to stay busy," Husmann added.

Husmann came highly recommended by the Indi-

ans' defensive coordinator Rick Masek. Husmann was Masek's offensive coordinator during his two-year stint at Hallettsville High School.

Husmann said he felt right at home during the interview and Sacred Heart was the job for him.

Husmann, 66, has a resume a mile long after 41 years in coaching/education. He has a career record of 217-99-1 as head coach.

Husmann led Schulenburg to back-to-back state titles (1991-92), pulling off what he called it "The rare jewel." The Shorthorns lost three times in the state finals.

After 15 years in Schulenburg where he posted a 139-31-1 ledger, he moved on to Gladewater to become the head man there



Coach David Husmann became the AD and head football coach at Sacred Heart after affixing his name to the contract Monday morning. He is flanked by principal Kevin Haas, left, and Msgr. John Peters. Chuck Grafe/Tribune-Herald

in 1998. He led the Bears to the playoffs in 1998 and boosted his coaching record to 188-72-1.

After eight years at Gladewater, he headed back south. He was the principal at Shiner for one year before spending two years in Hallettsville.

From 2011-13, he was the offensive coordinator

at Victoria Memorial.

Next, there was Weimar where he was an assistant football coach and golf coach. His golf teams won for state titles, four boys and one girls5.

He was elevated to head football coach at Weimar in 2013 where he fashioned a 29-27 record in five years.

He led the Wildcats to

three playoff wins, more than any coach in school history, and five playoff appearances.

Husmann graduated with a Master's in Education from Southwest Texas State and did his undergrad work at the University of Houston.

He was a two-year letterman in football and

baseball at U of H. He started five games at quarterback and was a catcher and captained the 1976 baseball team that finished third in the old Southwest Conference.

Husmann's take on football? "It's a game of courage, strength, spirit and stamina," he said. "I'm looking forward to the entire experience here and getting a chance to compete on Friday night."

Husmann plans to run out the gun at Sacred Heart and may run some out of the I formation if personnel dictates.

Husmann and his wife, Karen, have three children – all girls – and 10 grandchildren. Karen worked 40 years in the nursing field.

The Indians will begin practice Sept. 7.



The Alumni, from left. Sharese Sydney, Callie Kresta, Abigail Bludau. Back, Latreese Haynes, Emily Drummond, Kayla Starns, Kylee Starns, Hailey Cournoyer, Sha'tira Runnels. Chuck Grafe/Tribune-Herald

## LB prevail over alumni

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It took five sets to get the job done as the Lady Brahmas and the Alumni fought tooth and nail be-

fore LB took a 3-2 win Friday evening.

The Lady Brahmas dropped the first set 26-24 before coming back to win three out of the next four,

25-18, 22-25, 25-18, 15-11.

The Alumni jumped out to an 8-4 lead in the fifth set before the Lady Brahmas went on a 7-1 run. The teams tied at 11 prior to the Alumni rattling off the next four points.

Kenna Kubenka had an outstanding match for the Lady Brahmas with nine kills and four aces.

Hailey Cournoyer, who played in the middle for the entire match and is a member of the Lubbock Christian volleyball team, had a match-high 15 kills.

The Alumni overcame a two-point deficit with five of the next six points for a 26-24 win. Cournoyer had six kills in the set.

The Lady Brahmas trailed by three points in Set 2 prior to finishing with a 10-0 surge to win 25-18 with the help of four aces by Sydney Migura.

The teams continued to take turns winning sets. Six points in a row gave the Alumni a 24-19 advantage before a Lady Brahma service error ended the set.

The Lady Brahmas finished strong in the fourth set by outscoring the Alumni 10-2 for a 25-18 win with Kinleigh Hall having two kills and one block and Courtney Woytek two aces.

Migura, Kaylee Svetlik and Lauren Cervenka had two kills apiece to lead the victory.

Libero Courtney Woytek served two aces for the winners.

Cervenka had five kills and Addison Belicek four in the match.



Haley Cournoyer, foreground, returned to her old stomping grounds. Haley plays volleyball at Lubbock Christian. Chuck Grafe/Tribune-Herald



Sophomore Kinleigh Hall, left, a newcomer in the lineup for the Lady Brahmas this fall gets a tip kill. Chuck Grafe/Tribune-Herald



That masked man is line coach Ryan Barnes showing flashes of brilliance at the Friday practice. Chuck Grafe/Tribune-Herald

## Brahmas bang heads for first time Friday

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Banging heads for the first time in pads will show coaches plenty.

The Brahmas went out in pads Friday morning at Brahma Memorial Stadium, the first day the UIL allows to practice in pads.

"We were dragging today and that was expected," coach Tommy

Pscenk said. "We have plenty of good, young men out there and they are working hard."

"The offense and defense are further along than a year ago."

The Brahmas held voluntary workouts during the summer and that gave them time to catch up on what they missed in the spring.

Pscenk said lineman

Sam Hermes is probably the most improved. "Sam has gotten quicker and more agile," he said.

Like every sport, seniors should lead and the rest follow. "They (the seniors) are trying to be leaders," Pscenk said. "They will carry a big load for us this season because they know how to win."

Who will be behind center may be determined after the first scrimmage. Currently, junior Trace Patek, sophomore Brandt Trlicek and senior Ty Gerke are the three Brahma candidates to replace two-way starter Lane Linhart.

The Brahmas' first scrimmage isn't until Aug. 20 at home vs. Weimar beginning at 6:15 p.m. and the season opener is Friday, Aug. 28 in Shiner. The first scrimmage with Marion was cancelled.

Pscenk is still working to find a replacement for Schulenburg, which was scheduled for Sept. 25.



Brahma JV linemen butt heads during the Friday morning practice. Chuck Grafe/Tribune-Herald

I've known coach David Husmann for about 30 years and during that time I found out you want to be with him, not coaching against him.

Husmann brings a vast amount of knowledge to Sacred Heart and consistency which the program has not had since Pat Henke.

The family moved south

to Houston when Ed Husmann played for the Oilers.

Husmann posted a 3.45 GPA in his undergraduate studies at U of H and had a 3.5 GPA while in getting his Master's in Education.

"As an athletic director, I endorse a total program for both boys and girls," he said. "Philosophically, I believe athletic abilities in all sports are improved through an organized plyometric-strength program, both during the seasons and off seasons.

I imagine his wife, Karen and daughters Angela, Kristin and Bonnie have seen their share of football games.

Husmann was born in St. Louis, Neb. and couldn't help but take an interest in football. His dad, Ed Husmann, played in the NFL for 11 years as a lineman, mainly with the Oilers and spent one year with the Cowboys before playing one year in the Canadian Football League before retiring.



CHUCK GRAFE



# It's a new day in court

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We've all seen it on TV. A bailiff walks in front of normally bustling courtroom and everyone pays heed as he loudly calls out, "Would everyone please rise for honorable Judge So-and-so," as a robed figure makes his or her way to the bench to preside over the day's proceedings.

It's become almost standard fare for most any courtroom, anyplace in America.

But what was once typical is anything but in this new post-coronavirus era, as the newspaper learned last week, when State District Judge Bill Old invited us out to come see the 25th court's latest in standard operating procedures.

It was pin drop quiet at the courthouse that day, not a soul to be seen anywhere besides Judge Old, this reporter and a bailiff, to start the day out.

Normally, the place would be bustling with attorneys and prosecutors, petitioners and complainants, law enforcement officers and defendants, court clerks and probation department personnel, all scrambling to get their jobs done as, one by one, they appeared before the judge to have their cases heard.

But no such bustle was to be found on Wednesday, July 29, nor has it been heard inside a courtroom since orders first went on in mid-March of this year, when COVID first began shutting down large swaths of America.

Still, that doesn't mean the docket has been at a deadlock this entire time.

Rather, Judge Old, fully robed for court as usual, walked up to the bench and began hooking up a laptop to hold court via Zoom conference. Within minutes, he had the full entourage of folk you'd normally see in court—the lawyers and their clients, the clerks and court reporters,

the prosecutors and probation department—all popping up, one by one, in their respective conference windows.

As of last Wednesday, Judge Old said he worked 936 total cases via Zoom conference since all this coronavirus business began in March, working the caseload for the 25th State Judicial District, which encompasses Colorado, Gonzales, Guadalupe and Lavaca counties.

He had 12 cases on the docket that day—mostly divorces and criminal plea agreements—and based on what we saw, he likely cleared all of them, in a remarkable time, to say the least.

He cleared a full half of those cases in just 37 minutes, with much of the time consumed by a rather detailed accounting of several specific property items in a divorce case.

"It actually moves a lot faster," Judge Old said of the new Zoom conference medium. "If we were holding court as normal, we'd have most of these clients out in the hallway, and we'd wind up wasting quite a bit of time in between cases, gathering them up with their attorneys to take what ever actions were necessary for the case."

In fact, most of those court day proceedings—the plea deals, the sideline conferences those entail, as well as any last-minute dickering between divorce attorneys for their respective parties—is already done by the time the case is heard.

Judge Old already had in hand most of the documentation he needed from both sides of the case, most of it signed documents, agreed to by both sides. He needed only to finalize it for the court record.

While such practices often did occur before, in the pre-COVIC court days, it's now standard operating procedure for such things.

It also allows for folks to

connect to the court from wherever they may happen to be. Although Judge Old may have been in rather lonely looking courtroom, he was joined by people from at least seven different towns in more than a dozen different places, be they client or attorney, court staffer or correctional officer.

Although Judge Old says he still prefers appearing in the actual courtrooms within his district—which affords him the luxury of putting his hands on the actual paper files kept by the court rather than just viewing some image of a document on a computer screen—he has been able to hear the occasional case from his home office in Seguin, something he never could have done prior to the coronavirus.

Even before COVID, Judge Old says technology was providing the courts luxuries it never knew previously. Obtaining search warrants, for instance, often required late night meetings and signatures. He's done dozens of them now in fractions of the time, simply with a swipe of his phone.

Not that the new Zoom conferencing doesn't have its occasional drawbacks, the judge admits.

"Let's put out that cigarette Mr. So-and-so" is not a phrase a single judge anyplace has likely uttered in decades. Judge Old did so on Wednesday, however, instructing one of the defendants to extinguish his wares as he called roll for the day's docket.

Even among the attorneys appearing before the court via the new Zoom conference format, Judge Old says he has to extend the occasional reprimand to uphold formalities. Things like neckties and general neatness still need to be attended.

"It is still court, after all," he



says.

And, thanks to new streaming capabilities now available, which makes the day's proceedings available to spectators via the court's YouTube channel, there's also a full gamut of general spectators as well. They might be information seekers, like this reporter, or the just plain curious, folks who might have otherwise taken a seat in gallery during any normal day in court just to watch.

Judge Old says he has more than 100 subscribers to the court's YouTube Channel since they began offering that service earlier this summer.

That, too, can have its drawbacks.

The judge shared about how in one of recent cases, a divorce case between a military man and his spouse, how he'd made a comment about that wife might entitled to—namely, a portion of the man's military retirement benefits—since their union would now be absolved. Military wives, in particular, are often left at home, keeping things running while soldiers are off fighting wars, he said.

Almost instantly, Judge Old says a message appeared, praising the logic offered in the decision but at the same time questioning the ruling.

Of all people, it was from his mother.

"Makes you really want to mind a Ps and Qs in court when

you know your Mom is watching," he says.

Drawbacks aside, Judge Old says he believes Zoom conferencing for things like plea deals and court hearings may well become the norm for courts all around the state, even long after the coronavirus is laid low.

He shared a recent experience from a hearing held in Gonzales County as a perfect example, back before the Zoom conference scheduling was as nearly as well known.

That hearing had one attorney driving in from Houston, which is at least a couple hours away, one way, on a good day. The other lawyer drove in from Dallas that day, a good 10-hour round trip most days, all for a hearing that didn't take more than 15 minutes in the courtroom, Judge Old recalls.

"Think of all the road time that could have saved by them simply logging on to the conference instead," he says.

Plus, thanks to benefits Zoom conferencing now affords, there's nearly 1,000 cases now that would otherwise still be idling on an already backlogged court docket.

How the court deals with actual trials remains to be seen. Resumption of in-person hearings has been rescheduled multiple times since the pandemic began, and even in places that allow

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Vysehrad ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, August 27, 2020 in the Vysehrad ISD Cafeteria 595 CR 182 Hallettsville TX 77964. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$0.966400/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.000000/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	-10.19 % increase
Debt service	0 00
Total expenditures	-10.19 % increase

### Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$76,982,340	\$76,743,659
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$1,409,797	\$1,617,503
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$53,934,326	\$52,422,367
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$1,313,557	\$1,406,981

\* Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.  
\*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.  
\*\*\* Taxable value is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness*	\$0
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\* Outstanding principal.

### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$0.970000	\$0.000000*	\$0.970000	\$5,175	\$7,894
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.011330	\$0.000000*	\$1.011330	\$5,703	\$7,366
Proposed Rate	\$0.966400	\$0.000000*	\$0.966400	\$5,653	\$6,955

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$146,690	\$151,288
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$91,453	\$96,659
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$0.970000	\$0.966400
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$887.09	\$934.11
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$47.02

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$0.966400. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$0.966400.

### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$1,348,807
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

## NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$.5679 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of County of Lavaca.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.5679 per \$100
NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.6016 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$.06115 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.4836 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2020 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for County of Lavaca from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that County of Lavaca may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for County of Lavaca exceeds the voter-approval tax rate for County of Lavaca.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for County of Lavaca, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for County of Lavaca.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that County of Lavaca is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A public meeting to vote on the proposed tax rate will be held on August 31, 2020 at 10:00 AM at the Lavaca County Commissioners' Courtroom 1st Floor Lavaca County Courthouse Hallettsville TX.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, County of Lavaca is not required to hold an election at which voter approval of the rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Commissioners' Court of County of Lavaca at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

### YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

The members of the governing body voted on the proposed tax rate as follows:

**FOR:**  
Keith Mudd  
Ronald Berckenhoff  
Edward Pustka  
Frankie Bates

**AGAINST:**  
Dennis W. Kocian

**PRESENT and not voting:**  
None

**ABSENT:**  
None

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by County of Lavaca last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by County of Lavaca this year:

	2019	2020	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.4468	\$0.5679	increase of \$0.1211 OR 27.10%
Average homestead taxable value	\$127,857	\$134,464	increase of 5.16%
Tax on average homestead	\$726	\$764	increase of \$38 OR 5.16%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$10,795,887	\$13,102,213	increase of \$2,306,327 OR 21.36%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for County of Lavaca at 361-798-3601 or dsevck@co.lavaca.tx.us, or visit www.co.lavaca.tx.us for more information.



## Open hours at LAMB Food Pantry and Assistance Ministry

The community's LAMB Manna Food Pantry and Assistance Ministry, located at 1429 E. Fourth Street in Hallettsville, will be open on the first and second Tuesday of each month from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. effective immediately.

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### Wednesday August 12, 2020

- 6:30 p.m. Praise In The Park  
(Pavilion behind pool, by the volley-ball court in  
the city park) All welcome to attend.

### Sunday August 16, 2020

- 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service on campus  
and online
- 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Y2 Bible Study & Fellowship

### Monday August 17, 2020

- 6:30 p.m. Online Ladies Bible Study  
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# OBITUARIES

## BILLIE GENE GOETZ

Billie Gene Goetz, 83, passed away at home surrounded by his family, Wednesday, August 5, 2020.

He was born Nov. 11, 1936 in Shiner to Willie E. and Wilma (Zander) Goetz and was baptized on Jan. 5, 1937 by Rev. Richard Schuetze, Lutheran Church, Shiner.

He was confirmed March 18, 1951 by Rev. Edwin J. Oehlke, Lutheran Church, Shiner

He loved his Lord, his community and his family. He was a lifetime member of the Shiner Lutheran Church, serving as Sunday School Superintendent, the Church Council and various committees.

On Oct. 22, 1960, he married his beloved Norma Lea Wegener in the United Dr. Martin Luther Church by the Rev. Edwin J. Oehlke.

He worked at Shiner Motor Sales, Elkins Variety Store Manager, sales department of Arkansas-Louisiana Gas Company and Retired from Shiner Filley Distributing Company (John Deere). He was a former member of Rotary Club, serving as its president, Shiner Game & Fish League Director, Chamber of Commerce director, serving as secretary, Shiner Fire Department, serving in several offices as well as Fire Chief, Shiner Independent School District School Board, coach of Little League as well as All Stars coach; president of Shiner Cemetery Association Board of Directors.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Norma Goetz of Shiner; sons, David Goetz and wife, Tara (Michal) and Mark Goetz and wife, Kelly (Schreiber), grandchildren, Ashley, Zachary, Kael and Chayse Goetz.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie E. and Wilma (Zander) Goetz Pfuhl; infant daughter, Shirley Jean Goetz; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Herbert and Irene Wegener; grandparents, one sister and brother-in-law, Laverne and Edgar Pfuhl.

Visitation began at 5 p.m. and continued until 7 p.m., Friday, Aug. 7 at Thiele Cooper Funeral Home in Yoakum, with Prayer service at 7 p.m.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 8 at UDML Shiner Lutheran Church with Rev. Chris Heinold and Vicar Daniel Volkmann officiated. Scripture readings were given by his grandchildren, Ashley and Zachary Goetz, and godchild, Tammy Guettner.

A special tribute at the funeral service was given by his great-nephew, Ian Janda.

Music was provided by the Lutheran Church Music Group.

Burial followed at Shiner Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Adam Brunkenhoefer, Larry Hlavac, Don Zander, Todd Pfuhl, Mike Weaver, Ricky Pfuhl, Jacob Janda, Daryl Janda and Gilbert Price.

Honorary pallbearers were his grandchildren, Ashley, Zachary, Kael and Chayse Goetz; Steve Janda, Arlen Zander and Tanner Holly.

Memorials may be made to United Dr. Martin Lutheran Church, Shiner Volunteer Fire Dept. or charity of choice.

Arrangements were entrusted to Thiele Cooper Funeral Home, Yoakum.

## KENNETH LEE PEKAR

Kenneth Lee Pekar, 62, of Sweet Home, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, Aug. 2, 2020 while on a trip with his good friend, Chris, at a ranch near Del Rio, doing what he loved in a place he referred to as "God's Country."

He was born Aug. 26, 1957 in Yoakum, to Louis and Ella Hanus Pekar and was raised in Sweet Home, home of the Queen of Peace Catholic Church.

He married the love of his life, Lewdelle Watson in Sweet Home 32 years ago. They had one daughter, Calli (married to John Christian Heinen); one son, Colton Lewis Pekar, who with his granddaughter, Emerson Lee Heinen, all survive him.

He is also survived by his sisters, Edith Pruitt (Zane), Bernie Cashman (Terry), Dottie Blaha (Leon), and Pat Hrabovsky; brother, Joseph (Nelda); sisters-in-law, Angie Pekar, Louise Pekar and Lynn Watson; mother-in-law, Mondelle Watson Grube, along with 98 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by parents, Louise and Ella; sisters, Mary Ann Lauer (Joe), Agnes Foeh (Jimmy) and baby Ella Pekar; deceased brothers, Louis Pekar (Lillie), James Pekar and Krvin Pekar; deceased brothers-in-law, Kenneth Blaha and Lewis Watson.

Kenneth retired from Exxon Mobil after 35 years of service. He took great pride in his career and gained many lifelong friends along the way.

Graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, at Queen of Peace Catholic Cemetery in Sweet Home (corner of F.M. 318 and County Road 378a, 77987) with Rev. Matthew Huehlefeld officiating.

Celebration of Life meal will follow under the trees at Sweet Home Community Center.

Pallbearers will be Christian Heinen, Chris Garcia, Chris Hanus, Joey Pekar, Shawn Blaha, Tyler Mitchon, Steve Polumchek and Terry Van Orum.

Honorary pallbearer will be Brett Hrabovsky.

On-line guest book may be signed at [www.thielecooper.com](http://www.thielecooper.com) Arrangements were entrusted to Thiele-Cooper Funeral Home in Yoakum.



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## FRANCES WILHEMINA GRAHMANN HANSLIK

Frances Wilhemina Grahmann Hanslik, 87, of Witting, went home to be with our Lord on Monday, Aug. 3, 2020.

She was born in Hallettsville on June 16, 1933 to Julius and Helen Grahmann.

On Sept. 20, 1954 she married Julius Pete Hanslik at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Hallettsville. They made their home on the Hanslik family farm in Witting, where they tended the land, raised livestock and created a family of ten children.

Frances was a devout wife, mother, farmer and a woman of great faith. She enjoyed sewing, cooking/baking, canning/preserving, playing dominoes, singing, dancing and visiting with her neighbors and family. She was also a woman of great faith, providing a great example for her children. She was a devoted Catholic, a religious education teacher and a member of the St. Mary's Cemetery Association and Altar Society.

Frances is survived by her children: son, Michael Hanslik and wife, Margaret of Moulton; daughter, Sandra Pustka and husband, Edward of Hallettsville, son, Patrick Hanslik of Moulton; daughter, Beverly Hrcncir and husband, William 'Billy' of Hallettsville; son, Kenneth Hanslik and wife, Denise of Victoria; son, Dennis Hanslik and wife, Kathy of Smithville; daughter, Carol Becan and husband, Samuel of Siloam Springs, Ark.; daughter, Donna Baron and husband, Christopher of La Grange, and son, Paul Hanslik and wife Ashley of Moulton; 21 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; brother, Andrew Grahmann of Stafford, and two sisters, Gertrude Janak of Hallettsville and Mary Bruening of Shelby.

Frances was preceded in death by her spouse, Julius; her parents, one brother, four sisters, and son, Mark Gerard Hanslik.

Visitation began at 5 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 6 at Kubena Funeral Home in Hallettsville.

Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10:30 a.m., Friday, Aug. 7, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, west of Hallettsville. Msgr. John Peters officiated. Rosary was recited at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Church.

Burial followed at St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Mark Hanslik, Matthew Hanslik, David Pustka, Stratton Hrcncir, Sterling Hrcncir, Keith Hanslik, Gabrielle Hanslik and Blaise Becan.

Honorary pallbearers were remaining grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Memorials, in lieu of flowers, may be made to St. Anthony's and St. Mary's Cemetery Association, Hospice of South Texas or a charity of donor's choice.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.kubenefuneralhome.com](http://www.kubenefuneralhome.com).

## JOE FRANKLIN BAKER

Joe Franklin Baker, 74, of Ellinger, passed away on Monday, Aug. 3, 2020 in Hallettsville.

He was born in Schulenburg on Feb. 11, 1946 to James Franklin Baker and Luola Jerlene (Kerr) Baker.

Joe loved horses and being a cowboy, playing dominoes and listening to good old country music, and most of all he enjoyed giving everyone a hard time.

Joe is survived by his son, Cody Joe Baker and wife, Lisa of Katy; grandchildren, Kaycee Walker and Ty Baker; great-granddaughter, Emilia Walker; sister, Rebecca Baker Ulbig of Fayetteville; sister, Ruby Nalls and husband, Coleman of Sheridan; brother, James Ellis Baker and wife, Sue of Waveland, Miss.; brother, Jimmie David Baker and wife, Dolly of Three Rivers; brother, William Jay Baker and wife, Doris of Fayetteville, and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews.

Joe served in the US Army from 1965 -1967 and specialized in Telecommunication. He served in the Vietnam War between 1966-1967. He is decorated with the Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Franklin Baker and Luola Jerlene Kerr.

Visitation began at 9 a.m. and continued until 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 8 at Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus.

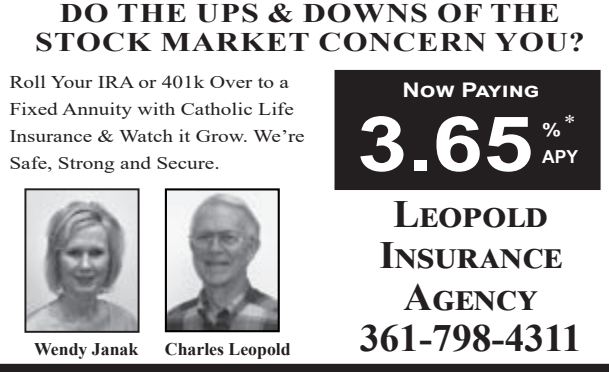
Funeral service was held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus. Pastor Tommy Wenzel officiated.

Burial took place in Myrtle Cemetery in Rock Island.

Pallbearers were Cody Bell, Donny Heffernan, Dewey Hinton (Honorary), Greg Hunger, Mikey Loesch, Ronnie Poncik, John Trapp (Alt), Victor Ulbig, Mike Ulbig (Honorary).

Memorials may be given to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758533, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8533 or charity of your choice.

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1 Samuel 13,14

Saul was thirty years old when he became king of Israel and reigned for 42 years. His sons were Jonathan, Ishvi and Malki-Shua and his daughters were Merab and Michal. Saul's first battle as king was against the Philistines. Saul's son, Jonathan, attacked a Philistine outpost and infuriated the Philistines. The Israelites were called to join Saul at Gilgal. As the Philistines assembled at Micmash the men of Israel saw that their situation was critical and they began to hide in caves, thickets, among the rocks and in pits and cisterns. Some even crossed the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. Saul stayed at Gilgal seven days waiting for Samuel to arrive and offer the burnt offering. When Samuel did not arrive in seven days as he had said he would, Saul's men began to scatter. Saul offered the burnt offering himself. Just as he finished, Samuel arrived. Learning what Saul had done, Samuel chastised him and told him that his kingship would not last. All the days of Saul, there was bitter war with the Philistines.



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necessary to keep residents and staff safe in these facilities," Phil Wilson, executive commissioner of Texas HHSC, said. "By following these procedures and rules, facilities can more effectively prevent the spread of COVID-19 and help us achieve our shared goal of reuniting residents with their families and friends."

Regarding health and safety guidelines for nursing facility residents, the HHSC listed that public visitation is limited to outdoor visits only and physical contact between residents and visitors is not permitted.

Additional conditions a facility must meet to conduct outdoor visitation include:

- No confirmed positive

COVID-19 cases in staff in the last 14 days.

- No active positive cases in residents.
- Any facility previously experiencing an outbreak that has fully recovered must be adequately staffed and following adequate controlled procedures.

Facility staff are being tested for COVID-19 weekly.

Guidelines involving long-term care facilities, the HHSC said limited outdoor and indoor visitation procedures are allowed, but physical contact between residents and visitors are not permitted.

Long-term care facilities must meet conditions including:

- No confirmed positive COVID-19 cases in staff in the last 14 days.
- No active positive cases in residents.
- Adequate staffing to facilitate visitation in compliance with infection control requirements.
- Use of plexiglass as a safety barrier for indoor visitation to prevent spread of COVID-19.

"The HHSC announcement is a critical first step for every person in a long-term care facility and their loved ones," Rep. James Frank (HD-69), Chair, Texas House Committee on Human Services, said. "This decision underscores that state leaders recognize the need to balance the

emotional and physical health impacts of isolation against the serious dangers that COVID poses to these vulnerable Texans."

"Access to family and loved ones is an important part of every resident's health and well-being, which is why this policy shift is a move in the right direction for some of our most fragile Texans," Sen. Lois Kolkhorst (SD-18), Chair, Senate Committee on Health and Human Services, said.

The Commission also issued enhanced emergency rules for nursing facilities that included:

- Each facility must have a COVID-19 response plan that includes designated staff to work with cohorts of residents who have tested positive for COVID-19, and staff should not change designation from one day to another, unless required to maintain adequate staffing for a cohort.
- All nursing facilities must screen all residents, staff, and people who come to the facility in accordance with specified criteria, and each resident must be screened at least three times a day for signs or symptoms of COVID-19.
- Each facility must have plans for obtaining and maintaining a two-week supply of personal protective equipment and resident recovery plans for continuing care when a resident recovers from COVID-19.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Aug. 16** — Debra DeLaRosa, Eric Kalmus, Donna Janak, Drew Shimek, Cory McCord, Kevin Kubenka, Hattie Jones, Debbie Simper.

**Aug. 17** — Harvey Drozd, Frankie Zaruba, Danny Rother, Judy Mozisek, Charlene Wick, Sharon Leopold, Amanda Shimek Prasek, Amanda Materanek, Mary Ann Pavliska, Mary Lee Sitka, Judy Jalufka, George Koncaba, George Simper.

**Aug. 18** — Andy Kubena, Richard Bludau, Dorothy Jansky, Janice Kocian, Jason Krobot, Felicia McCloud, Kyle Christian, Amanda Krejci, Aileen Schocklee, David Smolik, Monica Lanelle Janak.

**Aug. 19** — Mike Bollom, Gary Appelt, Tanya Byrnes, Karen McCloud, Sherry Hale, Kelly Moses, Beatrice Krejci, Cynthia Sapp, Donna Mae Rainosek.

**Aug. 20** — Ronald and Donald Bludau (twins); Gerald Bludau, Bradley Steffek, Brenda Mitton, Mary Miller, Melvin J. Grahmann, Mike Mischer, Garrett Bludau.

**Aug. 21** — Jeff Evans, Jeffery Bujnoch, Johnnie McAfee, Sharon Timm, Carol Calliham, Donna Johnson.

**Aug. 22** — Dorothy Lemons, Timothy Janak, Alma "Sweet" Hrcir, Lillian Harned, Diana Etzler, Barbara Matula, Randy Mikulienka, Stanley Orsak, Pamela Herrera, Cameron Besetsny, Erik Konvicka, Anita Ulcak, Brandon and Vanessa Bludau (twins); Charles Janak, James W. Grahmann.

**Aug. 23** — Leonard Ray Sklar, Rita Mertz, Charlene Bradbury, Jeremy Tesch, Paul Darilek, Megan Migl, Dawn Herring, Michael Grahmann, Marcus Gaitan, Carol Pustejovsky, John Dodson, Tony Matula, Barbara Matula.

**Aug. 24** — Ronnie Mascheck, Travis Fenner, Rose Hoch, Ronald Opela, Theresa Harbin, Richard Franzl, Frankie Lee McElroy, Helen Kainer, Loretta Smolik, Jamie Garcia.

**Aug. 25** — Marvin Kresta, James Tousek, Shirley Loden, Barbara Holik, Morgan Teltschik, Bonnie Gibson, Scherlene McGrew, Reese Sklar, Daniel Judd.

**Aug. 26** — Greg Shimek, Jennifer Foster and Jill (Foster) Perez (twins); Leonard Christen Jr., Morley Sommer, August Janak, Erik Svetlik, Cody Williams, Aaron Henke, Ariana De La Rosa, Billy Renger.

**Aug. 27** — Delores Jasek, Phelan Scott, Michael Zappe, Pamela Muenster, Sandra Henrichs, Milton McCloud, Sarah Chevalier, Barbara Michalcik, Kenzie Etzler, Jordan Hermes, Laura Migl, Rosalyn Kocian, Donna Kneifel.

**Aug. 28** — Kenneth Henneke, Michele and Marsha Janca, Marcella Henke, Terry Bludau, Rachel Steffek Hanslik, Helen Janak, Charlie Proschko, Tara Wojtek, Debbie Giesler, Doris Bethea, Chase Janak, Whitney Rainosek, Deann Halata Rodgers, Raegan Koncaba.

**Aug. 29** — Mary Ann Stock, Ronnie Steffek, Elrose Kahane, Henrietta Orsak, Tammy Woytek, Susan Grahmann, Verna Brunner.

**Aug. 30** — Robert Lee Drozd, Mark Petru, Gary Lemons, Joyce (Mrs. Emil) Hermes, Randall Rau, David Rouse, Laura (Mrs. Jason) Grahmann, Emma Zak.

**Aug. 31** — Michael Muska, Randy Albrecht, Joe Paul Klmitchek, Mrs. Johnny Knezek, Paul Woytek, Melvin "Red" Christen, Steve Janak, Brandon Klekar, Kerri Kahane, Eunice Lorfing, Adam Werner.

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**Aug. 16** — Steven and Lisa Smothers, Hank and Karen Novak.

**Aug. 17** — Steve and Donna Kossa.

**Aug. 18** — Larry and Agnes Sedlmeyer, Laurence and Carol Bludau.

**Aug. 19** — William and Charlene Bradbury, Alan and Anne Rowbotham.

**Aug. 20** — Douglas and Tena Jean Steffek, Anthony and Maureen Grones.

**Aug. 21** — Mike and Cheryl Mikeska, Garry and Geraldine Dornak, Stephen and Martha Gold, Edward and Patty Grahmann.

**Aug. 22** — William and Lois Nelson, Melvin J. and Brenda Grahmann.

**Aug. 23** — Charles and Mary Rother, Tim and Teresa Kaiser.

**Aug. 24** — Ronnie and Katherine Steffek, Nicholas and Terri Bennetsen, Gary and Carol Pustejovsky, Larry and Francine Rother.

**Aug. 25** — Lawrence "L.A." and Janis Muehr.

**Aug. 26** — Roman and Miranda Henke, Norbert and Betty Sobotik, 53 years; Gilbert and Carol Morisak, 53 years in 2020.

**Aug. 27** — Chris and Michelle Chovanetz, Victor C. and Lucille Vasek, 54 years.

**Aug. 28** — Jerry and Janet Raabe, Ted and Sheri Poth.

**Aug. 29** — John and Anita "Ani" Zak, Harvey and Elsie Goedrich, 61 years; Alfonso and Juanita Vargas.

**Aug. 30** — Eugene and Elyse Chaloupka.

**Aug. 31** — Bernard and Mary Grahmann, Tony and Jo Matula.



**Texas Time Machine**  
Stories from the archives of old newspapers  
By Murray Montgomery

**July 26th, 1845 -- United States flag raised on Texas island**

On this day in 1845, the United States flag is said to have been raised on St. Joseph Island by United States troops. This was the first time the U.S. flag was flown in Texas. St. Joseph Island is a sand barrier island in Aransas County. The troops were part of a force under Gen. Zachary Taylor sent to protect Texas from Mexican interference after annexation. After the detachment landed on the island, the main force landed on August 1 and camped by a massive live oak tree at the site of present-day Rockport. The tree is now known as the Zachary Taylor Oak.

**★ LIVESTOCK REPORTS ★**

**HALLETTSVILLE**  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020  
CATTLE ON HAND: 1508  
WEEK AGO: 1459 YEAR AGO: 2112

The market this week continued fully steady and strong. Demand good to very good on No. 1 type calves. Packer cows and bulls lost \$3 to \$4 of their big advance last week but still a good market. If we can help with marketing your livestock, please call 361-798-4336.

**PACKER COWS:** Canner & Cutter Cows: 55-74; Utility & Fat Cows: 52-71; Light Weight Canner Cows: 43-54; Poor/Weak: 35-45.

**PACKER BULLS:** Heavyweight Bulls: 90-94; Utility & Cutter Bulls: 82-90; Light Weight Canner Bulls: 73-83.

**STOCKER AND FEEDER CALVES AND YEARLINGS:**  
**NO. 1 STEER & BULLS CALVES:** Under 200: 160-225; 200-300: 155-185; 300-400: 145-180; 400-500: 135-175; 500 - 600: 126-157.50; 600-700: 120-142.50; 700-800: 110-131.  
**NO. 1 HEIFER CALVES:** Under 200: 145-192.50; 200-300: 138-170; 300-400: 128-167.50; 400-500: 126-160; 500-600: 120-140; 600-700: 114-124; 700-800: 100-118.  
**REPLACEMENT HEIFERS:** 350-700: 125-175.

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CATTLE ON HAND: 1406 WEEK AGO: 1156

There were 158 cows and 13 bulls. The packer market held on to the gains of last week as qualities sold well for what they were. The calf market once again was higher by over \$3/cwt. It was again a very active and strong market across the board. Some tops were as much as \$3/cwt in weights from 250-550 lbs! This market report is available on Facebook as well as on the web at www.cuerols.com.

**PACKER BULLS:** all weights: 75-95.  
**PACKER COWS:** Canners & Cutters: 40-71; Poor & Weak: 25-39.  
**PALPATED:** 8 bred: 70-78.  
**PAIRS:** 4 - \$600 - \$1,100.  
**STEER CALVES:** (Avg. High) Under 200 Lbs.: One: 170; 200-249 Lbs.: 182-200; 250-299 Lbs.: 166-184; 300-350 Lbs.: 172-184; 350-400 Lbs.: 163-182; 400-450 Lbs.: 150-188; 450-500 Lbs.: 133-174; 500-550 Lbs.: 135-152; 550-600 Lbs.: 133-146; 600-700 Lbs.: 126-143; 700-800 Lbs.: 119-134.  
**BULL CALVES:** (Avg. High) Under 250 Lbs.: 187-232.50; 250-300 Lbs.: 165-198; 300-350 Lbs.: 157-185; 350-400 Lbs.: 143-184; 400-450 Lbs.: 148-183; 450-500 Lbs.: 146-176; 500-550 Lbs.: 135-166; 550-600 Lbs.: 134-148; 600-700 Lbs.: 123-136; Over 700 lbs.: 112-124.  
**HEIFER CALVES:** (Avg. High) Under 200 Lbs.: 218-245; 200-250 Lbs.: 156-172; 250-300 Lbs.: 152-227.50 - replacement; 300-350 Lbs.: 139-175; 350-400 Lbs.: 130-172 - replacement; 400-450 Lbs.: 130-151; 450-500 Lbs.: 130-170 - replacement; 500-550 Lbs.: 129-178 - replacement; 550-600 Lbs.: 120-160 - replacement; 600-700 Lbs.: 121-184 - replacement; Over 700 Lbs.: 101-185 - replacement.

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**Menus are subject to change**

**Monday, Aug. 17**  
Spaghetti and meat sauce, steamed squash, garlic bread, string cheese, oatmeal cookie

**Tuesday, Aug. 18**  
Cheesy taco casserole, tortilla chips, salsa, fresh fruit, banana bread

**Wednesday, Aug. 19**  
BBQ pulled pork on bun, sliced onion and pickle, potato salad, cabbage slaw, yogurt

**Thursday, Aug. 20**  
Oven baked chicken, corn casserole, brussels sprouts, wheat roll, cherry cobbler

**Friday, Aug. 21 - CLOSED**



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### 2020 Dan Wilford Award Winner

Yoakum Community Hospital Chief Financial Officer, John Olivares, was officially presented with the 2020 Dan Wilford Award for Compassion and Community Service by Karen Barber, Chief Executive Officer. A call for nominations by co-workers was sent out and John was selected by an appointed Nomination Committee at YCH. Community Hospital Corporation in partnership with its hospitals, sponsors the Dan Wilford Award each year to recognize one caring, compassionate and humanitarian employee from its hospitals corporate-wide. John was chosen for exhibiting the following criteria in his day-to-day work ethic: remarkable concern for the welfare and happiness of patients, significant contributions to the improvement of his community's health and welfare, a level of commitment to community service beyond the daily operation of the facility, extraordinary acts of kindness, positive effect on others, and for being competent, consistent and people oriented. In honor of this recognition, John was presented with a commemorative plaque, as well as an engraved leaf to be placed on the YCH Foundation Giving Tree. Shown from left to right: Karen Barber (CEO) and John Olivares (CFO).

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

### SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**AUG. 13-14**  
**Thursday** – Volcanic meat-loaf, green beans, scalloped potatoes, fruit, milk  
**Friday** – Corn dogs, carrot stix, corn, fruit, milk  
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**AUG. 17-21**  
**Monday** – Sub sandwich, salad, pickle, fruit, milk  
**Tuesday** – Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, milk  
**Wednesday** – Frito pie, chili/Fritos/cheese, ranch

beans, fruit, milk  
**Thursday** – Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, green salad, garlic stix, fruit, milk  
**Friday** – Hot dogs, cheese sauce, corn, fruit, milk

## LIONS CLUB

We Serve  
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The Hallettsville Lions Club met Monday, Aug. 3 at the Knights of Columbus pavilion with Lion president Paula Parkinson presiding over the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lion Anne Rowbotham while Lion Charles Neumeyer led in the singing of *America* and Lion David Smolik said the prayer. A special prayer was asked for Lion Anne's husband, Alan, who was undergoing surgery later in the week.

The club discussed fundraising ideas regarding the annual cash prize give-away conducted each December at the Arts and Crafts Show.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the club tossed around ideas regarding the raising of funds for the annual scholarships distributed to students each year.

Lion Jim Bujnoch offered varied option with reducing the number of scholarships and amounts to be presented and not hold the drawing, but take the funding from the club's general fund.

Another option would be to wait to see if the November Market Days would be held.

Other ideas discussed would be to hold a hamburger plate-to-go meal as well as obtaining a booth at

Market Days and hold the club's Cookie Sale.

The club decided to take no action at the present time and take a wait and see approach. It was decided to re-evaluate possible fundraising ideas at the next meeting on Sept. 14.

Lion Paula reported she attended the First Cabinet zoom meeting and informed the club of items discussed at the meeting.

Lion Paula said she discovered from the meeting that an eyeglass recycling center is located in Conroe and District 2S-4 can send glasses collected to that center for recycling. Lion Paula suggested that after the COVID-19 pandemic settles down the club could entertain the idea of touring the center.

Lion Paula said the new district treasurer is Larry Stewart and the new district governor is Billy Gray.

Lion Paul reported the Leo Club met with its new slate of officers and will have a mission to support pediatric cancer. The Leo Club is waiting on the start of school to begin its mission.

Long serving Lion Club member Jerry Kallus was presented the Melvin Jones Foundation award.

Lion Jerry joined the Lions Club on Dec. 1, 1963



Long-time serving Hallettsville Lions Club member, Jerry Kallus, was presented the Melvin Jones Foundation award at Monday's Lions Club meeting. Kallus, joined the organization on Dec. 1, 1953 and December will mark his 57th year as a member. From left presenting the award is Hallettsville Lions Club president Paula Parkinson. Photo by Jimmy Appelt

and he is completing 57 years of service this coming December.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. and the next meeting will be held Monday, Sept. 14 at the K of C Pavilion.

*Mrs. Evelyn Sklar will be celebrating her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 15!*

She is a proud mother of 2, grandmother of 6, great-grandmother to 17 and great-great-grandmother of 1 ...what a legacy!

*We love you and wish you a blessed day!*

## WEATHER WATCH

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**THIS WEEK'S FORECAST**

Wednesday: High 100 Low 77 (P/C)  
 Thursday: High 100 Low 78 (P/C)  
 Friday: High 101 Low 77 (P/C)  
 Saturday: High 100 Low 76 (P/C)  
 Sunday: High 99 Low 76 (SHOWERS)  
 Monday: High 99 Low 77 (SHOWERS)  
 Tuesday: High 98 Low 76 (SHOWERS)

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# SCHOOL

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Sheila Henke (Art), and Marla Ferlet (Peims Clerk) from other campuses within the district.

Stephanie Grahmann will be serving as the HES Principal during the 2020-2021 school year, and Ashley Kallus will serve as the HES Assistant Principal.

The elementary campus will also welcome Madeline Etzler (Kindergarten), Lindsay Patek (4th grade Reading/Language Arts), Terry Weir (4th grade Math/Science), and Mary Kay Fishbeck (Special Education) as well as Randall Goode (P.E./Instructional Support) from another cam-

pus within the district.

Alicia Reynolds will serve as a new food service staff member and HISD currently has a vacancy in the custodial department.

## ELEMENTARY CAMPUS

Hallettsville Elementary announced “Meet the Teacher Night” will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on three successive evenings with Pre-K and 4th grade having their session Tuesday, Aug. 11, Kindergarten and 3rd grade, Wednesday, Aug. 12, and 1st and 2nd grade Thursday, August 13.

Elementary principal, Stephanie Grahmann invites parents and students to come by on their designated evening to locate their classrooms and meet their respective teachers. Students are welcome to bring their supplies for the year and leave them in their assigned classroom.

Regarding the governor’s executive order, Hallettsville Elementary is requiring face coverings for those attending this event, and a limit of 2 adults with each student has been set.

## JUNIOR HIGH CAMPUS

Schedule pick up for Hallettsville Junior High students will be held with 8th grade students asked to come to the

Jr. High campus on Aug. 12, 7th grade students Aug. 13, and 6th grade students on August 17. Students can come by on those days from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Fifth grade students are invited to an orientation session to be held Aug. 18 from 10 to 11 a.m.

Seventh and eighth grade students, who are playing football will be issued football equipment and assigned athletic lockers on their respective schedule pick up dates from 1-3 p.m.

Junior High principal, Sophie Teltschik, reminds students to wear face masks at school as well as bring a water bottle to campus for daily use.

## HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS

Hallettsville High School principal, Darrin Bickham will hold student orientation sessions Aug. 13 and 14 in the cafeteria.

Freshmen Orientation “Fish Camp” will be held Wednesday, Aug. 12 starting at 1 p.m. senior and junior orientation will take place Thursday, Aug. 13 with the senior session held starting at 1 p.m. the junior orientation beginning at 2:30 p.m. The sophomore orientation will take place Friday, Aug. 14 at 1 p.m.

Dismissal times have been adjusted this year to allow teachers to check in with students learning at home daily to make sure they are progressing on assignments and answer any questions or provide assistance as needed.

On Thursday, Aug. 20, buses will run their regular routes that include starting and ending class times:

- Elementary—grades PreK through 4 — begin at 7:55 a.m. and dismiss at 3 p.m.
- Jr. High — 5 through 8 grades — begin at 7:50 a.m. and dismiss at 3:05 p.m.
- High School—grades 9-12 — start at 7:53 a.m. and dismiss at 3 p.m.

Hallettsville ISD superintendent, Dr. Jo Ann Bludau wishes to emphasize that for the safety of all students and staff members, visitors will not be allowed in the buildings this year due to the ongoing pandemic. Also, buses are the only vehicles allowed to drop-off and pick-up students at the back of the high school.

“Cars dropping off or picking up students in the back of the high school are not allowed—This should be done in front (Ridge St.) of the high school/elementary facility in the designated drop off and pick up areas,” Bludau said.

Cafeteria lunch prices will remain the same as the previous school year.

- PreK – 5 — \$2.75
- 6 – 12 — \$3
- Staff — \$4
- Adult guest — \$4
- Child guest — Elem.– \$2.75/ Jr. High- HS – \$3

Assorted snacks can be purchased through the serving line during lunch for grades 5–12. Grades 9–12 will continue to have their morning snack period.

A price of \$1.50 for breakfast meals has been set for PreK-12 students and \$2 for adults. Children that qualify may receive breakfast meals at free or reduced prices.

To minimize the handling of money, you may pay online at the Titan Family Portal @ family.titank12.com.

“In light of the lost instructional time due to the school closure in the spring, teachers and counselors will be providing additional support and assistance to students to transition back to school and catch up on required knowledge and skills for their grade levels,” Bludau said. “We are looking forward to seeing the students and having a great school year!”

For more information visit the district website at www.hisdbrahmas.org.

## HALLETTSVILLE I.S.D.

Dear Parent/Guardian:  
Children need healthy meals to learn. Hallettsville I.S.D. offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$1.50; lunch costs K-5th, \$2.75 and 6th -12th \$3.00. **Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals.** Reduced-price is \$.30 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch. If you received a notification letter that a child is directly certified for free meals, do not complete an application. Let the school know if any children in the household attending school are not listed in the letter.

The questions and answers that follow and attached directions provide additional information on how to complete the application. Complete only **one application** for all the students in the household and return the completed application to Charlene Leopold, P.O. Box 368, Hallettsville, TX 77964. If you have questions about applying for free or reduced-price meals, contact Charlene Leopold, Application Processor, at chleopold@hisdbrahmas.org, 361-798-2242 ext. 380.

- 1. Who Can Get Free Meals?**  
• **Income**-Children can get free or reduced-price meals if a household’s gross income is within the limits described in the *Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines*.  
• **Special Assistance Program Participants**-Children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Food Distribution Program for households on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), are eligible for free meals.  
• **Foster-Foster** children who are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.  
• **Head Start or Early Head Start**-Children participating in these programs are eligible for free meals.  
• **Homeless, Runaway, and Migrant**-Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven’t been told about a child’s status as homeless, runaway, or migrant or you feel a child may qualify for one of these programs, please call or email Melanie Ressler, P.O. Box 368, Hallettsville, TX 77964, 361-798-2242 ext.105, melanieressler@hisdbrahmas.org.  
• **WIC Recipient**-Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals.
- 2. What if I Disagree With the School’s Decision About My Application?** Talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to Dr. Jo Ann Bludau, Supt., P.O. Box 368, Hallettsville, TX 77964, 361-798-2242 jabludau@hisdbrahmas.org.
- 3. My Child’s Application Was Approved Last Year. Do I Need To Fill Out A New One?** Yes. An application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. Send in a new application unless the school has told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
- 4. If I Don’t Qualify Now, May I Apply Later?** Yes. Apply at any time during the school year. A child with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced-price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
- 5. What If My Income Is Not Always the Same?** List the amount normally received. If a household member lost a job or had hours/wages reduced, use current income.
- 6. We Are in The Military. Do We Report Our Income Differently?** Basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. Any cash value allowances for offbase housing, food, or clothing, or Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance payments count as income. If housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include the housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is excluded from income.
- 7. May I Apply If Someone in My Household Is Not a U.S. Citizen?** Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced-price meals.
- 8. Will Application Information Be Checked?** Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the reported household income.
- 9. My Family Needs More Help. Are There Other Programs We Might Apply For?** To find out how to apply for other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or 2-1-1.
- 10. Can I apply online? Yes!** The online application has the same requirements and will ask you for the same information as the paper application. Visit <https://family.titank12.com/2R13ZG> to begin or to learn more about the online application process. Contact Charlene Leopold, Application Processor, at chleopold@hisdbrahmas.org, (361)798-2242 ext. 380 if you have questions about the online application.

If you have other questions or need help, call Charlene Leopold, Application Processor, 361-798-2242 ext. 380

Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al telefono: Charlene Leopold 361-798-2242 ext. 380.

Sincerely,  
Charlene Leopold

### Reduced-Price Meal Income Eligibility Guidelines

Family Size	Annually	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$23,606	\$1,968	\$984	\$908	\$454
2	\$31,894	\$2,658	\$1,329	\$1,227	\$614
3	\$40,182	\$3,349	\$1,675	\$1,546	\$773
4	\$48,470	\$4,040	\$2,020	\$1,865	\$933
5	\$56,758	\$4,730	\$2,365	\$2,183	\$1,092
6	\$65,046	\$5,421	\$2,711	\$2,502	\$1,251
7	\$73,334	\$6,112	\$3,056	\$2,821	\$1,411
8	\$81,622	\$6,802	\$3,401	\$3,140	\$1,570
<b>For each additional family member add:</b>					
	+\$8,288	+\$691	+\$346	+\$319	+\$160

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Hallettsville ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., August 27, 2020 in the HISD Administration Conference Room, 302 N. Ridge St., Hallettsville, Tx. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

<b>Maintenance Tax</b>	\$0.96640/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
<b>School Debt Service Tax</b>	
<b>Approved by Local Voters</b>	\$0.26080/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	3.82% increase
Debt service	-0.99% decrease
Total expenditures	3.14% increase

### Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$989,579,847	\$995,868,793
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$13,957,375	\$17,202,466
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$760,503,849	\$756,366,326
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$13,551,482	\$16,840,337

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.  
\*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.  
\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness*	\$17,370,000
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\* Outstanding principal.

### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year’s Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
<b>Last Year’s Rate</b>	\$0.97000	\$0.26080*	\$1.23080	\$9,375	\$2,949
<b>Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance &amp; Operations Revenue &amp; Pay Debt Service</b>	\$1.04326	\$0.21853*	\$1.26179	\$8,630	\$3,245
<b>Proposed Rate</b>	\$0.96640	\$0.26080*	\$1.22720	\$9,295	\$3,128

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year’s Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$132,881	\$138,702
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$106,965	\$113,634
Last Year’s Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.23080	\$1.22720
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$1,316.53	\$1,394.52
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$77.99

**Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.**

**Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.23075. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.23075.**

### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$4,731,517
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$1,445,414

A school district may not increase the district’s maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the school district’s debt service.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Ezzell ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:30 PM, August 25, 2020 in the Ezzell ISD Library, 20500 FM 531, Hallettsville, TX 77964. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

<b>Maintenance Tax</b>	\$0.96640/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
<b>School Debt Service Tax</b>	
<b>Approved by Local Voters</b>	\$0.27500/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	-10.58% decrease
Debt service	-1.20% decrease
Total expenditures	-9.09% decrease

### Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$108,883,833	\$110,571,766
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$1,440,062	\$2,005,777
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$88,877,872	\$89,323,154
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$1,252,317	\$1,525,329

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.  
\*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.  
\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness*	\$3,445,000
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\* Outstanding principal.

### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year’s Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
<b>Last Year’s Rate</b>	\$0.97000	\$0.28300*	\$1.25300	\$14.120	\$2,529
<b>Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance &amp; Operations Revenue &amp; Pay Debt Service</b>	\$0.97203	\$0.25050*	\$1.22253	\$13,336	\$3,097
<b>Proposed Rate</b>	\$0.96640	\$0.27500*	\$1.24140	\$13,163	\$3,021

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year’s Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$124,274	\$129,746
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$73,938	\$79,366
Last Year’s Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.25300	\$1.24140
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$926.44	\$985.25
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$58.81

**Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.**

**Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.24188. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.24188.**

### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$628,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$120,000

A school district may not increase the district’s maintenance and separation tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district’s debt service.



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in-court appearances, there strict numbers guidelines that must be adhered.

Lavaca County's courtroom, for instance, can hold just 26 people currently. Most of the gallery seats in the place today are cordoned off, as per new COVID social distancing mandates. When you're dealing with a judge and other court personnel, clients and their attorneys, juries and witnesses, those 26 seats can fill in a hurry.

It will likely be early 2021 before the courts fully resume trials once again, Judge Old says. As soon they do, he says he's already got a capital murder case waiting to be heard, which would likely delay any other case trials by at least a month.

Plans are in the works to bring in visiting judges—mostly retired district judges, of which Judge Old says there are a plethora—to help whittle down case backlogs that have accumulated as a result of the closures statewide.

But only time will tell how that pans out and, ultimately, when trials can once again resume.

"It's a new era for us, that's for certain," Judge Old says. "Unfortunately, much of it is still uncertain for us right now. But it's also showed us what can be done. I suspect many of the changes we've seen these last few weeks will be with us for years to come. It's simply the new way of doing business, something can benefit us all in the long run."

**LETTERS to the EDITOR**

This letter is a response and a reaction to the letter by Jerry Janak in the July 29 issue of the *Tribune-Herald*. I was very disappointed in the tone of the letter and the disrespectful name calling and accusations so prevalent in the letter.

We can certainly all agree that destruction of property and looting are not acceptable behavior and should be condemned. However, I believe we are all proud of the first amendment of our constitution which assures us of religious freedom and "the right of the people peacefully to assemble, and to petition the Government for redress of grievances."

Nothing was said in the letter about the grievance that brought on the marches and the demonstrations. We all viewed with horror and disgust the police officer kneeling on the neck of George Floyd for almost nine minutes while other police officers looked on. No mention was made of the shooting by police of Breona Taylor or the killing of unarmed Ahmaud Arberry by white men, never mind the killing of a number of other black individuals by white police officers in the past year or so.

Though unacceptable damage was done by some individuals and groups taking part in the marches and demonstrations, the majority of them were peaceful. I even saw a group of protestors rush to gather around a man with a base bat who was ready to break a store window. They told him that is not what we are here for! That will not help our cause!. And what are we to say about the policeman who on occasion knelt in unison with protestors? Are they to be lumped in with the "anarchist and marxists and mob of goon squads?" All these words were used in the letter!

Should we also include the bishop of the El Paso Catholic Diocese in such name calling and generalizations? He knelt in unison with some protestors, along with some of the priests of the diocese, as he held a sign that read "BLACK LIVES MATTER." We want to say "all lives matter" and that is certainly true. However, until black lives matter as much as white lives matter, we have not reached the ideal of being equal with liberty and justice for all.

You ended the letter with a comment about not being able to take freedom for granted. That is very true. I think that as we object to the damage done and the disrespect shown to some during the protests we need to also admire and praise all those, black and white, young and old, male and female, who took to the streets throughout our country to demand freedom for all, to demand respect for all, to demand equality for all.

This last week we celebrated the life of a civil rights and racial justice icon, John Lewis. Watching and listening to the final service in his honor on the day of his burial was a moving experience for me. Three former presidents spoke about him with high praise. John Lewis did not take liberty for granted! He had his skull fractured by the police as he and others marched across Freedom Bridge over fifty years ago. In spite of beatings and threats and numerous arrests he persisted in fighting non-violently for "liberty and justice" for all. He was proud of the Black Lives Matter movement. He with pride in the people of today expressed his faith that this generation of black and white people will continue the march toward liberty and justice for all.

May all of us individuals, as a community and as a nation take a critical look at name calling and generalized accusations and work a little harder at understanding and accepting and loving one another!

*Jim Henke*

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**NOTICES**

**SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE**  
The City of Hallettsville will hold a meeting at 6:00 PM on August 24, 2020 at City Hall, 101 N. Main St., Hallettsville, TX, 77964 to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2020. The proposed tax rate is \$0.3044 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the City of Hallettsville by .08%.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
Notice of public sale is hereby given that the following will be sold to the highest bidder with payment via credit/debit card only and bidding to take place at lockerfox.com on Thursday the 20th day of August, 2020 at 5:00 PM to satisfy a landlords lien, pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code. Payment via phone and pickup at the facility. Self-Storage unit contents of the following customers containing misc items will be sold. Hallettsville Storage, 32 CR 77B, Hallettsville, TX 77964 and U-Lock Self Storage 762 US Hwy 77 Hallettsville, TX 77964 in Lavaca County TX. Travis Menking unit G6, Mike Mozisek unit F209 and Stephanie Coronado unit F231.

**GRANT WRITING AND ADMINISTRATION SERVICES PUBLIC NOTICE**

The County of Lavaca is soliciting proposals for consultant/management services for grant writing services for the preparation of GLO CDBG-MIT Hurricane Harvey application for funding flood mitigation projects and planning for future flood events and the subsequent implementation of the GLO CDBG-MIT project if the County of Lavaca is awarded a contract. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals.

Please submit one (1) copy of your proposal of services with a statement of qualifications, resumes of key personnel, references, and a list of jobs performed under this or similar programs to:

Keith Mudd  
Lavaca County Judge  
PO Box 243  
109 N LaGrange St  
Hallettsville, TX 77964

Proposals must be received by the County no later than 3 P.M. on the 19th day of August, 2020, to be considered. The County of Lavaca reserves the right to negotiate with any and all management firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards.

The County of Lavaca is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer and strives to attain goals for Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) as amended.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Hallettsville ISD is accepting proposals for grounds maintenance including mowing, trimming, and related maintenance. The request for proposal and specifications are available on the HISD website at [www.hisdbrahmas.org](http://www.hisdbrahmas.org) or by contacting Johnny Densman at 361-798-2242 ext. 485 or [jdensman@hisdbrahmas.org](mailto:jdensman@hisdbrahmas.org). Proposals should be addressed and delivered to: Hallettsville ISD, Attn: Kristin Marak, PO Box 368 (mailing)/302 North Ridge Street (physical), Hallettsville, TX 77964. Sealed proposals must be received no later than 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 26, 2020.

**GRANT ENGINEERING SERVICES PUBLIC NOTICE**

The County of Lavaca is soliciting a Request for Qualifications from a qualified engineer/engineering firm (registered to practice in the State of Texas) for engineering services to include budget/scopes of work/cost estimates for the preparation of the General Land Office (GLO) CDBG-MIT application for funding flood mitigation projects, and planning for future flood events, and the subsequent preliminary and final design plans, bid documents, and necessary interim and final inspections required by the County for the implementation of the GLO project(s) if the County is awarded a GLO contract. Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Arthur William Spies, Jr, Deceased, were issued on June 28, 2020, in Cause No. 00011420, pending in the County Court of Lavaca County, Texas, to: Janet Spies.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: James M. Reeves  
Attorney at Law  
211 E. Second Street  
HALLETTSVILLE, TX 77964

DATED the 4th day of August, 2020.

James M. Reeves  
Attorney for Janet Spies  
State Bar No.: 24072514  
211 East Second Street  
HALLETTSVILLE, TX 77964  
Telephone: (210) 572-4403  
Facsimile: (210) 417-4225  
E-mail: [james@jamesreeveslaw.com](mailto:james@jamesreeveslaw.com)

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Margie Comalander Maresh, Deceased, were issued on June 28, 2020, in Cause No. 00011422, pending in the County Court of Lavaca County, Texas, to: Jerry Maresh III.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: James M. Reeves  
Attorney at Law  
211 E. Second Street  
HALLETTSVILLE, TX 77964

DATED the 4th day of August, 2020.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given as required in the Statutes that the Lavaca County Commissioners' Court will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year on August 31, 2020 at 10:00 AM, in the Lavaca County Courthouse, Commissioners' Courtroom, 1st Floor 109 N LaGrange, Hallettsville, Texas.

This budget will decrease revenue from property taxes by the amount of \$606,533.00 which is a 4.4% decrease from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$203,387.00.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of the Lavaca County Clerk, Lavaca County Courthouse Annex, Hallettsville, Texas.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

In Accordance with sections 118.025 (g) of the Texas Local Government Code and the Texas Government Code 51.305 (f) The Lavaca County Commissioners Court will hold a Public Hearing on Monday August 31, 2020 at 10:00 am in the Commissioners' Courtroom at which time the Court will consider for approval the Annual Written Plan for Funding the Preservation and Restoration of the County Clerk's Records Archive and the District Clerk's Technology Fund for Preservation and Restoration.

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**NOTICE**

The Board of Directors of the Lavaca Hospital District will hold a public hearing on the annual budget for 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Meeting Facility of the Lavaca Medical Center Health and Wellness Center on Monday, August 17 2020.

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the following person within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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c/o: Amy Volz Williams  
207 S. Main St.  
P.O. Box 2330  
Victoria, Texas 77902

Amy Volz Williams  
Attorney for Co-Executors  
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# TCFA

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Luke, the son of Tommy and Gayle Bludau, was awarded a \$5,000 scholarship, a plaque and buckle for being named the Senior Overall Champion. He also took first place in the written exam senior division winning a \$500 prize.

The Hallettsville FFA had several other members with Jake Ressler winning first place in the exam junior division and awarded a \$250 prize.

Shelby Berckenhoff placed second in the Senior Division: Best Individual Carcass, while Landon Koehne and Abby Ressler both tied for second in the Junior Division: Best Individual Carcass.

Koehne also finished second in the Top Rookie of the Junior Division and Jett Long placed third in the Top Rookie Senior Division.

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Hallettsville FFA member, Jake Ressler was awarded a \$250 prize for taking first place in the junior division written exam contest. Contributed photo.

# COUNTY

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place at 10 a.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom.

**SUBDIVISION PLAN**  
The court discussed looking into developing a subdivision plan for the county to have when land owners may propose converting property into lot sales for the construction of homes.

County Judge Keith Mudd said he's been looking at the Colorado County plan, in which Lavaca County shares a subdivision within the two counties.

"There's a reason to their plan that was created and I think this court needs to start moving into that direction of looking into a plan that soothes our needs," Mudd said. "There is a potential of three subdivisions coming in our direction and we're kind of sitting without a plan."

The court voted go forward and start the process of devising its own subdivision plan for Lavaca County.

With landowner Randy Dornak, who is proposing the Whispering Oaks subdivision, to be located between Highways 90-A West and 77-A south and CR 167 present at the meeting, the court took no action to draft restrictions and the subdivision plat.

Although all five court members have looked at the property in question, the court's biggest concern for the area is water runoff and drainage.

"We have to look into it as if the road is not built to our specifications and 12 people build homes, and then have erosion and drainage issues," Mudd said. "Who are they going to blame? It will be the person who signed that plat."

Mudd suggested having an engineer see what is the best practice for water runoff.

**PRECINCT 3 REQUESTS**

The court approved a quote presented by Pct. 3 commissioner Frankie Bates to purchase a used 2018 Tailift LPG power forklift with approximately 211 hours.

The purchase price for the equipment, that included a trade-in for a used Yale forklift and delivery price was \$19,950.

The court voted 3-2 to approve Pct. 3 heavy equipment operator, Greg Janik, to Grade 5, 1st quarter. Janik had successfully completed his 90-day employment probation and the move is effective immediately. Commissioners' Ronald Berckenhoff and Dennis W. Kocian voted against the move.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

The court approved a budget amendment/transfer for and payment of remaining balance of the General Obligation Refunding Bond in the amount of \$475,293.93.

In addition, the court approved a certification of unbudgeted for law enforcement detection/counter terrorism grant in the amount of \$59,392.63.

The court approved the Texas County and District Retirement System Plan Assessment for the Lavaca County plan year 2021 with an adopted elected rate of 17 percent.

The court approved service agreement for short-term detention of juvenile offenders between Lavaca County and the Center for Success and Independence at Rockdale Academy for the term of Sept. 1, 2020 to Aug. 31, 2021.

The court also approved service agreement for short-term detention of juvenile offenders between Lavaca County and the Guadalupe County Juvenile Detention Center for the term of Oct. 1, 2020 to Sept. 30, 2021.

**COUNTY TAX REPORT**

County Tax Assessor-Collector Deborah Sevcik reported that 98.76 percent of the 2019 county taxes were collected through July leaving an unpaid balance of \$145,338.09.

Sevcik also reported that 98.77 percent of the Farm Market Road (FMR) taxes have been collected through July leaving an unpaid balance of \$39,167.12.

**EMS UPDATE**

Judge Mudd said he is encouraging EMS interim director Melissa Leopold to return the servicing out-of-county runs.

Mudd also reported there are several candidates who have applied for the director position and interviews will begin Tuesday, Aug. 11.

"The committee has met and deliberated," Mudd said. "We want to make the EMS something to be proud of and the best we can possibly put into place."

In other action taken by the court:

- Declared a number of computer items from the Sheriff's office as surplus property.
- Approved the update of policies for the Community Connections of Lavaca County that included personnel, drug and alcohol, and procurement.
- Approved all consent agenda items.

County Judge Keith Mudd presided over the meeting with commissioners Edward Pustka, Ronald Berckenhoff, Frankie Bates and Dennis W. Kocian present for the meeting.

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The student enrollment as of Aug. 7 was 1,154 students for the upcoming school year.

Broken down, 405 are enrolled in the Elementary School, 380 in Jr. High and 369 in High School.

The financial report saw that the district has collected 98.52% (9.8 million) of the 2019 taxes with an unpaid balance of \$146,983.30.

As of July 1, the district had \$649,074.55 in the general operating checking account, \$3.5 million in CDs and \$2.6 in the money market account.

The district has expended 87.66% of the 2020-21 budget and local revenue was at 106.12%.

The board okayed July bills totaling \$145,684.48.

In other business, the board OKed the Student Code of Conduct; mulled over revision of the transfer policy; approved the Student/Parent Handbook and Employee Handbook for the 2020-21 school year.

**LAVACA COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIAL SALARIES FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 Texas Local Government Code 152.013(b)**

Position	Name	Fiscal Year	Salary	Fiscal Year
		2020-2021 Proposed	Increase (Decrease)	2020-2021 Longevity
County Judge	Keith Mudd	Base Salary \$62,443.16	0.00	0.00
County Judge Juvenile Board	Keith Mudd	\$4,799.86	0.00	-
County Judge Travel	Keith Mudd	\$7,200.00	0.00	-
Commissioner Pct. 1	Edward A. Pustka	\$58,166.16	0.00	765.00
Commissioner Pct. 2	Ronald Berckenhoff	\$58,175.78	0.00	1,090.00
Commissioner Pct. 3	Frankie Bates	\$58,166.16	0.00	0.00
Commissioner Pct. 4	Dennis Kocian	\$58,240.52	0.00	1,325.00
County Clerk	Elizabeth Kouba	\$55,730.22	0.00	2,700.00
District Clerk	Lori Wenske	\$55,662.10	0.00	0.00
Treasurer	Karen Bludau	\$55,694.60	\$300.00	1,610.00
Tax Assessor/Collector	Deborah Sevcik	\$55,904.42	0.00	1,965.00
Sheriff	Micah Harmon	\$62,449.66	0.00	1,965.00
Justice of Peace 1	Mark Ivey	\$47,852.48	0.00	655.00
Justice of Peace 2	Travis Hill	\$24,727.30	\$2,041.70	695.00
Justice of Peace 3	Wayne Denson	\$34,113.30	\$2,816.70	700.00
Justice of Peace 4	Hallie Hall	\$47,852.48	0.00	1,315.00
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Bailiff	Charles Grieve	\$4,000.00		0.00
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