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Kolache Fest canceled

Uncertainty prompts tough decision, organizers say

Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19, Caldwell's Kolache Festival has been canceled.

The Kolache Festival Committee and the Burleson County Chamber of Commerce made that announcement on Tuesday, June 30.

"I am not living in fear. It is not because I am fearful of corona. It is just due to so much uncertainty," Janice Easter said.

The news was heart-breaking for Caldwell, known as "The Kolache Capital of Texas." The festival celebrates the Czech heritage and draws thousands of

people from across the state, while also benefiting local businesses. Festival Committee Chairperson Janice Easter said she and Chamber Executive Di-

rector Susan Mott had discussed a possible cancellation for several weeks.

The final decision was made following Gov. Greg Abbott's announcement closing down Texas bars and rivers, Easter said.

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SPJST DANCERS perform at last year's Kolache Festival. --- Tribune photo by Roy Sanders



MEMBERS OF THE Texas Military Department (TMD) prepare COVID-19 test kits. The TMD stationed a free walk-up test site at the Caldwell Middle School Gym last Thursday and Friday, July 2-3.

County confirmed COVID total reaches over 100

Nearly 600 tested locally Thursday, Friday

With COVID-19 confirmed cases reaching 116 for Burleson County, almost 600 people showed up for the free walk-up testing site last Thursday and Friday at the Caldwell Middle School Gym.

The free testing was

provided by the Texas Military Department (TMD), an executive branch agency of the Texas government composed of the Texas Army National Guard, the Texas Air National Guard, and the Texas State Guard.

Burleson County Emergency Management Coordinator Duane Strange said the county requested the TMD to administer testing locally, and tested 593 people on Thursday (318) and Friday (275).

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THESE FIREWORKS were on display on Friday night at Elizabeth Lutheran Church.

Peters named ESC Region 6 Superintendent of the Year

"I'm honored to represent Region 6 and honored to be here in Caldwell because it is a great community" – Andrew Peters, Caldwell ISD Superintendent

Caldwell ISD Superintendent Andrew Peters was recently named as the Education Service Center (ESC) Region 6 Superintendent of the Year.

Peters will go on to represent ESC Region 6 for the Texas Association of School Boards

(TASB) Superintendent of the Year award.

Region 6 includes 57 school districts, including Anderson-Shiro, Apple Springs, Bellville, Big Sandy, Brazos, Bremond, Brenham, Bryan, Buckholts, Buffalo, Burton, See PETERS, page 9



CALDWELL ISD Superintendent Andrew Peters was recently named Superintendent of the Year for Education Service Center Region 6.

Students in Snook To read a book

For most parents, it's a challenge to keep kids reading and writing all summer.

And, research shows that children who don't read during the summer can lose up to three months of reading progress, and that loss has a

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SNOOK'S SUMMER READING program "Bluejays Read" began Tuesday, July 7, in Clay. Snook High School English teacher Annette Kirk founded the program, which will continue throughout the summer.

Kolkhorst opposes sale of leases

State Sen. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, is protesting a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) plan for an Aug. 26 competitive oil and gas lease sale on several land parcels at Lake Somerville, citing environmental concerns.

Wednesday, July 1, was the deadline for public comment on the plan.

Kolkhorst objected to six tracts listed, including five on the southern portion of Lake Somerville. A sixth is located in Lee County.

The objection concerns plans for directional drilling for fracking under the lake, which is a water source for Brenham.

Kolkhorst, in a letter See LAKE, page 2



DEPUTY JAMES ELSWOOD with the Burleson County Sheriff's Office has taken the lead in educating the public on ATV safety. See story inside. -- Tribune Photo by Roy Sanders

Jackson status hearing reset

A status hearing for Chester "C.J." Jackson Jr., of Somerville, charged with assault on a public servant, was reset for Aug. 31 on Monday in District Court.

Jackson, who has See JACKSON, page 5

Blessing Box installed to help during tough times

Community encouraged to give and receive

In the midst of a global pandemic and changes for people everywhere, Caldwell has remained

consistent when helping a neighbor in need.

The Daisy Girl Scout Troop No. 1136 recently introduced their Take Action Project to the community by installing a public donation area for food and other

daily necessities called the Blessing Box.

Marsha Kocurek, whose daughter is involved with the Girl Scout troop, has spearheaded the initiative.

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MARLEY KOCUREK OPENS the Blessing Box which is a resource available to the community to donate daily necessities to anyone in need.



LAKE

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to Tom Spisak of BLM in Santa Fe, N.M., said she represented nearly one million Texans in the Texas Senate, “including thousands who live near Lake Somerville parcels in Burleson, Lee and Washington counties.”

“Many of these residents depend on Lake Somerville as their primary source of clean drinking water,” Kolkhorst said in her e-mail. “The parcels included in this lease sale are also in close proximity to popular Lake Somerville parks which attract thousands of visitors each year.”

Though a staunch advocate of oil and gas drilling in Texas, the parcels listed could “unnecessarily pose a credible risk to the drinking water of thousands of my constituents,” she said.

“The environmental assessment fails to paint a meaningful

picture about the risks to public health,” Kolkhorst said. “It fails to adequately analyze the effects of leasing parcels in or near Lake Somerville on environment and water resources vital to the region.”

It also fails to disclose site specific methods that would mitigate significant flow reductions from the new activity resulting from the leases, she said.

And the plan does not completely account for the impacts on vegetation and soil resources near Lake Somerville, “including the total amount of land that could be cleared, how much erosion and sedimentation could result, and the resulting impact to soil, air and water quality,” she said.

As chair of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services, Kolkhorst said she was “gravely concerned that the proposed leasing may result in the contami-

nation of groundwater and surface water around Lake Somerville.”

The five parcels on the southern portion of the lake include a 170-acre plot going under the lake by Iron Bridge Road, a 79.1 acre plot and a 14.87 acre plot along F.M. 1948 by Yegua Creek Park Road, a 25-acre portion near the end of Harge Road and a 2.14-acre tract on Fischer Road.

Washington County Judge John Durrenberger said the county has not yet taken a formal position on the issue, but, speaking for himself, he agrees with Kolkhorst’s objections.

“I am opposed to this,” Durrenberger said.

Brenham City Manager James Fisher could not be reached for comment on the city’s position.

In June, BLM withdrew leases that would have permitted the fracking procedure under Lake Lewisville, according to the *Denton Record-Chronicle*. That lake is the drinking water source for Denton, Dallas and some other municipalities, the *Record-Chronicle* reported.

But the Lake Somerville plans remain.

Among those also issuing public statements of opposition were the Sierra Club Lone Star Chapter and the Center for Biological Diversity.

Cyrus Reed of the Sierra Club said they would continue to oppose the fracking plan under Lake Somerville, which they called a significant resource for water and recreation.

Taylor McKinnon of the Center for Biological Diversity said in a prepared public statement that fracking pollution and earthquakes can cause serious damage to Lake Lewisville and Lake Somerville.

“The Bureau of Land Management should cancel the rest of the lease sale. This is reckless policy that risks public safety for fossil-fuel industry profits,” the statement said.

Another BLM’s lease announcement in 2017 also drew protests locally, including from the City of Brenham, Texas Rural Voices and some environmental organizations. They also cited the dangers of drilling so near the city’s primary water source.

Despite the protests, BLM later held the auction of land tracts, according to media reports.

County sheriff’s office focuses on ATV Safety

The Burleson County sheriff’s office is educating the public on All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) safety, including laws and recommendations on where, when and how they should be used.

Deputy James Elswood has taken on the responsibility of learning ATV laws and best practices for safe operation.

“Our county has seen some major injuries in the past due to crashes involving Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs). It is not uncommon for people to ignore safety recommendations from the manufacturers,” Elswood said.

He said, most crashes involving OHVs occur on private property, involve one vehicle and often cause more severe injuries than the average car crash.

“There are quite a few legal uses for ATVs such as 4-wheelers and side-by-sides in the county. The limitations mostly come into play when they’re taken out onto public highways. What is illegal varies depending on the type of vehicle,” Elswood said.

According to Elswood, the law says that an OHV may not be operated “in a careless or reckless manner that endangers, injures or damages any person or property.”

“So if someone or something, including someone’s own OHV, is damaged, the driving is considered unsafe,” Elswood explained.

OHVs, like 4-wheelers, and Neighborhood Electronic Vehicles (NEVs), like golf carts, can be used on public highways where the speed limit is below 35 miles per hour, during the daytime and not more than two miles from where the vehicle is normally parked, Elswood said.

OHVs can legally drive across county roads at a right angle to go from one private property to another and may drive adjacent to county roads, he said.

Due to the posted speed limit on most county roads, situations in which OHVs would be allowed to operate on county roads are limited to special events only, Elswood said.

OHVs and NEVs are required to display a slow-moving vehicle emblem as well as lighted headlights and taillights 30 minutes after sunset and before sunrise, he said.

He said, OHVs must also have a brake system in good operating condition, an adequate muffler system and a U.S. Forrest Service qualified spark arrestor.

Anyone operating or riding on an OHV must wear a helmet, eye protection and a seat belt unless the vehicle has 4-wheels, bench or bucket seats with seat belts and a roll bar or roll cage, Elswood said.

Safe riding also includes following the same laws that cars have to follow, Elswood said.

Operators should slow down when going around sharp curves, particularly on rough

or unpaved roads, and should move to the right and slow down in order to allow cars to safely pass when riding in subdivisions or neighborhoods, he said.

“Thankfully, in recent months, we have not had many reported safety problems. The primary concern for most recent calls has been the driver and/or passenger being too young to drive the OHV safely or calls from residents asking for more information about OHV and NEV laws,” Elswood said.

He said age restrictions are vague in the transportation code aside from one particular circumstance which requires anyone under the age of 14 to be supervised by an adult when riding on public land designated for OHV usage.

Elswood said operators and passengers should follow the manufacturers recommended minimum age for safe operation, which are made specifically for that vehicle based on factors such as engine and frame size.

The sheriff’s office encourages everyone to ride on private property in a safe manner and to take off-road safety courses to be more knowledgeable about safe riding habits and techniques, in addition to learning more about the laws.

To find out more about off-road safety courses offered in the area call the ATV Safety Institute at (800) 887-2887.

Early voting for primary runoff is into 2nd week

First two weeks show slow voter turnout

After the start of the second week of early voting for the July 14 primary runoff elections, Burleson County turnout is low.

Early voting began Monday, June 29, and will continue until July 10.

Dorothy “D.J.” Oliver, Burleson County Elections Administrator, said that as of 3 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7, only 535 county residents have voted in the Republican primary runoff election -- 315 in person and 220 by mail-in ballots, which is 4.45 percent of all registered voters in the county.

Oliver said that only 230 residents have voted in the Democratic runoff -- 83 in person

and 147 by mail, which is 1.9 percent of all registered voters in Burleson County.

The Republican lone runoff has Pete Sessions facing off against Renee Swann for a chance to run for U.S. District 17 in the November election.

The Democratic ballot has three runoff races: U.S. District 17, U.S. Senator and Texas Railroad Commissioner.

Rick Kennedy and David Jaramillo are running for the Democratic spot on November’s ballot for U.S. District 17.

Mary ‘MJ’ Hegar and Royce West are vying for the Democrats’ vote to run against John Cornyn for a six-year term in the U.S. Senate

in November.

In the Democratic runoff for Texas Railroad Commissioner are Roberto R. ‘Beto’ Alonzo and Chrysta Castañeda. The winner of the Alonzo-Castañeda race will face James Wright (R) in the general election on Nov. 3.

Early voting is located on the first floor of the Burleson County Courthouse at 100 West Buck Street in Caldwell from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. through July 8. Voting on July 9-10 will be from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m.

The runoff election was originally scheduled for May 26, but was postponed to July 14 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

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Deanville Water Supply Corporation 2019 Consumer Confidence Report

The Deanville Water Supply Corporation 2019 Consumer Confidence Report is available at the DWSC office in Deanville. If you have any questions concerning the report, please contact Curtis J. Shupak, certified operator at (979) 535-4648.

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NOTICE

Milano Water Supply Corporation

Milano Water Supply Corporation’s 2019 CCR (Water Quality Report) may be viewed online at <http://ccrwater.net/milanowsc-72578> or call 512-455-2692 to request a copy.

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THE CALDWELL MEN’S Lions Club installed officers for the 2020-2021 Lion year on Monday, June 29. Pictured from the left are: PDG Gordon Richardson, Director Justin Waldrip, PDG Danny Stribling of College Station, Director Sal Zaccagnino, Treasurer Kavon Novak, President Al Reick, First Vice President Phil Reeves, Second Vice President Robbie Holt, Tail Twister Robert Lee, Third VP Brandon Kipphen, Director Chuck Tims, Lion Tamer Donnie Cook. Not pictured are Secretary Jerry Rogers and Director Ted Dusek.

BLESSING
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Blessing Box is for community members to help each other out,” Kocurek said. “When you have an abundance, you can share with others, and when you are in a time of need, you can come to the Blessing Box and receive the blessing.”

Kocurek said that she and her daughter Marley brainstormed about the idea and decided to bring it to fruition.

“I talked to Marley about if it would be something she would be interested in. She liked the idea, so then I helped facilitate that through social media and different contacts in the community,” Kocurek said.

She took to Facebook to post about the project to help raise awareness and gain support.

Her post caught the attention of local business owners Steve Snider and Jeff McManus.

Snider said he and his wife saw a Blessing Box a couple of years ago in his wife’s hometown in Oklahoma.

He said it gave him the idea to do one here, but he lacked the place to do it.

“I saw that Marsha Kocurek posted about her daughter wanting to do one, so I contacted her and said ‘let’s build it,’” Snider said. “I talked to my business partner Jeff,



MARLEY KOCUREK PICKS UP a donated mask left in the Blessing Box. The Blessing Box has a variety of food items and canned goods. --- Tribune photo by Roy Sanders

and he said he’d love to have it and put it right there next to the cleaners.”

He said that the Blessing Box took him, his wife, daughter and grandkids three days to build.

The Blessing Box was installed to help any member in the community who might need daily necessities. “It is open for anyone,” Kocurek said. “It is a blessing both ways. You can be a blessing by giving or

receive a blessing by taking.”

They started out with only 10-15 canned goods at the start of the week, but much more was added by the end of the week, Kocurek said.

She also said that anything that could be used on a daily basis is a recommended donation, but there have been some out-of-the-ordinary additions to the Blessing Box in the past week.

They have received anything from canned goods to masks to sippy cups.

“It is open to anyone who needs something or feels like they can give something to keep it stocked,” Kocurek said.

Kocurek encourages the community to continue to give especially during this time when people are in need.

“I think right now it is a good time for the Blessing Box to start because we are in the pandemic, and people have differing job situations and things are not as stable as they were before,” she said. “Someone who may have had all their needs met a month or two ago may find themselves in a different situation right now.”

Kocurek is hopeful that the Blessing Box will provide a “bright spot for Caldwell” and that the community will continue to help each other out during the pandemic.

With this new addition to the community, Kocurek and Snider are concerned about some challenges they may face.

“The biggest challenge will be to continue to monitor it to make sure that the food supply or blessing supply continues to be adequate for others to come and receive it,” Kocurek said. “The other challenge is Texas heat and making sure that the items in there are appropriate for that.”

Snider said that McManus and himself are discussing adding a shade over the top of the Blessing Box.

The Blessing Box is located in front of Caldwell Dry Cleaners on Main Street and is available now for the public to use.

OIL

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remains an important part of Chesapeake’s portfolio.

Chesapeake, in a prepared statement, said it intended to use the proceedings to “strengthen its balance sheet and restructure its legacy contractual obligations ...”

The company entered into a Restructuring Support Agreement (RSA) with its lenders and will implement a Chapter 11 plan of reorganization to eliminate about \$7 billion of debt, according to the statement.

Doug Lawler, Chesapeake’s president and chief executive officer, said in the statement that the company is “fundamentally resetting Chesapeake’s capital structure and business to address our legacy of financial weaknesses and capitalize on our substantial operational strengths.”

By eliminating \$7 billion of debt while addressing legacy contractual obligations that have hindered their performance, “we are positioning Chesapeake to capitalize on our diverse operating platform and proven track record of improving capital and operating efficiencies and technical excellence,” he said.

Lawler said Chesapeake would be uniquely positioned to emerge from Chapter 11 as “a stronger and more competitive enterprise.”

Addressing the issue of employees, Lawler said the company deeply appreciates their hard work and commitment “who remain focused on safely and efficiently executing our business.”

“We look forward to working productively with our suppliers, business partners and all stakeholders throughout this process,” Lawler said.

Lawler said the em-

ployees have transformed the company’s business -- “improving capital efficiency and operational performance, eliminating costs, reducing debt and diversifying our portfolio.”

“Despite having removed over \$20 billion of leverage and financial commitments, we believe this restructuring is necessary for the long-term success and value creation of the business,” Lawler said.

The statement said that Chesapeake had filed customary motions with the court seeking a variety of “first day” relief, including authority to pay owner royalties, employee wages and benefits, along with certain vendors and suppliers in the ordinary course for good and services provided.

In a letter addressed to their employees, Lawler said “this was not an easy decision, but it was a necessary one, given our legacy debt and contractual obligations and the historic collapse of commodity prices.”

The letter tells employees that the company will “continue to operate our business as usual,” with the highest regard to safety and regulatory excellence.

In addition, they would continue to be paid and receive benefits, the letter states. And all employees will receive 100 percent of their bonus target in four equal installments, the first of which was received in May, the letter stated.

Chesapeake completed its acquisition of Wild-Horse Resource Development Corp., on Jan. 31, 2019.

Company officials said then that the county’s oil and gas production potential remained strong with new development expected that should provide the area an economic boost. And they said they would bring some advanced

technology to the table that would improve horizontal drilling capability while creating more efficiency at well sites.

Before oil prices began plummeting this year, the outlook remained bright well into 2019.

Company officials announced in August of 2019 that they were dramatically accelerating the company’s oil exploration in Burleson County -- anticipating a 30 percent production increase by 2020.

And overall, this oil production play could last for many years, company officials said at that time.

Given the volatility of current market conditions, a company official declined to release specific projections for the county for now but stressed that operations locally are continuing.

SISD to
meet
July 8

The Somerville School Board was scheduled to meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8, in the SISD board room to consider a bid for student devices.

The district is looking at purchasing more technological devices so that every student has a device for classwork due to COVID-19.

The board will consider a bid for glass and door replacement at the high school and hear an update on the status of tax collections.

In other business, the board will consider increasing the pay grade for auxiliary employees, consider the student code of conduct and student handbook, consider the employee handbook, consider renewing the district’s membership in the Walsh Gallego’s retainer program and set the date for a hearing to set the budget and tax rate.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Christopher N. Jadowski, Deceased, were issued on July 2, 2020, under Docket No. 5721 pending in the County Court of Burleson County, Texas, to Patricia A. Jadowski.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate, addressed as follows:

Representative,
Estate of Christopher N. Jadowski, Deceased
c/o Leigha Schubert
P.O. Box 753
Caldwell, Texas 77836

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

Dated this the 2nd day of July 2020.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Annie L. Spivey, Deceased, were issued on July 6, 2020, under Docket No. 5720 pending in the County Court of Burleson County, Texas, to Robert L. Spivey.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate, addressed as follows:

Representative,
Estate of Annie L. Spivey, Deceased
c/o Leigha Schubert
P.O. Box 753
Caldwell, Texas 77836

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

Dated this the 6th day of July 2020.

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day (275). Strange said he is unsure when those test results will be available to the county. Without those numbers, Strange said as of Tuesday, July 7, the number of confirmed cases in the county have reached 116. However, the number of active cases is 81 with 21 people recovered. He also said there have been no deaths in the county, nor any current hospitalizations “with the information I have.” Strange said that the number of cases should be updated faster due to a new program obtained by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). He said, “The numbers may fluctuate a little as information is updated and DSHS is catching up on some of the back numbers.” Strange said the new program will “hopefully get the number of active cases down and increase the number of recovered cases” for a more accurate count within the county. In statewide testing, the TMD has conducted over 12,000 tests. Senior Airman Tennifer Anderson, a 147th

Medical Group Aerospace Medical Technician, said, “Traveling to each community has been a positive experience. The civilians we test, mayors and other public officials all greet us with kindness and thank us for serving.” “It is evident that we are impacting the great state of Texas as we have received the highest turnout numbers from our testing. It has encouraged me and strengthened my faith seeing our nation come together to help each other during this challenging time. I’m proud to be a part of history and will continue to do everything I can until we have defeated the invisible enemy,” Anderson said. The TMD is part of the Mobile Testing Command Center (MTCC) which began in April at the request of Texas Gov. Greg Abbott’s goal to develop a plan for reopening the state. The TMD is collaborating with multiple civilian agencies to bring that mission to fruition: DSHS, AgriLife Extension Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife division, Department of Public Safety, Texas Engineering Extension Service, Texas Department of Emergency Management and Fed-

eral Emergency Management Agency. DSHS Commissioner Dr. John Hellerstedt said due to the recent high numbers Texas is seeing, “This is the biggest COVID-19 challenge Texas has faced since coronavirus hit our state.” “We need every single Texan to help,” Dr. Hellerstedt said. He also reminded Texans to : * Stay home when possible. * Wear a face covering in public. * Stay 6 feet apart from others. * Wash your hands often. * If sick, get tested then stay home. * Clean your surroundings. * Cover coughs and sneezes. * Don’t touch your face.

And, in the statewide fight against COVID-19, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott issued an executive order on Thursday, July 2, requiring all Texans to wear a face covering in counties with 20 or more positive COVID cases. The order requires Texans living in counties with more than 20 coronavirus cases to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth while in a business or other building open to the public, as well as outdoor public spaces, whenever social distancing is not possible. But it provides several exceptions, including for children who are younger than 10 years old, people who have a medical condition that prevents them from wearing a mask, people

who are eating or drinking, and people who are exercising outdoors. Regarding additional exemptions, Gov. Abbott said during a TV interview Friday afternoon with KBTX-TV that polling places and churches were “two exemptions that are based upon constitutional purposes.” “Your constitutional rights are not voided simply because of a pandemic,” Gov. Abbott told KBTX in Bryan. During a town hall broadcast Thursday evening by KTRK in Houston, Gov. Abbott said, “With the runoff ... we made clear that masks are highly recommended. We don’t want to deny somebody the ability to go vote simply because they don’t have a mask, and that’s why if you look into the depths of the order, you would see that they are not mandated for people to go vote because we didn’t want anybody to say, well, they couldn’t vote because they didn’t have a mask. However, we know that the safest way to go vote is by wearing a mask.” Gov. Abbott also issued a proclamation giving mayors and county judges the right to impose restrictions on some outdoor gatherings of over 10 people. That directive made it mandatory, with certain exceptions, that people may not gather in groups larger than 10 and must still maintain six feet of social distancing. The order went into effect on Friday, July 3. And, it was these orders that closed down

some City of Somerville public offices on Monday, July 6, including City Hall, the Visitors Center and the Public Works office and yard. However, city services, including police, fire, water, wastewater, trash pickup, and the Citizen Collection Facility, will remain active. The Senior Center was already closed until further notice. In a Facebook post, the city said, “Unfortunately, due to the new COVID related regulations and the limited space in the lobby at city hall, we will be closed to the public again for the time being. “ “We are available by phone and email during regular office hours, and if necessary by appointment,” the post said. In a written statement issued by the city, officials said, “These closures are intended to limit face to face interactions...” “We will continue to work closely with the Burleson County Emergency Management and all State and Federal agencies as we work through this crisis,” the statement read. Gov. Abbott said in a July 2 press release that “wearing a face covering in public is proven to be one of the most effective ways we have to slow the spread of COVID-19.” “We have the ability to keep businesses open and move our economy forward so that Texans can earn a paycheck, but it requires each of us to do our part to protect one another -- and that means wearing a face covering in public places,” Gov. Abbott said. Likewise, restricting the size of groups with large gatherings also helps contain the spread, Gov. Abbott said. “If Texans commit to wearing face coverings in public places and follow the best health and safety practices, we can slow the spread of COVID-19 and keep Texas open for business,” Gov. Abbott said. In regard to masks, Burleson County leaders were seeking a clear directive from the governor. Burleson County Judge Keith Schroeder said he respects the governor’s order and encourages all local residents to comply. However, the challenge is in enforcement. Those in violation are supposed to get a warning on the first violation but could face fines up to \$250 for a second or more violations. “One of the hardest things is the availability of officers to enforce,” Schroeder said. Schroeder said the focus would be on educating the public on the importance of face coverings, a point shared by Burleson County Sheriff Gene Hermes. Hermes also encourages all county residents to follow the governor’s order, “which is in place for the health and safety of all Texans.” While the sheriff’s office supports the governor, Hermes and Caldwell Police Chief Charles Barnes say they will not fine anyone not using a face covering. The departments have plenty to do in enforcing the law, particularly for major felony offenses that already drain much of their time and resources, they said.

Looking for opportunities to issue tickets would not be a good use of their time, they said. But Hermes said he does hope that Burleson County citizens “will use some common sense when in public (using face coverings) that will help stop the spread of COVID-19.” And Hermes and Barnes agree that targeting businesses for that enforcement would be unfair to them. “Our businesses are keeping us going, and to target them is a little foolish,” Hermes said. Barnes agreed. “Our businesses have been through enough. We do not need to just walk in and start issuing citations,” Barnes said. Somerville Police Chief Craig Wise could not be reached for comment.

Caldwell Mayor Norris McManus, who supports the governor’s directive and has said previously that he wants a clear, consistent directive for local governments, also urged local residents to wear face coverings. And he agrees that the primary focus should be educating the public, not looking for a way to issue tickets. “That is not what we want to do (issue tickets),” McManus said. Snook Mayor John See said the city also respects the governor’s order and urges everyone to be safe and take precautions. But for enforcement, the city does not have the resources to issue citations, See said. Somerville Mayor Michael Bradford could not be reached for comment. The Texas DSHS said that as of July 6, Texas has 200,557 confirmed cases from 2,431,861 tests, with 2,163,729 being viral tests and 207,980 being antibody tests as of July 5. Of the antibody tests, 7,368 were positive. There are 8,698 hospitalized cases currently around the state, and 2,655 people have died from COVID-19 related deaths. An estimated 103,782 people have recovered from the virus in Texas, and there are approximately 94,120 people with active cases. Texas DSHS said around the Brazos Valley, Brazos County has 2,626 known cases with 1,321 active cases, 34 deaths and 1,271 recovered. Washington County has 309 known cases with 60 active cases, 31 deaths and 198 recovered. Milam County has 92 cases with 18 active cases, one death, and 73 recovered. Grimes County has 558 cases with 271 active cases, two deaths and 284 recovered. Lee County has 85 cases with 27 active cases, three deaths and 42 recovered. Robertson County has 61 cases with 33 active cases, no deaths and 24 recovered. And as of Tuesday, July 7, at 3 p.m., the Coronavirus COVID-19 Global Cases by the Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) at John Hopkins University & Medicine reported that the U.S. has 2,966,409 confirmed cases out of 36,225,015 total test results with 130,902 deaths and 924,148 recovered.

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Sheriff Gene Hermes's Report

Monday, June 29
Sgt. Investigator Labertew responded to criminal mischief on State Highway 36 S., an offense report was taken. Deputy Elswood responded to a livestock call on Beaver Creek Road, the roadway was cleared. Deputy Labertew responded to suspicious activity on County Road 224, nothing was located. Deputy Elswood responded to a noise complaint on County Road 229, peace was restored.

Tuesday, June 30
Sgt. Investigator Labertew and Deputy Burkhalter responded to criminal mischief on Gaywood Lane, an offense report was taken. Sgt. Investigator Labertew responded to a theft on County Road 107, an offense report was taken. Deputy Burkhalter responded to a call regarding a civil matter on Maple Drive, advice was given. Deputy Elswood responded to an animal bite on Woodson Drive. Trooper Nance responded to a suspicious vehicle on Brazos Way, nothing was located.

Wednesday, July 1
Deputy Elswood responded to an assault on County Road 308, an offense report was taken. Sgt. Tillery responded to criminal mischief on Dogwood Circle, information was taken. Sgt. Til-

lery responded to a livestock call on County Road 316, nothing was located. Sgt. Tillery responded to an assault on F.M. 2155, parties were separated. Deputy Kerr responded to a disturbance on Apache Drive N., information was taken. Deputy Kerr responded to an alarm on County Road 410, it was a false alarm.

Thursday, July 2
Sgt. Tillery responded to a burglary investigation on County Road 210, information was taken. Sgt. Tillery responded to a suspicious vehicle on Lois Lane Street, nothing was located. Sgt. Tillery took information in a lobby complaint. Deputy Kerr responded to a suspicious vehicle on F.M. 908, information was taken. Deputy Cheatham responded to a disturbance on Ridgewood Drive, parties were separated.

Friday, July 3
Deputy Burkhalter responded to an alarm on Whitetail Trail, it was a false alarm. Investigator Stephens responded to criminal mischief on King Street, information was taken. Deputy Labertew responded to a livestock call on County Road 112, the roadway was cleared. Deputy Rorie responded to a noise complaint on Park Road 57, a warning

was given.

Saturday, July 4
Investigator Stephens responded to a burglary investigation on County Road 229, an offense report was taken. Investigator Stephens responded to a noise complaint on N. Swan Lake Drive, nothing was located. Deputy Labertew responded to an abandoned vehicle on Dogwood Drive, it was cleared from the roadway. Deputy Elswood responded to a loud party on Mallard Drive, nothing was located.

Sunday, July 5
Deputy Elswood responded to an alarm on F.M. 50, the building was secure. Deputies Strouth and Labertew responded to a disturbance on F.M. 111, an incident report was taken. Deputy Labertew responded to suspicious activity on County Road 270, nothing was located. Deputy Elswood responded to a livestock call on State Highway 21 E., the roadway was cleared. Deputies Elswood and Labertew responded to a disturbance on Dogwood Drive, parties were separated.

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sued Burleson County in federal court alleging a civil rights violation while in Burleson County Sheriff's custody, was indicted on June 18, 2019, on the charge. Jackson is charged with biting a Burleson County sheriff's jailer on April 21 2019, as the jailer was attempting to remove his restraints, according to the indictment.

Jackson did not appear before District Judge Reva Towslee Corbett on Monday, Deski said. His attorney, U.A. Lewis cited medical issues, she said.

Deski said Lewis requested a resetting for the status hearing due to her inability to attend on Monday.

Jackson's lawsuit, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas in Austin, names himself and family members Chester Jackson Sr., and Eddie Lee Wilson as the plaintiffs. The defendants are Burleson County, former sheriff Thomas Norsworthy, the City of Caldwell, former Caldwell Police Sgt. Robert Riley Baucom and former Sheriff's Deputy John Bennett.

The suit alleges that he was having a mental health crisis, and family members asked that he be taken to a mental health facility in Houston. Lewis said previously that the sheriff's office did not respond properly.

Lewis also alleged previously that the sheriff's office had erred in his eventual referral to an Austin psychiatric hospital where he lost consciousness after being sedated. He was then transported to St. David's Hospital in Austin, where he was at first placed on life support in ICU, she said. Lewis said previously that he is no longer on life support and is recovering.

Regarding the jail incident, the lawsuit alleges that Baucom pushed him in a jail cell while he was in handcuffs, and Jackson's head hit a cement wall and a metal toilet.

Baucom, who later resigned, was later indicted on a Class A misdemeanor charge of official oppression, pleaded no contest and received one year of deferred probation on Feb. 3.

The suit alleges that Jackson's civil rights were violated and that he should receive exemplary and punitive damages. It also asks that the county and city be made to apologize and to adopt policies to prevent future occurrences.

Man charged in assault at lake

Somerville Police Officer Darrell Stoneham arrested a Hempstead man on Saturday, July 4, on an aggravated assault with a deadly weapon charge in connection with a man struck in the head with an ax handle at Welch Park at Lake Somerville.

Joseph A Dennis was charged and remained in Burleson County custody on Tuesday, July 7, according to the Burleson County Sheriff's Office.

The incident occurred at 2 p.m. when a man struck the victim with the back blade portion of an axe handle during a dispute, said Somerville Police Officer Jim Loeblein.

The man who struck him left the scene with his girlfriend, headed back to Hempstead, scene but met Burleson County Sheriff's Deputy James Elswood after the assault at a Lyons gas station, Loeblein said. The man said he had heard that Somerville police were looking for him, and he wanted to talk about what happened, Loeblein said.

Loeblein said the man was brought back to the scene by Elswood, and the victim, who suffered two knots on his head, declined medical attention at the scene and was not transported to any area hospital.

Somerville Police Officer Mike Ryan was dispatched to the scene and made the arrest, Loeblein said.

Somerville man arrested in assault

A 38-year-old Somerville man was arrested early Sunday, July 5, on a Class A misdemeanor charge of assault causing bodily injury to a family member after a man was struck in the head with a pistol during a disturbance.

The man is now free on bond, according to the Burleson County Sheriff's Office.

The incident occurred at about 12:30 a.m. when a man came outside the house in the 800 block of Avenue A holding a pistol and hit another man in the head with the pistol while in the front yard, said Somerville Police Officer Jim Loeblein.

The man who committed the assault left the

Five injured in State Highway 36 crash

Five people were injured on Thursday, July 2, in a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of State Highway 36 and F.M. 60 in Lyons.

The accident occurred at 11:50 a.m. when Aspen Anderson, 22, of Killeen was traveling with two passengers, Tyrik Weatherall Anderson, 24, and Jordan Good, 15, northbound on State Highway 36 in a 2019 gray, Kia Soul SUV, according to a report by DPS Trooper Justin Ruiz.

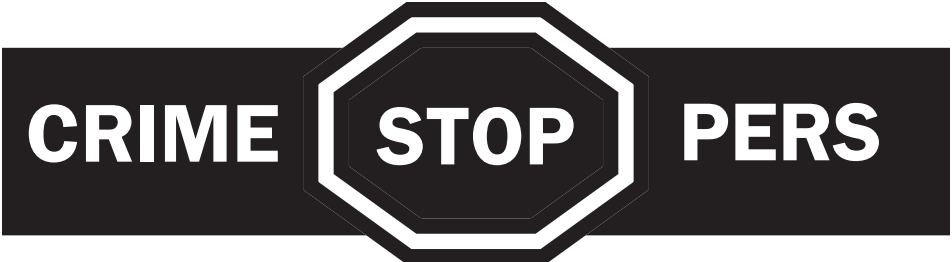
Kevin Brown, 63, of Bryan was facing westbound on F.M. 60 in a 2018 white, Hyundai Sonata car with Linda Brown, 62, the report stated.

Brown was turning southbound onto State Highway 36 as Anderson was approaching the intersection, and the SUV collided with the car on the left side, the report stated.

The SUV came to rest facing south near a private business on State Highway 36, sustaining front end damage, according to the report.

The car came to rest on State Highway 36 facing west with damage to the front left, the report stated.

All of the parties were transported to CHI St. Joseph Health Center in Bryan with non incapacitating injuries, the report stated.



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Somerville man charged in assault

A Somerville man was arrested on Thursday, July 2, on a first degree felony assault charge in connection with a March attack and on a parole violation charge.

Robert Lee Robinson, 56, was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in the commission of the assault, according to a report by Burleson County Sheriff's Deputy Robert Campbell.


The report stated that Campbell was dis-

patched to a stabbing on F.M. 60 E. on March 31.

The victim reported that the man, who resided with her, came into her bedroom and attacked her arms and legs with a large knife, the report stated.

The victim said that after the attack the man ran out the back door into the woods, the report stated.

The man remains in Burleson County custody with no bond on the parole violation charge and on a \$30,000 bond on the aggravated assault charge.



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tations of the flesh and sometimes being tempted by Satan. These feelings can be irresistible at times and overwhelm us. God allows some level of temptation in our lives, but not nearly as much as when Jesus our Savior spent 40 days in the wilderness as he was tempted over and over again by the devil.

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like this where we're able to overcome a temptation with the help of the Lord our faith becomes stronger. It's like "resistance training" -- the more we exercise, the stronger our muscles become. But God also knows our weaknesses. So when we fail at something we know we

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Esau was Isaac and Rebekah's firstborn and the blessing of his father was to come to him. In Isaac's last days, he asked Esau to kill and prepare him some venison just as he liked it and then he would give him his blessing. Rebekah, whose favorite son was Jacob, overheard the plans of Isaac and Esau and plotted with Jacob to fool his blind father and receive the blessing himself. Jacob was smooth skinned and Esau was hairy so Rebekah instructed Jacob to cover his hands and parts of his body with a young goat's hairy skin and wear Esau's clothes and take a meal of a young goat in to Isaac and convince Isaac that he was Esau and have Isaac give him the blessing.
The trick worked and Jacob received the blessing from his father, a blessing that, by tradition, rightfully belonged to Esau. Genesis 27:27-29.
As soon as Isaac had blessed Jacob, Esau arrives and offers the meal he had prepared to his father. He learns that His brother had tricked him out of the blessing. He begs to be blessed, but the blessing was irrevocable and it had already been given. Esau continues to ask his father for a blessing as he weeps over his loss.
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ought resist, He's always there to restore us. What God wants from us is our "heart" -- not our failing human endeavors at trying to be good. That's why the Lord continued to love David even when he sinned over and over again. He knew David's heart was right with God. That's why He sent

His only Son Jesus -- to die for our sins and to restore us when we fail. We are forgiven by Christ's precious blood -- a gift of our Savior who offers us forgiveness. "By His stripes we are healed," we are told in the Bible. We live in a world filled with sin, and temptation is all around us. Sometimes

it takes more than our own strength to resist certain temptations. What we can be assured of is that anything we face in life, we know that Christ knows how we feel. Our Savior's strongest temptations were at the hands of the devil when he appeared to Him in the desert. Jesus hadn't eaten anything in 40

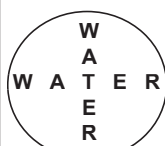
days. He was hungry and weak. So Satan assumed he could easily tempt Him by offering Christ food to eat. All Jesus had to do was to perform a miracle and turn the stones into bread. It would be quick gratification for his hunger. But our Savior had a quick answer for Satan -- saying, people

don't "live by bread alone" (Matthew 4:4). He knew that living only for instant gratification only leads to a feeling of emptiness and despair. The only thing that will satisfy us over the long run is the "fruits of the spirit" and being close to God. This gives us the lasting joy that the Bible says "passes all

understanding." Then the devil tried to appeal to a human trait we all possess to one extent or another -- selfish ambition. He offered unlimited power and influence if Jesus would only do one thing: bow down and worship the devil. Jesus didn't fall for that temptation either. See SOLID, page 8

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Wed. 5:30 p.m.

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Lon Elkins, Min.
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Wed. 7 p.m.

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W.S. 10:30 a.m.

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Ron Riley, Min.,
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W.S. 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wed. 6 p.m.

Church of God

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CHRIST
Elder V. Swain, Min.
S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m.

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W.S. 10:45 a.m.
Wed. 7 p.m.

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Wed. 6:30 p.m.

Gospel

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Wed. 7 p.m.

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English 1 p.m.
Wed. Spanish 7:30 p.m.
Thurs. English 7:30 p.m.

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ther. He had studied the Scriptures from a young child and knew that the only one we should worship is God.

It's very easy for any of us to be tempted by the things of this world. If we put any of these things in the place of God, we are worshipping that very thing, whether it's money or any other material thing.

So now we're back to "control." As a Christian, we need to control all desires before they take us over. That includes our ambitions and our appetite, or just about anything that might harm us.

As soon as we put anything ahead of God, we are falling into a temptation that will not only jeopardize us spiritually, but also cause us pain and heartache in the long run.

Our ego -- our ambitions -- want to take over our life. To control it.

God wants us to know the freedom that we can only get when we are being led by the Holy Spirit instead of our ego.

This is the key to lasting happiness. Everything else is an illusion that soon fades away like the dew in the morning, and leaves us spiritually and emotionally empty.

-- Buddy Preuss

Once Upon a time
...In Burleson County

1934...86 Years Ago

Seventh Graders
Receive Awards
In Pen Contests

On last Thursday, January 19, pupils from the seventh grade of the Caldwell School received penmanship awards from the W.S. Benson Co., Austin, Texas. The class was granted the largest number of awards in the past four years, there being 21 awards from a class of 27 students.

The following pupils received students final certificates:

Sara E. Bowers, Lenora Bednar, Will Mae Autrey, Juanita Broadus, Geraldine Drgac, La Velle Godby, Lela Mae Garrett, Esther Helwig, Benedict Kocurek, Elizabeth Parkhill, Imogene Shiller, Mae Bess Savage, and Vlasta Zelenka.

Those to receive pins were:

James Robert Bowers, Murray J. Broadus, Annie Belle Henry, Dorothy Horak, Edward Kocurek, Albert Krueger, Lela Jack Porter, and Ella B. Schoppe.

Caldwell Hatchery
Opens With Raeke
As New Manager

The Caldwell Hatchery, which was acquired by A.G. Albers of La Grange several months ago, opened for business with all electric equipment, Monday morning, with A.P. Raeke, also of La Grange, as manager.

Under the new management the hatchery, which is located on Main Street, opposite the courthouse, has been equipped with all mod-

By: Dee Boedeker

ern incubators and is prepared to render the most efficient service to the poultry raisers of this section. The new owner is well known in the hatchery business of the surrounding counties, operating hatcheries at La Grange, Rosenberg, Burton, and Industry, in addition to the Caldwell plant.

Burglars Escape
With \$1,300 From
Post Office Robbery

Burglars Thursday night broke open the safe of the Caldwell post office and escaped with \$1,310 in stamps and a small amount of cash, at the same time failing in their attempt to get into the burglar proof compartment of the safe, which contained approximately \$850 in stamps and more than \$200 in cash. An envelope containing \$30 belonging to one of the post office clerks was overlooked by the robbers.

The robbery was discovered Friday morning at 5 o'clock, when Postmaster A.S. Broadus entered the place. Unmindful of burglars the postmaster did not realize the place had been robbed when he slid his key into the lock of the door entering from the lobby and noticed it was unlocked. Thinking one of the clerks had forgotten to lock the place he entered and quickly perceived something was wrong, as he saw papers and records strewn all over the floor. Believing the robbers might still be in the building Mr. Broadus rushed outside in search of help and within a few minutes Marshal Ed Ellis was on the scene. With the marshal Mr.

Broadus returned to the post office and made a thorough investigation of the premises but no trace of the burglars could be found.

The safe combination was broken off but robbers could only get into the main compartments of it, being unable to force open the burglar proof box, despite the fact they broke off the knob and ruined the combination. None of the records of the post office were destroyed nor were any carried away.

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Perfect Score

Liberty School is the first in Burleson County to make a hundred percent 4-H Club report for the year, according to G.C. King, county agent, who recently launched a campaign to get a report of activities from every club member in the county. Through the cooperation of Mrs. Paul Walthers, Liberty School teacher, every club member at the school made a complete report of the entire year.

Other schools to make a good showing are Hlavaty, which lacks only two individual reports to make a perfect score, and Cooks Point, with three reports missing.

OBITUARIES

EUGENE
HOMEYER

A private family funeral service for Eugene Gilbert Homeyer, 90, of La Grange will be held.

Mr. Homeyer died peacefully on Wednesday, July 1, 2020.

Gene was born in Caldwell on Aug. 20, 1929, the son of Gilbert William and Lydia (Beseda) Homeyer.

He married Ellanor L. Havemann on Dec. 19, 1954, in Birch. Gene and Ellanor were blessed with 46 years of marriage.

Gene worked for 33 years as a telephone installer and repairman for GTE telephone company.

He also volunteered for the La Grange Fire Department.



LINDA FAUST

Graveside services for Linda Gale Faust, 62, of Somerville were held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 5, 2020, at Oaklawn Cemetery in Somerville with Rev. Harvey Abke officiating.

Visitation was held from 1-6 p.m. on Saturday, July 4, 2020, at Strickland Funeral Home in Somerville.

Mrs. Faust died peacefully on Thursday, July 2, 2020, in College Station.

Linda was born on Nov. 7, 1957, to Lloyd Thompson and Theola Louise (McKinney) Thompson.

She married Donnie Faust on her birthday, Nov. 7, 1980, in Somerville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Randy Lloyd Thompson; and her sister, Brenda Lee Thompson.

In Gene's spare time, he truly enjoyed being outdoors. He loved to hunt, and took pride in taking care of his yard.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Ellanor L. Homeyer; and his brother, Donnie Homeyer.

Gene is survived by his daughter, Janice Lynn Homeyer, of La Grange; and his son, Ricky Homeyer and wife, Janice Faye, of La Grange.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Arrangements by Koenig - Belvill Funeral Home & Cremations, 208 W. Pearl, La Grange. Family and friends can view and sign the guestbook online at www.lagrangefunerals.com.

son.

Linda is survived by her husband, Donnie Faust, of Somerville; her daughter, Melissa Martinez (John Corona), of Somerville; her brothers, Edward Thompson, and Gary Wayne Thompson (Genia); her brothers-in-law, Ronnie Faust (Norma), David Faust, and Edward Faust; her sister, Sandy Thompson (Thomas); her sisters-in-law, Elizabeth Morefield (Fred), and Nancy Goates (Rusty); her aunt, Francis Caskey; her grandchildren, Justin Faust (Sarah), Trenton Ballard (Rylee), Garrison Ballard, Stevan Martinez; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Trenton Ballard, Garrison Ballard, Justin Faust and Stevan Martinez.

Honorary pallbearers were Michael Blalock and Jacob Jordan.

Memorials may be made in her memory to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements by Strickland Funeral Home in Somerville. They invite you to visit their website at www.stricklandfuneralhomes.com and sign the online register book.



He attended school in Burleson County and graduated from Caldwell High School in 1953.

While in school, he was a member of the FFA: 1950, 1951, 1952 and 1953; football: 1949 and 1950; and basketball in 1950.

Billy was baptized at First Baptist Church in Caldwell in 1947.

Billy served proudly in the U. S. Army during the Korean War. He was discharged at Camp Chaffey, Ark.

Billy considered Tommy Goodnight (now deceased) as his brother and Tommy's daughter, Lonneda, as his niece and next of kin.

He and his sister Shirley would get up before daylight and go walking every morning.

Bernard Rychlik was also another friend of Billy's.

His health had been declining during this last year. Betsy Goodnight took on the task as Billy's caretaker about a year ago.

He was ready to reunite with his family in heaven.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Mabel; and his sister, Shirley.

Arrangements by Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Caldwell.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
BURLESON COUNTY

The County of Burleson plans to apply for Community Development Block Grant - Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funding from the Texas General Land Office (GLO) and is soliciting proposals to provide administration and/or planning services for CDBG-MIT contract(s), if awarded. Please submit three copies of your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for the proposed services to the address below: Attn: Jimmy Mynar, County Auditor, 100 W. Buck St. Suite 407, Caldwell, TX 77836. Proposals must be received by the County no later than 2:00 p.m. on July 30, 2020 to be considered. The county reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals and may award one or more contracts to one or more service provider(s). Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area firms are encouraged to submit proposals. The County of Burleson is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Servicios de traducción están disponibles por petición.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
BURLESON COUNTY

The County of Burleson plans to apply for the upcoming Community Development Block Grant - Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funding from the Texas General Land Office (GLO). Accordingly, the County is seeking to contract with a qualified Engineering/Architectural/Surveying Firm (individual/firm) to prepare all preliminary and final design plans and specifications, and to conduct all necessary interim and final inspections. These services are being solicited to assist the County in its application preparation and project implementation of a CDBG contract(s), if awarded, to support eligible activities in the County of Burleson. Please submit three copies of your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for the proposed services to the address below: Attn: Jimmy Mynar, County Auditor, 100 W. Buck St. Suite 407, Caldwell, Texas 77836. Proposals shall be received by the County no later than 2:00 p.m. on July 30, 2020, to be considered. The County reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Vendors are encouraged to submit proposals. The County of Burleson is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Servicios de traducción están disponibles por petición.

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Deanville Water Supply
sets annual meeting

The Deanville Water Supply Corp., annual meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14, at their office.

Due to recent COVID-19 pandemic developments, only board members will be present at the meeting.

Water Supply members may call the office and request a copy of last year's minutes and financial reports prepared by the CPA, prior to the meeting.

Members may call, mail, or e-mail the office if there are any questions concerning these reports.

This meeting will be

brief, in accordance with Texas Rural Water Association recommendations.

Phone calls during the meeting are acceptable, however please keep calls as brief as possible.

Contact information for Deanville Water Supply Corporation is as follows:

- * Office phone: (979) 535-4648
- * Fax number: (979) 535-3308
- * Mailing address: P.O. Box 153, Deanville, Texas 77852
- * E-mail address: deanvillewsc@airplex-us.com.

VFW to host monthly
meeting on July 9

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 4458 and the Ladies Auxilliary Post will have their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 9, at the VFW Post Dance Hall, 1644 State Highway 36 South, Caldwell.

A covered dish meal will be served.

The members invite all veterans who have served in a foreign war to attend, join and be involved with fellow comrades.

Wives and dependents are invited to attend and join the auxiliary.

Please consider being a volunteer of the Post Honor Guard, serving our fallen comrades at military services.

For more information please call, Post Commander Henry Probst, Post Quartermaster David Houck at (979) 567-9663, or Post Service Officer Franklin Karasek at (979) 777-9808.

Disabled American Veterans cancels monthly meeting

The monthly meeting of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 86 sched-

uled for Thursday, July 16, has been canceled.

Should any mem-

bers need assistance please call Commander Bill Moore at (979) 272-3176 or Service

Officer Franklin Karasek at (979) 777-9808.

READ
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cumulative, long-term effect.
Snook ISD students this summer will have the opportunity to maintain their reading progress, thanks to the “Bluejays Read” program.

And, the program’s organizer said she plans to continue as scheduled this summer with safety precautions in place to mitigate the risks of spreading COVID-19.
There will be plenty of hand sanitizer and face coverings on hand, as well as a plan to implement social distancing at all of the events, said program founder Annette Kirk.
Kirk said all of the books

have been quarantined inside of her classroom and that attendees will be asked to sanitize their hands before and after touching books.
At this time food and snacks will be served at each event, but this will be subject to change as program volunteers monitor the number of COVID-19 cases in the area, Kirk said.
“These are small communities, and we’re confident in our ability to manage safety concerns,” Kirk said.
Kirk is a secondary English teacher at Snook ISD and started this program to give students and others in the community a fair shot in life.
A study by Renee De-

shommes of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville said, “Many researchers have suggested that summer reading programs may be an effective and practical remedy to improve students’ academic skills, thus providing a way to possibly narrow the academic achievement gap.”
“I was once told that the number one way to address inequity and injustice is to get kids reading. If they are able to read on grade level they are far less likely to end up incarcerated,” Kirk said.
Kirk also recognized the influence teachers have and the positive impact they can have in their communities.
“It’s great for us with

Snook ISD to go out into the community. It helps us to build relationships with students and parents, and lets them know we care about them and want to meet their needs,” Kirk said.
She continued, “The kids love the attention and seeing their teachers outside of the classroom. It means the world to the community when we come to where they are.”
The program promotes literacy and an enjoyment for reading by offering free books to everyone in the community who attends the events, Kirk said.
She said this year’s events will include interactive activities including a children’s picture book reading at each location with copies of the book to give out.
“Through these activities we hope to pump up students love for reading and teach parents how they can take reading to the next level with their

children,” Kirk said.
Deshommes’ study pertaining to summer reading also said, “However, many children lack access or transportation to their local libraries. As such, these children may not have as many opportunities to engage in activities that may advance or sustain their academic achievement skills,” -- which is why Bluejays Read is so important to the Snook community.
Kirk said, “Kids can’t read if they don’t have the books. In the summer Snook is a book desert. We don’t have book stores.”
The program runs due to both book and monetary donations from the community, Kirk said.
She said, a goal this year for the program is to raise enough money so that students can pick out a book for the program to purchase for them.
“We have so many great books, but we want to get to the point where

they can pick out that one special book they want to read,” she said.
“Choice in reading is really important in developing that love for reading,” Kirk said.
Kirk said she feels fortunate to be able to implement this program in the community.
“This program is a passion of mine. I’m so blessed to work in Snook where they let me pursue this,” Kirk said.
The first event was held at the community center in Clay on Tuesday, July 7.
The remaining events will be held at the following locations:
* Centerline on Tuesday, July 14, at a location to be determined.
* Beaver Creek fire station on Tuesday, July 21.
* Tunis Old Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church on Tuesday, July 28.
* Sargentos and Solvacek’s in Snook on Tuesday, August 4.

PETERS
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Caldwell, Calvert, Cameron, Centerville, Coldspring-Oakhurst, College Station, Conroe, Corrigan-Camden, Crockett, Franklin, Gause, Goodrich, Grape-land, Hearne, Huntsville, Iola, Kennard, Latexo, Leggett, Leon, Livingston, Lovelady, Madisonville, Magnolia, Milano, Montgomery, Mumford, Navasota, New Caney, New Waverly, Norman-gee, North Zulch, Oak-wood, Onalaska, Rockdale, Sealy, Shepherd, Snook, Somerville, Splendora, Trinity and Willis.
In Texas, 20 educational service centers represent 1,053 school districts. Each service center selects a superintendent to represent their region for the statewide award program.

Regional winners will be interviewed Aug. 28-29, and five finalists will be chosen by the TASB State Selection Committee to be interviewed in October. The committee will then select the winner with the presentation of the award on Oct. 2 at the 2020 TASA/TASB Convention in Austin.
The award program honors outstanding administrators who show visionary leadership toward improving student performance.
Peters said he is humbled to have been chosen for this honor in Region 6.
He said he was told about the selection via a Zoom meeting with the other superintendents from the region.
He joked, “At first it was like, ‘Oh, cool.’ Then, it was humbling because there’s a lot smarter people than me in the region.”
“Honestly, when you’re talking to the other 50 supes, it’s very humbling.”
“I didn’t expect it. But at the same time, I’m honored to represent them and honored to be here in Caldwell because it is a great community,” Peters said.
Peters added, “To be one of 20 in the state of Texas selected, having people that don’t even know me but have reviewed what I have done -- it’s quite an honor.”
Peters said that working in Caldwell has been a challenge. But, one that he has been proud to “take on.”
“Caldwell (ISD) has had a reputation for having a micro-managing board, and I feel like God has given me the patience to work with the board plus with the community making some changes through election -- this board is really about the kids -- about ALL kids,” he said. “Getting them (board members) to work together has been a ‘happy thought’ for me. I meet people all the time who say, ‘You’re in Caldwell?’ And, I say, ‘Hey, the board’s great.’ They’ve trusted me.”
And, it was the board

working together that nominated him for the honor.
Superintendents are nominated by their local school boards for exhibiting strong leadership skills, improving education quality in their districts, and commitment to public support and involvement in education.
The Caldwell ISD School Board met in a special called meeting on May 4 to pass a resolution unanimously nominating Peters.
The resolution read: “The Caldwell Independent School District Board, on May 4, 2020, resolves to nominate Andrew Peters, superintendent of schools, for his exemplary and visionary leadership toward improving student performance in our schools.”
And, having the support of the school board “means a ton” to Peters.
He said, “My whole career, I’ve been in small communities where I literally knew every child. While it’s very hard for me to remember all the kids’ names (here) -- I’m not like most large 3A-4A supes -- the kids do know who I am and they will talk to me.”
Peters said that during the month of May, students would come up to him asking about things such as graduation and football.
“I just love the fact that the kids feel comfortable to come talk to me about anything,” he said.
Peters gave an example: “I was in the middle of a construction check today, and a girl walks up wearing a face mask saying, ‘Mr. Peters, I know no one is here, but I need a form for Blinn College. Can you help me get that?’ I said, ‘Yeah, I can help you.’ I like getting to interact with the kids. It would not be fun if I didn’t get to have conversations with kids and find out what they wanted to do in life.”
“That’s the part that I enjoy -- giving out scholarships and seeing how many people want to come back and be teachers now. That’s fun,” he said.
“The kids mean a lot to me. I can go down to first-grade and read with them or come up to high school and talk to them about their future plans.”
“I don’t have kids in school. Mine are grown up. But, all these kids are kind of like mine, and I want to see them being successful,” Peters said.
Peters said that one thing that has set him apart from others is that he tries to “be about balance.”
He said that in a letter that Heather Escalante, the district’s business manager, included in the nomination packet described him by saying that “I can put both hats on: my principal hat on where I want to get, get, get, and I also put my business manager hat on to say, ‘We can only afford this much.’”

“So, I think its been fun trying to balance it all out and make sure that we’re providing everything we can to improve all kids’ experiences going through Caldwell schools,” Peters said.
Peters said that in the almost four years he’s been in Caldwell, he has been able to also balance being a part of the community with being a school superintendent.
He said that one of the best compliments he has received since being in Caldwell came from Caldwell Mayor Norris McManus at a Meet the Hornets event in downtown Caldwell.
“He introduced me and said, ‘I’ve gotten to know this guy, Andy Peters, and let me tell you that he is one of us. He’s a Caldwell boy.’”
“That just made my day,” he said.
“As a superintendent, that’s what you want. You want to be able to fit into the community, and also help them to make the schools better.”
“It’s a challenge to do, but we’re making it,” Peters said.
After learning he won the honor, he said he spoke with a friend of his who told him that when one wins a regional “supe” honor, the person either “gets promoted to a really big job, or they fire you.”
He then said, “Rest assured that I’m not going anywhere. Caldwell is my last one, and I’m staying here as long as they will put up with me.”

Public Notification of Nondiscrimination Career and Technical Education Programs

Snook Independent School District offers career and technical education programs in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources; Arts, A/V Technology and Communications; Construction; Education and Training; Health Science; Manufacturing; and Transportation. Admission to these programs is based on student interest, grade level appropriateness, and class availability.
It is the policy of Snook ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its career and technical education programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
Snook ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.
For Information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX and the Section 504 Coordinator, Brenda Krchnak, P.O. Box 87, Snook, Texas, 77878, 979.272.8307.

Notificación Publica de No Discriminación Programas Vocacionales (Careé and Técnica Educación Programas)

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Snook ofrece programas de educación vocacional y técnica en Agricultura, Alimentos y Recursos Naturales; Artes, tecnología audiovisual y comunicaciones; Construcción; Educación y entrenamiento; Ciencia de la salud; Fabricación; y transporte. La admisión a estos programas se basa en el interés del estudiante, la adecuación del nivel de grado y la disponibilidad de clase.
Es norma de Snook ISD no discriminar en sus programas, servicios o actividades en programas de educación técnica y vocacional por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo o impedimento, tal como lo requieren el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; Título IX de las Enmiendas en la Educación de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.
Snook ISD tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso del inglés no sea un obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.
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Notice of Public Hearing on Burleson County Appraisal District Budget

The Burleson County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2021 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on July 21, 2020 at 5:50pm at Burleson CAD Office, located at 111 E Fawn St., Caldwell, TX 77836. A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$ 910,656
The total amount of increase over the current year’s budget.	\$ 14,740
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	9
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	9

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office located at 111 E Fawn St., Caldwell, TX 77836.

The phone number of the Burleson County Appraisal District is: 979-567-2318.
The address is: 111 E Fawn St., Caldwell, TX 77836.

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Will there be a 2020 high school football season in Texas?

An in-depth look at questions, complications and what area coaches think

It is that time of year when Texas high school football fans begin to think about the upcoming season.

What makes Texas high school football so special goes well beyond the Xs and Os. It reflects the genuine love and passion that players, coaches and fans exhibit for the sport and for each other.

Fans wrap themselves around the local boys and what they accomplish on the gridiron. There are the great fight songs by the bands, the yells of the cheerleaders and the dancing of the drill teams. Literally, high school stadiums are where the past, future and the present meet.

However, this year could be different, and it is painful to even think about what could happen during the dreaded COVID-19 pandemic -- a shut down to end the season...or even not starting the season...?

The University Interscholastic League (UIL) allowed athletes to go back to their campuses to work out June 8 with plenty of restrictions, only to close "summer workouts, rehearsals, practices and instruction between July 3-12" with the hopes to resume on July 13.

Local coaches are just trying to do their best to keep the kids safe and meet all of the regulations the UIL has set forth. However, coaches are waiting for UIL to make those big decisions and set any new COVID-19 regulations.

Snook football coach Boone Patterson said, "I wish I had the answers, but we have not received enough direction and/or guidelines from TEA or UIL at this point."

"This COVID is a very fluid situation and things seem to change

daily," Patterson said.

As of right now it is a "go" to play football, run cross country and play volleyball. And, football workouts are still scheduled to begin Aug. 3, however, what the season actually holds is still up in the air.

Caldwell head coach Matt Langley said it's "hard to say" what new precautions the Hornets will have to take this season because they have gotten "so little guidance up to this point from UIL."

He said that the UIL has given coaches some guidance about how to run summer workouts, including the Caldwell Strength and Conditioning Camp, such as "how you put kids in lines and groups and distance kids -- when it's appropriate -- depending on what type of drill or exercise that you're doing."

"That's been an interesting challenge this summer," Langley said, "kind of learning to live in that world."

Langley said he told his coaches, "The biggest difference: we've spent our whole career trying to get kids better at certain skills and drills that we know equate to a field or a court. Now, we're spending the majority of our time trying to teach kids how to appropriately stand in line and what to do at water break and stuff like that, which is a different world for us."

"Assuming that we move forward with practices and all, the UIL will have some guidelines that they will recommend for us to stay within," he said.

Langley said that as far as cleaning equipment, Caldwell already "goes above and beyond. We do our kids' laundry twice per day. During our season, we clean every inch of our facility

By Denise Hornaday

"The one thing that, hopefully, we all get from this is the fact that we should take nothing for granted"

**– Matt Langley,
Caldwell Athletic Director
and head football coach**



CALDWELL HEAD football coach Matt Langley weighs in on the discussion about how COVID-19 could affect high school football in the fall. He is pictured during a scrimmage in 2019.

-- from our locker rooms to our weight rooms -- we deep clean it once per week because if you don't, you end up with staph."

"So, it's not going to be much different as far as the cleaning part," Langley said.

Cal Neatherlin, Somerville head football coach, said that the Yeguas would also implement UIL safety protocols.

"These will include how we dispense water, wash clothes, clean equipment and the locker room, how much we contact in practice, keep distance when speaking to the group, having hand sanitizer at practice, etc.," he said.

Neatherlin also said that with football being a contact sport and with the CDC's recommended social distancing, he won't see much difference for Somerville practices because "we limit contact with our (smaller) numbers and can't afford injuries."

However, Neatherlin doesn't believe how the game is played will change.

And, Langley agrees.

But, Neatherlin thinks there is a possibility of players wearing face shields on their face masks since he "can't imagine players playing with a mask and being able to breathe properly while exerting so much effort when it will still be in the 90s or hotter in practice and games."

Langley said he knows that face shields are being "looked into, but we will play it by ear and stick to UIL guidelines because they pay people a lot of money to decide what's safe and appropriate and what's not."

But, face shields will not guarantee COVID-19 stays out of the locker room, so tem-

self-quarantine till re-tested."

But neither Neatherlin nor Langley believe that a positive test from a player or a coach would halt the entire team's season.

Neatherlin said, "We will get guidance from the UIL and will also meet as a district to determine what we need to do. Any kind of forfeitures or being shutdown for two weeks would be team killers, but we are in unprecedented times and will just have to

make things work."

Langley added, "I don't think it's possible that if one kid tests positive or one coach tests positive that the whole team ends up quarantined."

"The numbers say that there's a good chance that at some point someone is going to get it," Langley said. "But if you shut down programs and/or school for one kid getting it, it'll change the face of athletics and education as we know it."

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CAL NEATHERLIN, SOMERVILLE head football coach discusses fall football during the COVID-19 pandemic. He is pictured coaching during a game in September 2019.



Savage named WGCA All-American Scholar

Caldwell graduate also earns ASC Academic All-Conference honors

Former Lady Hornet golf stand-out Grace Savage was a recently named to the 2019-2020 Women's Golf Coaches Association (WGCA) All-American Scholar Team.

Savage also earned winter/spring American Southwest Conference (ASC) All-Academic honors for the 2019-2020 season.

On June 29, Savage was one of 1,401 women's collegiate golfers recognized by the WGCA for their presti-

gious honor.

The criteria for selection to the WGCA All-American Scholar Team are some of the most stringent in all of college athletics. The minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) is 3.5 for the entirety of their collegiate career.

Other criteria includes:

* Must be an amateur and on the team's roster through the conclusion of the team's season.

* Be of high moral character and in good standing at the college making the nomination. The Head Golf Coach, Athletic Director or the Faculty Athletic Representative must certify the accuracy of the information on the nomination form.

* The student athlete must have played in 50 percent of the college's regularly scheduled competitive rounds during the year nomination.

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SNOOK HEAD FOOTBALL coach Boone Patterson said he is waiting for more guidance from UIL about the fall football season. He is pictured during a practice in 2019.

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What about the fans? What the crowds may look like is certainly unknown at this time. The NFL and NCAA have discussed models that have limited crowds to no crowds at all. This could be an option for Texas high schools, but it probably wouldn't be received well overall by communities across the state. Langley said he didn't know if UIL and the state will limit fans at games, but he hopes that there would be no limit. He said that one issue would be: who is going to decide who gets to attend and who doesn't. "High school athletics has always been a galvanizing community-oriented affair that brings people together," Langley said. "I certainly would hate to lose that element of it." Neatherlin said, he didn't want to speculate on whether fans at games will be limited. He said, "I will say, the good news for us is although we have good attendance for a small school, we are still small, and so our number of fans at the games can be easily accommodated by our stadium and the space should provide room for distancing." Langley added, "If people have concerns, I guess you could choose to wear a mask or choose not to come." "But, I hope that if we can have spectators, they will come," Langley said. Also, just think of the money the UIL could be losing with limits on attendance. Last season's UIL

state championship games at the Dallas Cowboys' AT&T Stadium in Arlington featured four consecutive days of triple-headers that had an average per-game attendance of 19,125. The Class 6A Division I title game, in which Galena Park North Shore beat Duncanville, drew 47,818. And, since the limiting of fans is a distinct possibility, in mid-June UIL lifted the Friday night broadcast rule for the 2020 football season. Before the ban was lifted, per Section 868(c) of the UIL handbook, UIL member schools cannot allow the live telecast of a regular season football game on a Friday night. Live telecasts and other types of live broadcasts of UIL football post-regular season games shall be permitted if provided for in a UIL broadcast rights contract. Radio stations have been allowed to broadcast high school football games, so the lifting of the ban only pertains to television/digital broadcasts. UIL Executive Director Dr. Charles Breithaupt says their plan is to start the 2020 season on time with a full schedule and full stands, but the broadcast ban will be done away with for the upcoming season only. "I do believe this is a time for us to stand down on our Friday night broadcast rule -- not permanently, just for a one-time venture," said Dr. Breithaupt. "Because we know this, there will many people who stay away because they are fearful, particularly our elderly and our senior citizens. We want to give them a

chance to see the game based on what the local district allows." "The agreement between two schools to broadcast the game either digitally or on a linear product would exist for just this year. The UIL has no interest in getting involved in those conversations unless you need our assistance. We're not going to gain one thing from this. It just gives people a chance to see the game that wouldn't ordinarily come because of COVID-19," Dr. Breithaupt said. He went on to say lifting the rule would give local school districts the opportunity to negotiate something on their own or to do a student broadcast back to their respective communities. Sports is such an important fabric of who so many of us are, we need to continue playing for the mental, social and emotional aspects sports bring to the students' overall well-being. It would be tough without seeing our Bluejays, Hornets and Yeguas. We all know how heartbreaking it was during the spring when all of those hard-working athletes, especially the seniors, lost their turn at the plate and in the blocks. What would happen if we lost our fall sports now? We're not just talking football, volleyball and cross country -- we're talking about bands, drill teams and cheerleaders and all that goes into it. With that being said, we have to be safe. We need to think about what is most important, and that is the safety of everyone.

Going back to school has a "green light" for now. School leaders are working on plans for the upcoming school year in dealing with the virus. But, also some parents are wanting their kids to go remote learning again or even are leaning towards home-schooling. I saw the enormous strain on students, teachers, administrators, school board members and parents when school went to remote learning during the two and a half months to end the last school year. Neatherlin said, "I just pray we get back to some sense or normalcy. We want to see our kids back, not just on the gridiron or courts, but at school." "Teachers and coaches do what we do because we want to educate and make a positive impact on the students we have, and we cannot do that right now," Neatherlin said. Langley said, "We're all in uncharted territory, from a government and decision-making standpoint to an educational standpoint to an athletic standpoint. This is a whole new ball game for all of us, so we're kind of learning as we go." "The one thing that, hopefully, we all get from this is the fact that we should take nothing for granted," he said. "Nothing is a given. Nothing lasts forever. Enjoy every moment." "It'll be an interesting few weeks leading up to the start of the season -- and the next few weeks will be pivotal as far as what athletics in the fall will look like," Langley said.



Congratulations!

Nicholas Richardson Trcalek graduated summa cum laude from Texas A&M University on May 8, 2020, with a degree in History and Classics. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Trcalek Jr., and the grandson of Mrs. Marie Trcalek of Caldwell. Nicholas will continue his studies as a graduate student in classical studies this fall at Tufts University in Somerville, Massachusetts.

Novak on president's list at Quachita Univ.

Bay Nova of Caldwell was named to the President's List for the Spring 2020 semester at Quachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark. To be named to the President's List, a stu-

dent must compile a 4.0 grade point average and be classified as a full-time student, with a minimum of 12 academic hours and have no incomplete or failing grade for the semester.

Students graduate from nursing program

Five local students recently graduated from the Blinn Vocational Nursing Program. Chima Chuku and Haley Hallford of Caldwell, and Misty Price of Snook, graduated from the Blinn Vocational Nursing Program at RELIS campus. Monica Million and Christina Trevino of Somerville, graduated from the Blinn Vocational Nursing Program at the Blinn Brenham campus. The 10-month program includes classroom, laboratory, and clinical training. Clinical rotations are held at hospitals and other healthcare facilities throughout the area. Program graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN) and the Nursing Jurisprudence Examination and are considered licensed vocational nurses after passing both exams.

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nated (Division I and II only) or minimum of 12 rounds for Division III only. Rounds as an individual count toward this minimum as do conference championships. Post season rounds are not included. In the 2019-20 season due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the student athlete must have played in at least 50 percent of the rounds completed by their team throughout the 2019-20 season. Rounds as an individual count toward this minimum. * Nominees do not need to compete in the NCAA Championship to be eligible. * The Head Coach of the school making nominations must be an active member of the Women's Golf Coaches Association. * A final GPA must be verified at the conclusion of the school year. The Women's Golf Coaches Association, founded in 1983, is a non-profit organization representing women's collegiate golf coaches. The WGCA was formed to encourage the playing of college golf for women in correlation with a general objective of education and in accordance with the highest tradition of intercollegiate competition. Today, the WGCA represents over 650 coaches throughout the U.S. and is dedicated to educating, promoting and recognizing both its members and the student-athletes they

represent. In early June, Savage earned her ASC Academic All-Conference award with 715 other student-athletes from a 12 member and one affiliate institution. Included on the ASC Winter-Spring Academic All-Conference Teams are the sports of baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's golf, softball, men's and women's tennis and men's and women's track and field. Students assisting with athletic training and media relations are included among the Winter-Spring Academic All-Conference honors recipients. To be eligible for ASC Academic All-Conference honors, student-athletes must be classified academically as a sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student during the competition season and have been in attendance and completed at least one academic year (two consecutive semesters) prior to the season at their institution. They must also have a 3.0 cumulative GPA as certified at the conclusion of the academic semester in which the ASC sport championship is held. The ASC Women's Golf All-Academic Team included: Makaela Lauritsen, Concordia, sophomore, Business Administration, Lakeway; Loren Nevers, Concordia, senior, Business Administration, Comfort; Emily Richter, Concordia, senior, Biology, Victoria; **Savage, Concordia, sophomore, Psy-**

chology, Caldwell; Tiana Shobe, Concordia, sophomore, Political Science, Lubbock; McKenzie Cure, East Texas Baptist, sophomore, Nursing, Fort Worth; Elizabeth Hardy, East Texas Baptist, sophomore, Rehabilitative Science, Kemp; Sarah Staley, East Texas Baptist, sophomore, Nursing, McKinney; Emily Watson, East Texas Baptist, sophomore, Athletic Training, Canton; Jordan Daggs, Hardin-Simmons, junior, Ministry, Killeen; Kayleigh Mints, Hardin-Simmons, junior, Business Administration, Mansfield; Heidi Moser, Hardin-Simmons, junior, Fitness & Sport Management, Henderson, Nev. Also, Baylee Oehlert, Hardin-Simmons, senior, Sociology, Grapevine; Ashley Riemitis, Hardin-Simmons, senior, Sports Management, Fort Worth; Bailey Farmer, Howard Payne, sophomore, Strategic Communication, Alvin; Madison McGarrh, Howard Payne, sophomore, Elementary Education, McKinney; Lauren Piper, Howard Payne, sophomore, Pre-Law, Early; Brittany Taylor, LeTourneau, senior, Psychology, Schertz; Baylee Van Houten, LeTourneau, sophomore, Accounting, Spring; Annika Criss, Mary Hardin-Baylor, sophomore, Management/Finance, Elko, Nev.; Annie Hasselbach, Mary Hardin-Baylor, junior, Interdisciplinary Studies, Rockdale; Jade Ming, Mary Hardin-Baylor,

sophomore, Health Sciences, Lynden, Wash.; Macy Mitchell, Mary Hardin-Baylor, sophomore, Art-Graphic Design, Canyon. And, Molly Rodeffer, Mary Hardin-Baylor, senior, Engineering, Salado; Kendalyn Ferguson, McMurry, senior, Mathematics, Childress; Maddie Vermillion, McMurry, junior, Business, Arlington; Mara Anunciacion, U.C. Santa Cruz, sophomore, Human Biology, Lodi, Calif.; Dana Bryant, U.C. Santa Cruz, sophomore, Human Biology, Los Angeles, Calif.; Paige Callahan, U.C. Santa Cruz, junior, Earth Sciences, Rancho Murieta, Calif.; Kylie Edwards, U.C. Santa Cruz, junior, Chemistry, Roseville, Calif.; Claire Oetinger, U.C. Santa Cruz, sophomore, Marine Biology, Yosemite, Calif.; Marissa Perez, U.C. Santa Cruz, senior, Film, Digital Media & Theater, Beaumont, Calif.; Angie Yang, U.C. Santa Cruz, junior, Business, Menlo Park, Calif.; Michelle Payne, U.T. Dallas, senior, Arts, Tech. & Emerging Comm., Dallas; Marissa Langer, U.T. Dallas, senior, Accounting, Katy; Lindy Patterson, U.T. Dallas, junior, Biomedical Engineering, McKinney. Savage was also named to the Concordia University's Deans List during the both fall and spring semesters of 2019-20 academic year, earning a 4.0 GPA both semesters. The Deans list honor is awarded to students with a 3.5 or better GPA.

Notice of Public Sale

Sale of property to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale to be held at 206 W. Mustang, Caldwell, Texas 77836. Bidding will open July 29, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. and conclude July 29, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. A clean-up deposit will be required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale. Unit items sold as-is to highest bidder. Property includes the contents of space of the following tenant:
Jaunita Perkins - contents of space consist of electronics, appliances and miscellaneous household items.

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Mott said “it’s been a constant roller coaster of emotions and to have made the decision is a relief, but it is very sad that it is the outcome neither of us wanted.”

Their concerns were about the coronavirus and decisions the state would make in the future, Easter said.

“The main reason that the Kolache Festival is canceled is the health of everyone and also the financial encumbrances that you spend before the festival,” Easter said. “All the money spent upfront that you can’t get back. That’s what ultimately canceled the festival.”

Easter said that it costs the city lots of money to host a festival. It also cost time and money for vendors to buy merchandise and for bakers to make kolaches.

Mott said that the Kolache Festival runs off sponsorships from the local businesses, and it was unfair of them to ask for funding during this time.

“We felt with the hardships that everyone has gone through the last few months that it’d be difficult to turn around and ask those businesses for money when the money hasn’t been there for them,” Mott

said. And it was a decision of thought, not emotion, Easter said. “I am not living in fear. It is not because I am fearful of corona. It is just due to so much uncertainty,” Easter said. Even with the back and forth regarding whether the festival would happen, Mott and Easter both feel confident with their decision. “It was a combination of everything that’s happening right now that we just felt that it would be in the best interest to cancel the festival,” Mott said. In addition, they did not want to continue planning with the possibility of another outbreak and risk canceling the week of the festival. “I look back and I think we’ve made the right decision because it’s too much work to have it canceled at the last minute,” Easter said. “We couldn’t take that chance this year.” However, the chamber is concerned how it will affect local businesses, Mott said. “When you have a festival that brings so many people into the Caldwell area, everyone is going to be affected,” Mott said. “The gas stations, the local convenient stores and our down-

town businesses, this is their time to shine.” She also said that she hopes to find different ways to help businesses strive in the upcoming months. “This will hugely impact them, and that’s why I feel like the chamber needs to do what we can to help promote them during these next few months and still be mindful of social distancing and inviting others into the town,” Mott said. In addition, Mott said the chamber office may be forced to temporarily close later because of a lack of income from the festival. The festival income is a significant part of the chamber’s funding, she said. Easter said they are also looking for different alternatives to having a festival the same weekend. “Everyone is so used to having the Kolache Festival that weekend that it would be odd to not have something,” Mott said. One possibility is a “smaller scaled downtown gathering,” but everything is still up for discussion with the committee. Easter said they are considering hiring a polka band to play on the square for a couple of hours and inviting some bakeries to sell kolaches. “I’d still like to have something to draw people to downtown Caldwell that day,” Easter said. “Will it be 12,000 people like last year? No, but I would still like to do something if we can.” Even with the setback that the coronavirus brought to the community, Easter and Mott are hopeful of continuing the Kolache Festival next year. “We look forward to next September for the next festival,” Mott said. Easter said there is too much interest for them to not continue the festival next year. “To me, it sheds a wonderful and positive light on Caldwell, and we don’t want that light to burn out,” Easter said.



SPJST DANCERS perform traditional Czech dance at last year’s Kolache Festival in downtown Caldwell. --- Tribune photo by Roy Sanders



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