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Museum Exhibit

Contraptions and Innovations, the current exhibit on early Fayette County patents at the Fayette Heritage Museum and Archives will end on Friday, **Oct. 13**. Visitors are welcome upstairs above the public library at 855 S. Jefferson Street in La Grange from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

KC BBQ Sunday

The La Grange Knights of Columbus Chromcik Council No. 2574 will hold their monthly barbecue chicken and sausage to-go on Sunday, **Sept. 24** from 10:30 a.m. to noon at 190 S. Brown St. in La Grange. A slab of pork ribs is \$20, chicken is \$10, and sausage is \$7. Orders are guaranteed on call-ins by calling (979) 968-5117.

German Society

The Fayette County Chapter of the Texas German Society will have their monthly meeting on Monday, **Sept. 25**, at 6 p.m. at the Randolph Rec. Center. Frau Faske and her German students will tell about their upcoming GAPP exchange. Members will bring a favorite snack or dessert to the meeting.

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WEATHER WATCH

This Week's Forecast		
	High	Low
Friday:	97	77
Partly cloudy		
Saturday:	97	77
Partly cloudy		
Sunday:	97	76
Partly cloudy		
Monday:	93	73
40% chance of rain		

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Library Book Oversight Big Topic of LGISD Meeting

By REGINA KEILERS
The Fayette County Record

Library books were a big topic of discussion at Monday night's school board meeting.

The discussion item on the agenda was whether or not the school board wanted to change the current policy on how the books are reviewed and who does that reviewing. Jeremy Janda spoke to the

board about the agenda item of library book policy. He encouraged the board members to take the discussion seriously. He stated, "There is a lot of evil getting its claws into our society, our schools, and our lives." He continued by asking the board to "recognize evil when it is evil and good when it is good, right when it is right and wrong when it is

wrong." He concluded by saying, "Our children are children for such a short period of their lives. We can be an adult for 70+ years, but we can only be children for less than 10. Let's not take that away from them."

The current policy states: "A district possesses significant discretion to determine the content of its school

libraries. A district must, however, exercise its discretion in a manner consistent with the First Amendment."

There was also a policy about removal of library materials:

"Students' First Amendment rights are implicated by the removal of books from the shelves of a school library. A district shall not remove ma-

terials from a library for the purpose of denying students access to ideas with which the district disagrees. A district may remove materials because they are pervasively vulgar or based solely upon the educational suitability of the books in question."

In prior years, the parents had to "opt out" of certain

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Members of the La Grange High School senior class of 2024 release balloons at the conclusion of Wednesday's community homecoming pep rally. The class chose orange balloons in part to honor Cesar Villasana, a member of this class who died in 2022 of leukemia. *Photos by Jeff Wick*

Homecoming Week For Leopards



A flaming 'LG' was lit as part of Wednesday's festivities.

The 28th annual La Grange homecoming community pep rally was held Wednesday at Leopard Stadium. As part of the event, homecoming royalty nominees were announced.

Leopard Beau nominees are Bennett Barber, Jeremiah Dillard and Cody Krupala. Football Sweetheart nominees are Teagan Branch, Jena Jobb and Alyssa Liccioni. Winners

will be announced Friday at 7:05 p.m. before La Grange's homecoming football game against Splendora at 7:30 p.m.



Senior girls athletes run into the stadium to start Wednesday's pep rally.

Huge Pecan Limb Falls on DA's Car at Courthouse



A large limb fell out of a pecan tree on the east side of the Fayette County Courthouse in La Grange on Wednesday morning, Sept. 20. The limb was loaded with green pecans. It fell onto several vehicles, including one owned by District Attorney Peggy Supak, which suffered some dents to the hood and roof. *Photo by Andy Behlen*

A Closer Look at the Fun of Oktoberfests

By ANDY BEHLEN
The Fayette County Record

As the summer turns to fall, German communities across the world gather to celebrate Oktoberfest.

This celebration of food, drink, culture and music goes back more than two centuries. Just about everywhere the Germans settled, they brought this tradition with them, especially in Texas.

A proper Oktoberfest requires the right ingredients: bier (preferably good German bier from Munich, the home of Oktoberfest), traditional foods like sausage and pretzels, pleasant company and music.

Music might be the most important ingredient. Just ask Das Ist Lustig, the popular German band from Houston, which will be performing at Sengelmann Hall in Schulenburg on Sept. 28.

The name of the band means "That's Fun" in German, and they stay pretty busy this time of year.

"We're pretty much on the stage or on the road six days out of the week this time of year through November," said Valina Polka, who with her husband Ross forms the duo at the core of the band.

Ross plays the accordion,



The giant alpenhorn is part of Das Ist Lustig's show. That massive horn is shown here during one of their previous shows at Sengelmann Hall in Schulenburg. They return Sept. 28.

singing saw and alpenhorn. Valina plays the autoharp, Holzernes G'lachter (Bavarian xylophone), Teufelsgeige (drum set on schtick) and tuned Austrian cowbells. Both of them sing and yodel.

"We're even doing an Oktoberfest at an H-E-B grocery store this year, and I'm trying to figure out how that'll work," Valina said. "Maybe I'll put Ross in a grocery basket with his accordion and push him around the store."

The Origins of Oktoberfest

The Oktoberfest tradition started on October 17, 1810, with the wedding of Bavarian Crown Prince Ludwig and Therese Charlotte Luise Friederike Amalie von Sachsen-Hildburghausen. Ludwig and Therese invited everyone in Munich to a horse race on a meadow just outside the city.

"Of course, the breweries brought all the beer they had,

and it went on for two weeks," Valina said.

In 1811, the Bavarian Agricultural Association decided to continue holding a festival to showcase their farming achievements. A few years later organizers set up a merry-go-round and swings. Breweries began setting up huge tents to accommodate the visitors. The horse race was part of Munich's Oktoberfest until it ended in the 1960s.

"They'd celebrate the an-

niversary year after year, and over time it became Oktoberfest, because it was in October" Valina said.

Weather in Bavaria can be quite cold and rainy in October. So organizers in Munich moved the festival to September.

"Now, Oktoberfest in Germany starts in September and ends the first weekend in October," Valina said. "This year, Oktoberfest is really early because October 1 is Sunday. The weather is a lot better in Munich in mid-September and late-September than it is in mid-October, when the original wedding took place."

Valina said the music of early Oktoberfest celebrations likely included a mix of classical and traditional folks music.

"At that time, the music there was probably classical," Valina said. "Beethoven, Mozart and Bach were more recent music in the 1800s. There was probably some of that music and the folk music of that time. It probably sounded a little different from the folk music we think of today, because the instrumentation was different."

The accordion as we know it today was not developed yet. Ross said the earliest accordions that we would recognize today were not invented until

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Widowed Spouses Support Group

Hospice Brazos Valley will host a Grief Support Group on the third Tuesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for anyone who is grieving the loss of a spouse. For more information and location of the group meeting, contact Cindy Fanning at (979) 968-6913.

Alzheimer’s and Dementia Support

Hospice Brazos Valley will host a Support Group for caregivers of a loved one with Alzheimer’s/dementia on the second Tuesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more information and location of the group meeting, contact Cindy Fanning at (979) 968-6913.

Feed The Need

Feed the Need, a non-profit organization whose mission is to feed people physically and spiritually, will provide free burgers every Monday at 6:30 p.m. in La Grange at the south east corner of the courthouse square. Everyone is welcome.

WoodmenLife Annual Community Dinner

WoodmenLife Texas Chapter 302 will have their annual community dinner on Monday, **Oct. 2** at the Ellinger Chamber of Commerce Hall. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for social hour at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be pork tenderloin and sides will be prepared by Royer’s Round Top Cafe at 6:30 p.m. Games, prizes, live DJ and dinner provided by WoodmenLife. Invite a guest to join. Bring a dessert to share for your chance to win the dessert contest. Bring five canned goods per person for your chance to win a special drawing. RSVP by Friday, **Sept. 22**, to the WoodmenLife Area Office by calling (979) 968-8600.

Guest Minister at Calvary Baptist Church

Jay Hernandez, originally from La Grange, will be preaching at Calvary Baptist Church on Sunday, **Sept. 24**, at 10 a.m.. Jay is a minister who works for Project Hope & Saving Grace, a Christian-based recovery center. He will be sharing the testimony of how God radically delivered him out of a lifestyle of addiction. Calvary Baptist Church is located at 650 Ellinger Rd. La Grange.

Rek Hill RVOS Lodge Meeting

The Rek Hill RVOS Lodge will have a meeting on Sunday, **Sept. 24** at 1 p.m. at the residence of Richard Kovar.

CDA No. 1962 Meeting

CDA Court Annunciation No. 1962 of La Grange and Plum will be meeting on Monday, **Sept. 25** in the Msgr. Harry Mazurkiewicz Center in La Grange at 6:30 p.m. Guest speakers will be two representatives from Hospice Brazos Valley, who will speak to members about their organization and services. Members are invited to attend. New members are always welcome.

Hermann Sons Meeting

Round Top Hermann Sons will meet Thursday, **Sept. 28**, at the American Legion Hall. Social begins at 6 p.m. and meeting at 6:30 p.m. Bring sandwiches, desserts, etc. to share.

Garden Club Meeting

The La Grange Garden Club will come back together after summer break on Thursday, **Sept. 28** at 2 p.m. at the Randolph Rec. Center located at 653 E. Pearl St. in La Grange. This is a great opportunity to learn from experienced gardeners and to pass along your passion and know how. Green thumbs and not so green thumbs all are welcome.

Simmons, Lemons, Adams Reunion

The Simmons, Lemons, and Adams annual family reunion will be held Saturday, **Sept. 30**, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Blase’s Hall in Hallettsville. Blase’s is located nine miles east of Shiner and approximate 3 1/2 miles west of Hallettsville. Any descendants of the Simmons, Lemons or Adams that reside in Lavaca, Victoria, Harris, Travis, Bexar, Fayette, Dallas, Wharton, Caldwell and any other surrounding Texas counties are encouraged to attend. Bring desserts, vegetables, a raffle gift, yourself and others. Scholarship winners will be announced during this time. The theme for 2023 is “The Lord is Our Keeper.” This year the contest is “The Best Dressed Texan.” There will be four age groups and cash prizes awarded in each age group. Each winner must be a descendant of either the Simmons, Lemons or Adams. For questions and/or additional information, contact Margie (Nell) Simmons at (512) 565-1218 or at bertmason58@gmail.com.

Buckner’s Creek Wildlife Annual Meeting

The annual Buckner’s Creek Wildlife Association meeting will be held Saturday, **Sept. 30** at St. Peter and Paul Church Hall located on Plum Church Rd. in Plum. Registration is at 2 p.m. and meeting is at 3 p.m. Meal to follow. Please bring a salad or dessert.

Pagel Cemetery Assoc. Annual Meeting

The Pagel Cemetery Association will have their annual meeting at the Pagel Cemetery in Willow Springs on Saturday, **Sept. 30**, at 10 a.m. If you need additional information, contact Rebecca Rabon at (713) 371-2319 or email RebeccaRabon@gmail.com.

La Grange KC Turkey & Dressing Supper

The La Grange Knights of Columbus Chromcik Council No. 2574 will hold their annual turkey and homemade dressing supper, including noodles, broccoli with cheese sauce, cranberry sauce, and roll, will be held Thursday, **Oct. 5** from 4 to 6 p.m. at the K of C Community Center located at 190 S. Brown St. in La Grange. Meal plates are \$15, drive-thru only until sold out. Call (979) 968-5117 in advance for orders over 10 plates. Enter on Water St. to Milam and exit on Brown St.

Class of 1960 Reunion

The Schulenburg High School class of 1960 will hold a reunion on Thursday, **Oct. 5**, at Robert’s Steakhouse in Flatonina from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please get on the attendance list so there will be a good head count to assist the restaurant. If you have not signed up to attend, call or email one of the following: Harvey Oeding at (979) 702-0292 or harveyoeding@gmail.com or Gary Herzik at (817) 606-7080 or jaggherzik@yahoo.com.

35th Annual Wendish Fest Sunday

The 35th Annual Wendish Fest will be held on Sunday, Sept. 24 at Serbin. The day will offer lots of Wendish history, heritage, culture and family activities at the St. Paul Picnic Grounds. Guest speakers for the 8:30 a.m. English Church Service and the 10:30 a.m. German Service will be Rev. Dr. Gerald Paul, Rev. John Schmidt and Rev. Thomas Obersat. Church tours will be offered at 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.

The traditional Wendish noon meal will be available at 10:30 a.m. for \$15 and children \$6. To-go and drive-thru will also be available at 9:30. All take-out meals are \$15. The joy of polka music will be shared throughout the day by The Shiner Hobo Band. The students of St. Paul Lutheran School will present Ptaci Kwas (Wendish Bird Wedding.) The Wendish Heritage Museum Complex will feature Wendish folkways, demonstrations and exhibits, a German Christmas Market and the traditional decorated Wendish Easter Egg demonstrations and sales. Research and genealogy assistance will be available. For more information call (979) 366-2441 or visit: www.texaswendish.org.

Bluff Creek Ranch

Bluff Creek Ranch in Warda will hold The Bluff Creek Blowout on Oct. 14-15. This is a 24 hour Terra Firma racing event that can be done solo or on a team of up to 10 people. More information on this race, other mountain bike races or trail riding can be found at www.berwarda.com.

Neighbors Night Out

Neighbors Night Out in Warda will be held on Sunday, Oct. 22 beginning at 4 p.m. at the picnic grounds. Everyone in the Warda area is invited to attend. Planned speakers include TxDOT, information on local oil drilling and activity and Q&A on the state of St. Mark’s hospital. BBQ on bun, as well as hot dogs for the kids and Blue Bell Ice Cream will be provided. More information coming soon. RSVP’s are appreciated: (979) 242-3333 or

WARDA News



By LISA GAY
Warda News Correspondent

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Everyone is invited to attend an informational meeting/luncheon on Sunday, Oct. 8 at Holy Cross in Warda on LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team.) This is to learn more about the possibility of forming a network of volunteers trained to respond in times of disaster. Speaker Rev. Michael Meyer will present the program. Lunch will be served at noon, followed at 12:30 p.m. by the informational meeting. Make plans to attend and learn about this program.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

The Wednesday Night Bible Study Group is doing a study on the Old Testament book of 1 Samuel at 6:30 p.m. There is no cost to attend and everyone is welcome. Contact Cyndy Zoch at cyndy.zoch@gmail.com to sign up and receive materials for this study.

Recycle Trailer

The recycle trailer is at the Warda storage facility. The local Trail Life Group collects aluminum cans at the Holy Cross picnic grounds. There is a wire bin at the picnic grounds for you to put your cans in.

Holy Cross Services

Services at Holy Cross Lutheran are Sunday at 9 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday school follows the morning service. www.holycrosswarda.com.

Faith Lutheran High School

Everyone is invited to join the weekly Chapel Worship Service, on Septmeber 27 the time has been changed to 11:20 a.m.

Visit Day for grade 7 students will be held on Sept. 27 at Faith to give future students the opportunity to see what

FLHS is all about. This event begins with lunch and will last until approximately 3 p.m.

FLHS will be hosting a game night on Sept. 29 from 6-9 p.m. for 7 and 8 grade students, there will be lots of food, fun and fellowship.

Faith Lutheran High School’s Annual Oktoberfest will be held on Saturday Oct. 28, New this year will be the Battle of the Vines, in addition to the Battle of the Brew-both are home brew competitions, so start planning your brews now. Returning will be the traditional German meal of brats, noodles, green beans, potato salad, kraut, bread and coffee cake. A domino tournament, comhole tournament, music and kids games are also planned. Meal tickets are now available for \$15 each and are pre-sale only. The meal will be available from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Holy Cross picnic grounds. Contact the church office or call (979) 242-2889 for tickets.

Prayer Requests

Bob Peters, Al and Carolyn Jurk, Becky Urban, Louis Jakiel.

Special prayers for those in the nursing home: Evelyn Kasper, Larry Moerbe, Freddie Zoch, Jimmy Zoch. For those in assisted living centers: Carol Jurk, Alvina Moerbe, Nancy M. Pietsch. For those shut-in at home: Betty Duke, Shirley Going, Larry Kasper, Mary Ann Pietsch.

Anniversaries

Anniversary Wishes are extended to the following couples: Douglas and Lorie Lehmann-Sept. 22, Wayne and Lisa Brugger-26, David and Linda Lehmann-27.

Birthdays

Birthday wishes are extended to the following celebrants: Lauren Lehmann, Barrett Kay-Sept. 22, Brandon Weishuhn, Jonathan Kueck-23, Darrell Schubert-24, Layne Schramm-25, Scarlett Landry-26, Nichole Varner-28.

Have News?

If you have news to share with readers of the Warda news, email Lisa Gay at Wardanews78960@gmail.com.

Shelter Has 27 Adoptions Last Week

As of Sept. 15, total intake for the Gardenia E. Janssen Animal Shelter is 1,251: 596 dogs and 655 cats in need. As of Sept. 15, the shelter has 141 animals in care: 62 dogs/79 cats. This number includes animals in the facility, in foster care for medical, waiting on available space, or awaiting transport to rescue partner.

The shelter offers a discount voucher program to the citizens of Fayette County for the spay/neuter of family pets. Call (979) 966-0021 for more information.

Statistics for week of Sept. 9-15 include:
Intake: 44
Adoptions: 27
Transferred to Rescue: 3
Return to Owner: 0
Humane Euthanasia: 0

Fayette Co. Fire Calls

The Fayette County Fire-fighter’s Association reports the following calls for the week of Sept. 10-16:

- Fire Alarms - 2
- Medical - 9
- Illegal Burning - 2
- Mutual Aid (Grass Fire) - 1
- Grass Fires – 2
- Electrical Fires - 4
- Accidents - 3
- Gas Leak/Odor - 2
- Lightning Strike - 1

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St. John-Ellinger In Need of Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help park cars in Warrenton for the Antique Show on Oct. 16-17. Help is also needed with the bake sale in Warrenton on Oct. 19-20. Just a reminder, non-perishable, bagged, and labeled items can be sold in the bake sale.

The annual roast beef and sausage fundraiser will take place on Sunday, Oct. 8. It will be catered by Peter’s BBQ and will start at 11 a.m. at the church, corner of Fayette and Grover Street. Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased from Gladys Koehl (979) 966-7951, Sharon Fritsch (979) 966-3515, any church member or at Koehl’s in Ellinger.

Ellinger C of C

The Ellinger Chamber hall or part of it, can be rented for your next birthday party, family reunion or holiday gathering. Facilities have two sets of bathrooms, large dance floor and kitchen if needed. Contact Miranda Schlabach at (979) 966-8612 if interested or visit ellingertexas.com.

Shared Lutheran Ministry

All Saints’ Joint Worship will be held in Fayetteville on Nov. 5 at 10:30 a.m. Bishop Mike will be in Ellinger on Dec. 3 at 8 a.m. for a joint worship.

ELLINGER News



By LAURA BRUGGER
Ellinger News Correspondent

Worship services are still offered on Facebook, You Tube and KTIM 89.1 on Sundays at noon. Ellinger has worship every Sunday at 8 a.m. with communion.

Brethren Church

Fayetteville Brethren Church has services the second, third, and fourth Saturdays of each month at 10 a.m. Other services are at Industry Brethren on the second, third and fourth Saturdays at 5 p.m., Wesley Brethren on Sundays at 9 a.m. and Nelsonville Brethren on Sundays at 10:15 a.m. Rev. Mike Grose-close leads all the services. The Nelsonville service is live streamed on Nelsonville Brethren’s Face book page.

Hermann Sons Life

Play bingo for a chance to win a designer purse while helping raise funds for the

Hermann Sons Life Grief Support Camp exclusively designed for children who are grieving a loss of a loved one. The home office will host this event on Saturday, Oct. 21 starting at 11 a.m. The home office is located at 515 South St. Mary’s Street in San Antonio. This event is open to members and non-members. Tickets are \$50 and include one bingo book, lunch and two drinks. Extra bingo books and daubers can be purchased. The camp that this event benefits will be a half week session at the Comfort, Texas Hermann Sons camp for ages 8-17. The goal is to provide a free camp session, which normally costs about \$550.

Birthdays

Birthday Wishes to the following September celebrants: Kayla Hartmann-23, Denise Kubena and Margie Stardig-27, E.J. Koehl-29, Jonathon Cook and Larry Bartosh-30.

Have News?

If you have news for the correspondent, email ellingernews@yahoo.com. You may also drop off news in the mailbox in the front of her residence. Please get her your information by Sunday evening for the upcoming week.



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Almost Half of All Car Safety Seats Aren't Installed Correctly

TxDOT Kicking Off 'Save Me With a Seat' Campaign During National Child Passenger Safety Week

Car seats work. Just ask Mandy Watson who was in a head-on crash with her 11-month-old and 5-year-old as they were going to lunch more than a decade ago.

"Immediately after the crash, I climbed in the back seat. In that moment I knew it worked. I knew their car seats did everything they were supposed to do, because they were still intact, still in place, and I could hear my babies crying," said Watson.

Watson had been trained to properly secure her children in their car seats, preventing an unthinkable tragedy. That kind of training is exactly what TxDOT's "Save Me With a Seat" campaign will teach as it kicks off in September to coincide with National Child Passenger Safety Week, Sept. 17-23, 2023.

"It's extremely important that parents schedule a car seat check today," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "Ensuring car seats are installed correctly is one of the

most important things a parent or caregiver can do to protect the smallest occupants in a crash."

Around 46% of all car seats are misused as reported by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The campaign invites parents to schedule a free car seat safety check by visiting SaveMeWithASeat.org and entering their ZIP code to find the nearest TxDOT traffic safety specialist in their area. TxDOT offers free car seat safety checks year-round.

During September, the "Save Me With a Seat" campaign will include the "Are You Ready for Takeoff?" interactive educational experience and will make stops in eight Texas cities. The campaign's kickoff event in Houston features retired NASA astronaut Chris Cassidy, a father of five who is passionate about safety and educating children. The experience will remind parents of the importance of always buckling up their children.

With the "Save Me With a Seat" campaign, drivers are reminded that Texas law requires all children under 8 — or shorter than 4 feet, 9 inches — to be in a car seat whenever they ride in a passenger vehicle. Failure to properly restrain a child can result in a ticket of up to \$250. In 2022, 72 children younger than 8 years old died in traffic crashes in Texas, and 16 of those were unrestrained at the time of the crash.

"Save Me With a Seat" is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel, like wearing a seat belt, driving the speed limit, never texting and driving or driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. Nov. 7, 2000, was the last deathless day on Texas roadways. #EndTheStreakTX asks all Texans to commit to driving safely to help end the streak of daily deaths.

Flooding Leading Cause of Natural Disaster

By **ANGELA HAHN**
Fayette County EMC

Flooding remains the leading cause of natural-disaster loss across the United States. The Hill Country and Central Texas have a greater risk of flash flooding than most regions of the United States. This area is called Flash Flood Alley because of the area's steep terrain, shallow soil and unusually high rainfall rates. Heavy rains can quickly transform into walls of fast-moving water with great destructive potential.

Flooding, particularly flash flooding, is also one of the hardest for weather forecasters to predict. The National Weather Service (NWS), in conjunction with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) currently has approximately 3,600 river forecast points across the country. Using the National Water Model, NWS can now provide hydrologic forecasts to over 2 million people, as well as provide flood inundation maps based on the model.

The NWS Austin/San Antonio office hosted a seminar on Sept. 12 in Gonzales to present the model and to get feedback from area emergency management coordinators, GIS administrators and floodplain administrators. Fayette County's GIS Administrator Dawn Moore, Floodplain Administrator Amber Hielscher and Emergency Management Coordinator Angela Hahn attended the seminar.

sure, and resource planning in advance of flood events," said Hahn.

"Flood inundation maps are computer-generated imagery of the potential flooding for a given geospatial area — its water on a map. We can add these layers to our county GIS system to help better understand what areas might be impacted," Moore added.

"It's a great tool to have although the NWS did stress that because of the nature of flooding the official river forecasts still provide the most useful information on what to expect," Hielscher said.

NWS officials at the seminar asked for local input on the maps presented, saying that it was important to focus on local impacts and critical infrastructure.

"Flood extent maps are a great guidance tool for more detailed flood impacts, however, there are still some limitations. Not all levees and flood reduction projects are captured, so use your local knowledge. And share it with us. While floods are impossible to prevent completely, and there is no way to guarantee protection of property, loss of life can be greatly reduced when communities have access to good data, practice sound land use, floodplain management and development practices and incorporate warning systems. Local communities can partner with us to provide solutions to reduce their communities flood risk," said Paul Yura, the warning coordination meteorologist for National Weather Service Austin-San Antonio.

CVICA Prepare Burgers for Livestock Show



The Colorado Valley Independent Cattlemen's Association (CVICA) prepared hamburgers for the Fayette County Fair Livestock Show and Sale on Aug. 26, at the Fayette County Fairgrounds. Ron Denham coordinated the event and set up the booth. The following members prepared and served the hamburgers with condiments: (pictured from left) Dr. James Tiemann, DVM, Steve Janda, Ron Denham, Loretta Denham, Bill Sickon, Tara Sickon, Jeff Gau and David Karisch.

Taekwondo Classes Offered at Round Top Family Library

Junior Master Gardeners for fourth through sixth grades, art class for grades second through twelfth grades, jazz dance for grades kindergarten through sixth grades, chess club for ages 7 and up, and Taekwondo for ages 7 and up are all free classes offered during the week. Contact the library for more information and to register.

The next sign language class is Saturday, Sept. 30 from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Free class but registration is required.

Sunday, Oct. 8 it's an "Author, Author!" Book Fair. This event will feature local authors including Audrey Wick, Jason Stone, Fr. Bill Miller and more. The Fair runs 1-5 p.m.

For more information about any of the programs offered by the library, call (979) 249-2700 or visit ilovetoread.org.

Local Events

The Stone Cellar has Bubba Westly Friday, Sept. 22 from 7-10 p.m., and Zack Walther Band Saturday from 7-9 p.m.

Busted Oaks Cellars has Darrel Appelt Saturday from 4-7 p.m., and Round Top Brewery has Kerosene Pipe-dream from 6-9 p.m. Sunday, catch Reagan Quinn at the Brewery from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

The Stone Cellar has several great acts scheduled for the Antique Show including Cory Morrow on Oct. 13, Gary P. Nunn on Oct. 21, Jack Ingram on Oct. 27 and much more. These concerts take place at The Dance Hall and will require tickets. You may purchase yours ahead of time by visiting thestonecellartx.com.

Round Top-Carmine ISD

The Texas A&M School of Nursing and their Mobile Health Unit will be on the Round Top-Carmine campuses every Wednesday during

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Round Top News Correspondent

the school year. All students, staff, and community members are eligible to be seen. Appointments can be made by calling (979) 436-0587.

Students have an early release Friday, Sept. 22, and a school holiday Monday, Oct. 9.

Town Council

The third Town Hall Meeting to develop a Strategic Plan for the Town of Round Top will be Oct. 4. If you have an idea of the direction the town should go, submit a written statement of your ideas to the Town Clerk at the town Office. The meeting will start at 6 p.m. at the Round Top Rifle Hall.

For more information visit www.townofroundtop texas.org.

The Round Top Town Council meetings are held the second Monday of the month at the Town Hall located at 100 Main Street unless otherwise posted. Citizens are encouraged and welcome to attend. Agendas are posted on the website at www.townofroundtop.org at least 72 hours prior to the meeting time.

Church News

St. Martin's Catholic Church in Warrenton holds a monthly service at 8 a.m. for the intentions left on the altar. This month's mass was Tuesday, Sept. 5 at 8 a.m. View the bulletin online at stjohnsfayetteville.com for more information.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church holds services with Pastor John David Nedbalek

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school is the first Sunday at 8:30 a.m. Ruth Circle is the first Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Sewing Circle is the second Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. Pastor John David leads adult Bible study the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m.

The WELCA Western Fall Gathering is tentatively set for Oct. 21 at United Evangelical Lutheran Church at Swiss Alp.

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Shelby holds worship service at 8 a.m., followed by fellowship, coffee, and Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Game Day is held the first Wednesday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m. Quilting meets the third Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m.

The annual church service in the historical church across the road will be Sept. 24 at 8 a.m., followed by the church picnic in the education building. The church is looking for two volunteers to make Meals-on-Wheels deliveries once a month. Please see Tom Rabb or Oscar Voelkel for more information.

St. Cecilia's Round Top Episcopal Church holds services with Father Bill Miller Sundays at 8:45 and 10:45 a.m. in the historic Haw Creek Chapel in Henkel Square. The Saint Cecilia's Sisterhood Study Group meets from 10-11:15 a.m. For more information, please visit the website at www.StCeciliass.org.

Round Top Christian Fellowship Church holds service at 10 a.m. For more information, please visit its website at www.roundtopchurch.org.

The City of Refuge Church on 237 in Round Top holds bible study on Sunday at 10 a.m. followed by church service at 11 a.m. For more information visit its Facebook page at facebook.com/cityofrefugeHC.

Birthdays

Happy birthday wishes

are extended to Deborah Prior on Sept. 22, Lois Wunderlich-23, Ashley Nelius and Ashley Marburger-24, Connie Burch-26, and Margie Stardig, Tami Bone and Jane Press-27.

Anniversary

Happy anniversary wishes are extended to Paul and Kim Cmajdalka on Sept. 26.

Round Top Rifle Hall

Monday Night Hamburger Social takes place the first, second and third Mondays each month starting at 5:30 p.m. All proceeds benefit the continued improvement of the RTRA.

For more information about the Rifle Hall or to book it for upcoming events, visit roundtoprifle.com.

Have news?

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11 AM to 12:30 PM - \$14.00
Hamburgers available after 3 pm

Welcome to Hostyn!
Our wonderful parish and community continue to recover and work towards rebuilding our Church. Thank you for joining us. *"Go up to the mountains, bring wood and rebuild the temple, that I may be pleased with it and be glorified, says the Lord."* Haggai 1:8

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Oktoberfests Coming Up Even Before the Calender Turns

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the 1820s.

“The very first accordions, the earliest designs, were like the accordions used in Cajun music today,” said Ross. “You can see the flappers and the reeds on the outside.”

“The music was played by a traditional Bavarian orchestra, with brass instruments and reed instruments,” Valina said. “Marches and polkas were popular.”

Anyone who has ever seen Das Ist Lustig perform will recognize one of the most iconic Oktoberfest instruments, the Alphorn – a wooden horn several yards long that comes from the Alpine regions of Europe.

“Different hollowed out wood instruments have been used in mountainous regions all over Europe, not just Switzerland and Bavaria. That par-

ticular design with the curved bell at the bottom comes from an entire tree that grows from rock outcroppings. The curve of the bell at the bottom of the horn is naturally-occurring in the wood. In the last 500 or so years is when Alpine horns became a musical instrument. For thousands of years they were used as communication devices – to call cattle in, to call goats in, to send messages from one village to another.”

“I recently became aware of an alpine horn-like instrument from Poland, but it can’t play music, just a few tones,” Ross said. “The alpine horn that the Swiss play actually plays music.”

“Even some of the serious composers composed music using the alphorn,” Ross said.

Valina said touring with the alphorn presents some chal-

lenges. It’s big and hard to transport.

“It’s a very delicate instrument,” Valina said. “It doesn’t like being in the full sun. It doesn’t like being in the rain.”

Das Ist Lustig has been to Oktoberfest celebrations all over the world, including the original one in Bavaria.

“People come from all over the world,” Valina said. “Each brewery in Munich has a beer tent, and every tent holds thousands of people.”

Valina even visited an Oktoberfest in Malaysia in 2006.

“There’s a nice German club there in Malaysia, and they put it on,” she said. “There were 20 percent Germans in the audience and the other 80 percent were Malaysians and Chinese. Boy, do they know how to party.”

Why do so many people

around the globe connect with this German institution?

“Germans are very hard working, industrious, and detail-oriented people,” Valina said. “They work very hard. They also play very hard. As serious as they take their work, and as much emphasis as they put on high-quality, they also take their time off very seriously. Getting together with people, even though they might not get along politically or may not agree with each other. When you have a beer in your hand and it tastes good, and you have a smile on your face, and there’s good music, you enjoy the fellowship of that person who otherwise you don’t really care for. In Germany, they respect that. It attracts other people. Everyone wants to be a part of that. You share a table with someone you never

met, and at the end of the night you’ve made a new friend and learned something about them. That spreads in a positive way, and there are Oktoberfests all over the world now.”

The Germans have a special word for this kind of fun: Gemütlichkeit. It doesn’t easily translate into English.

“Cozy, happy, fun, relaxed, good fellowship – it’s all of those things wrapped up together,” Valina said. “For that moment, there’s not a care in sight. Everything else melts away and Gemütlichkeit is what you have.”

Folks in Fayette County can experience some Gemütlichkeit for themselves at several upcoming Oktoberfest celebrations:

• Sengelmann Hall in Schulenburg will host an Oktoberfest on Sept. 28. Das Ist Lustig

will perform from 7-9 p.m.

• The Rotary Club of La Grange will host the 2023 La Grange Oktoberfest on the square on Oct. 7 from 3-7 p.m. Visitors can enjoy live music and 60 varieties of craft beer. A meal of schnitzel, German noodles, sauerkraut, sausage and applesauce will be served. Tickets can be purchased at Casino Hall or online at <https://www.eventbrite.com>.

• The Fayette County Chapter of the Texas German Society will hold an Oktoberfest celebration at JW’s restaurant in Carmine on Thursday, Oct. 12, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

• The Round Top Rifle Hall presents the 11th annual Oktoberfest on Oct. 28 from noon to 8 p.m. Enjoy quality German biers, delicious kassler, wurst, kraut and authentic German music.

LGISD: As Committee Formed to Review Books, Superintendent Says ‘We Need to Self-Police Our Libraries’

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materials in the library and classroom. This meant that the students were allowed to check out anything unless parents specifically said they could not. Now, parents have to “opt in,” meaning the parents must sign a document for their student to be allowed to check out certain materials and receive certain instruction as it pertains to certain sensitive subject matter.

The district has formed a staff committee and is currently in the process of forming a joint committee of community and staff to determine what books meet the criterion set by the state and the district. The committee will consist of staff, (teachers and administrators) and citizens of the community. The plan is for the committee to be balanced between the two groups so that decisions will be made that reflect the community’s views

as well as the district’s.

There are approximately eight books under review right now, but there are about 36,000 books between the two libraries in the district. Many of them have been in the library for over 20 years without incident. The librarians have tried to pull books that have been determined to have known vulgar or sexually explicit content, but it is a long process to go through all of the books in the libraries.

Superintendent McHazzlett said, “I am a father of three young men now, but they were once little kids and while they are kids, we want to protect them.” He continued to say, “It would be great if all the books had a label on them and we could just pull them off the shelves, but that is not going to happen for years so we need to self-police our libraries.”

He stated that the committee would concentrate on

vulgarity, obscenity, and sexually explicit content, and that if there was something written in the book that the students would get in trouble for writing in class, then the books should not be in the library.

Mahazzlett said, “We are not Austin ISD. We are a rural, conservative community and our library and policies are going to reflect that.”

He said, “I know we are going to have some ultra conservative people on this committee and we will also have those with other views, but bad is bad and is doesn’t matter where you are (politically), you know what vulgarity and obscenity looks like.”

Board member Calvin Mersiovsky asked, “The book most recently in question, (“Violet & Claire”) who is reviewing it?” McHazzlett said “It is in the review system. Until we get a (community) committee together, we are

not making that determination yet. Mersiovsky asked, “Is that book back in our library?” McHazzlett replied, “No.”

Another board member, Mary Gunn asked, “What kind of time frame are we looking at” (for policy changes to be ready.) McHazzlett responded, “In a perfect world, we will be presenting it at the next board meeting.” McHazzlett added, “We all know what is right and wrong and all want what is best for our kids.”

As the discussion continued, Mersiovsky asked “How many new books do we get in on an average year?” Pam Keilers, high school and middle school library aide, stated that the school receives up to 300 new books in a given year. Mersiovsky went on to say, “I

understand that you cannot review 36,000 books without a lot of help, but if you get in 10-20 or even 50 books, we have got to come up with a system. Somebody has to be responsible. Those kids are being sent to us to learn – right things, not wrong things. Some of the books I have seen, even at elementary, do nothing but confuse them. They are not old enough to digest the information. As a librarian, you have a responsibility to keep filth out of the hands of our kids.”

The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) recommended policy is to have two parents/community members on the committee, but LGISD is committed to having a balanced committee. Also, the TASB recommend-

ed policy is to have the parents opt in (for content that is considered more mature) either in writing or by phone, but board president, Gary Drab said that he feels that LGISD should replace “or” with “and” to make sure that there is record of a parent “opting in” if that is what that parent wants. The local policy will be individual to LGISD. They can follow state recommendations, but can make the policy to reflect the views of our community and district.

Correction

In Tuesday’s edition an incorrect price for the KC BBQ this Sunday in La Grange was listed in the For the Record section. The correct price of \$20 for a rack of ribs was listed in the ad that edition, and correctly appears again today on page A2. We apologize for any confusion.

A full version of the current LGISD school board policy for instructional resources related to the library can be found online at: <https://pol.tasb.org/PolicyOnline/PolicyDetails?key=468&code=EF>



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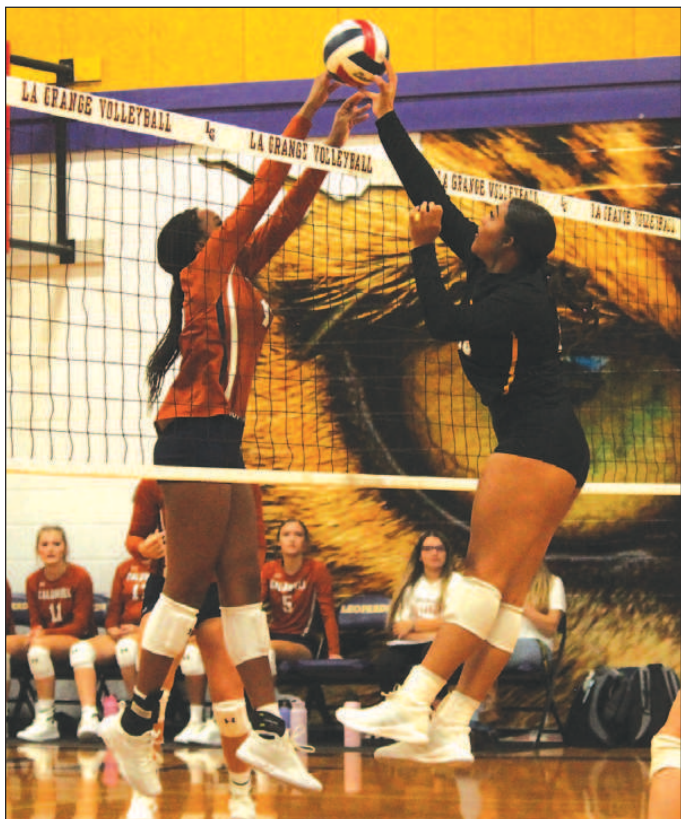
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La Grange's Cara Homer battles at the net with a Caldwell player in Tuesday's match. Photo by Jeff Wick

Volleyball Roundup

Schulenburg, Fayetteville
And RT-C Cubettes Win

La Grange Falls to Caldwell in 5 Sets

The La Grange varsity volleyball team suffered a tough five-set loss to Caldwell Tuesday. After winning the first and third sets, the Lady Leps lost the final two sets. Final scores were 25-17, 20-25, 25-20, 19-25, 15-17.

The loss drops the Lady Leps to 13-20 overall and 1-2 in district.

Carley Ulrich led La Grange in kills with 24 and Kylie Tricek had 13.

Tricek led in digs with 25 and Haylie Cooper had 23.

Jena Jobb had a team-high four aces and Ulrich had two.

Tricek also led in assists with 21, Landri Hernandez had 20 and Jobb had 10.

Cara Homer had six blocks and Tricek had three.

The La Grange JV defeated Caldwell 25-12, 25-19 to improve to 12-8 overall and 1-1 in district.

The La Grange freshmen defeated Caldwell 25-18, 25-15 to improve to 10-11 overall and 2-1 in district.

The JV and Varsity will host Austin Achieve on Friday. The varsity game begins at 5 p.m.

Flatonia Falls to Weimar

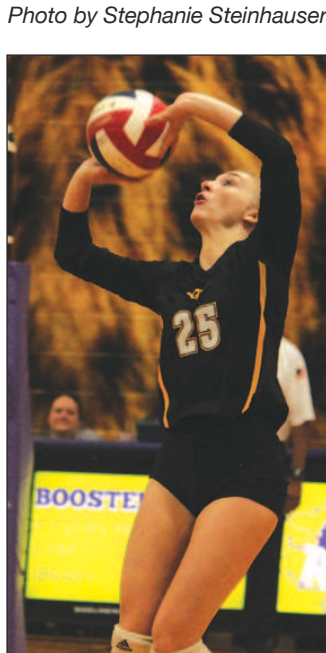
The Flatonia volleyball team lost to Weimar in the district opener for both teams 25-23, 11-25, 14-25, 13-25 Tuesday.

Here are the Flatonia stat leaders:

Aces: Emma Kosler and
See *Volleyball*, next page



Flatonia's Summer Sodek sets a ball Tuesday night in the Lady Bulldogs' district opener against Weimar.



La Grange's Kylie Tricek sets a ball in Tuesday's match against Caldwell.

Photo by Jeff Wick

La Grange vs. Splendor

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday

Where: La Grange

Records: La Grange is 0-4 and Splendor is 1-3.

Of Note: It's homecoming week for the Leps as they look for their first victory of the season against a Splendor team that is also struggling. Splendor won its first game of the season 28-7 over Cleveland, but has since lost three in a row including last week's 62-0 defeat at the hands of Hamshire-Fannett. The pass-happy Wildcats are averaging 25 throws and 158 yards per game through the air, but just 88 yards a game rushing. La Grange, meanwhile lost to Lago Vista 35-20 last week despite three rushing touchdowns from junior quarterback Clayton Cooper. The La Grange defense is allowing 52 points per game so far this season.

Last meeting: La Grange made the long trip to Splendor last year and defeated the Wildcats 38-7 as Jakobe Wilkerson scored three touchdowns and the Leps limited Splendor to just 93 total yards of offense.

Schulenburg vs. Thorndale

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday

Where: Thorndale

Records: Schulenburg is 1-3. Thorndale is 0-4.

Of Note: These two teams have gotten off to slow starts in 2023, but a win in this district opener would turn everything around. Thorndale lost to Lexington, Granger, Riesel to start the season with none of the games closer than a 26-point margin, but they nearly got their first win of the season last week in a 38-31 loss to Iola. Thorndale is only one season removed from going 9-3 but they graduated a lot. Schulenburg was abuzz after beating Burton two weeks ago to snap a 13-game losing streak, but Poth brought the Shorthorns back to reality with a 48-7 victory last week. 'Horns quarterback Aaron Janeczek threw for 119 yards in that loss and Bryce Stoevers ran for a team-high 51 yards last week.

Last meeting: Last season Thorndale defeated Schulenburg 36-7 as the Bulldogs forced four turnovers. Rodney Walton scored the only TD for the 'Horns in that game.

Flatonia vs. Thrall

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday

Where: Thrall

Records: Flatonia is 3-1 Thrall is 3-1.

Of Note: This is a district opener between a pair of teams that have had hot starts to the season. Thrall won their first three games before losing to Leon last week 20-14. The Tigers have a high-powered offense that is averaging 40 points a game this season. Flatonia, meanwhile, has made a habit of comebacks, rallying from deficits in each of the last two weeks to win by a touchdown over Nixon-Smiley and Falls City. The powerful Flatonia running game is led by Kobe Burton (301 yards this season and 5 TDs) and Keegan Green (271 yards this season and 2 TDs). Flatonia senior QB Cale Janeczek threw for 196 yards and two second half TDs last week.

Last meeting: Flatonia pounded Thrall last season 62-20 as Fidel Venegas threw for 186 yards and 2 TDs and ran for 101 yards and three more scores on a night when Flatonia amassed more than 500 yards of offense.

District 12-4A

Cuero	3-0
Gonzales	2-1
Smithville	1-3
Giddings	1-3
Caldwell	1-3
La Grange	0-4

This week's games:

Splendor at La Grange
Lexington at Caldwell
Yoakum at Gonzales
Smithville at Lago Vista
Cuero at Beeville Jones
Navarro at Giddings

* The entire district is off next week before beginning 12-4A play Oct. 6.

District 13-2A

Weimar	4-0
Holland	4-0
Thrall	3-1
Flatonia	3-1
Schulenburg	1-3
Hearne	1-3
Thorndale	0-4

This week's games:

Flatonia at Thrall
Schulenburg at Thorndale
Weimar at Holland
Hearne is off

Janecka Comes Through Big After Being Named Flatonia Starting QB; Earns County Athlete of the Week Honors



Cale Janeczek

Flatonia football player Cale Janeczek was recently named the starting quarterback last week and has proven he's the right man for the job. In a comeback victory over Falls City last Friday, Janeczek led his team to a check mark in the win column with 196 yards passing and two crucial touchdowns in the second half.

"Cale is a great teammate and a great player, but he's even a better young man," said Flatonia head football coach Brent Mascheck. "That's what I'm so proud of. He did not start at quarterback. We were kind of rotating him, but he just kept fighting and battling and everyday and he got better in practice. We named him the starting quarterback this past week and he had a huge game. I think that proves a point to everybody out there. Just keep working at it and good things are going to happen to people

like that.

"He's a great young man and he had a great night the other night. He does a great job of leading our offense. He's very calm. Makes sure everybody's in their place and stuff like that. He threw the ball extremely well, which is going to help our running game and things like that, so I'm so proud of Cale because other kids could've shut it down. He didn't. He kept fighting and kept getting better. We decided to make the change to go full time with Cale and he did a great job Friday night."

Janeczek not only taking over the quarterback spot, but flourishing in it has given him the nod for this edition's Athlete of the Week.

Question: What changes have you noticed about the team with the new-look coaching staff?

Answer: "I feel like this coaching staff is very good. They're very talented and they have helped us a lot this year."

Question: What's been your favorite moment about the football season so far?

Answer: "I think the big

Fayette Co. Record's Athlete of the Week

A Weekly Feature by BRIAN PIERSON



Read about our Athletes of the Week in every Friday edition and then watch their interviews on the FCR's Facebook page.

Recent Players of the Week:

August 11 – Jena Jobb, La Grange volleyball

August 18 – Kaysie Ward, Round Top-Carmine football

August 25 – Emmrie Marx, Schulenburg volleyball

Sept. 1 – Katelin Sullivan, Flatonia volleyball

Sept. 8 – Le'Kayvion Broussard, La Grange football

Sept. 15 – Aaron Janeczek, Schulenburg football

win last Friday was the funnest moment so far because Falls City is a good football team."

Question: If you could be a part of any movie, what would it be?

Answer: "Probably Superman."

Question: Where's a place you go for good chicken?

Answer: "I like to go to Popeyes."

Question: Who's a music artist you like and why do

you like them?

Answer: "I like Parker McCollum because he's just good to listen to."

Question: What do you spend your time doing when not playing football or in school?

Answer: "I like to hunt and fish when I'm not playing football."

Question: What would you say is the most important part about the quarterback position?

See *Janecka*, Page B3

Spacek Collects \$100 Football Jackpot



J.C. Spacek of La Grange, above left, seated, is shown here collecting his \$100 prize from Nick Power of Alpha One Ford after winning last week's newspaper reader football pick it contest. Spacek turned in one of eight perfect 10-for-10 ballots last week. His score prediction tiebreaker of the Cowboys game vaulted him to the win. The ballot is included in every Tuesday edition of The Fayette County Record. The contest is sponsored by Alpha One.

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2023 Fayette County Volleyball Schedules/Results

Flatonia Lady Bulldogs

Record: 15-11, 0-1 in district

Date	Opponent	Site	Time	Teams
August				
8	Flatonia def. Rice		2-0	
11-12	Flatonia goes 2-3 at Shiner Tourney			
15	St. Paul def. Flatonia		3-2	
18-19	Went 4-1 at Nixon-Smiley Tourney			
22	Flatonia def. Smithville		3-0	
24-26	Flatonia goes 5-3 at Rice Tourney			
29	Flatonia def. Bloomington		3-1	
September				
1	Hallettsville def. Flatonia		3-1	
5	Fayetteville def. Flatonia		3-2	
8	OPEN - Homecoming			
12	Flatonia def. Dime Box		3-0	
19	Weimar def. Flatonia		3-1	
23	Schulenburg* Schulenburg		10:00 V,JV	
26	Ganado* Ganado		5:00 JV, V	
October				
3	Shiner* - Maroon Out Flatonia		5:00 JV,V	
7	Louise* Louise		10:00 V,JV	
10	Weimar* Weimar		5:00 JV,V	
13	Schulenburg* - Flatonia		4:30 V,JV	
17	Ganado* - Jr. High Night Flatonia		5 JV,V	
20	Shiner* Shiner		4:30 V,JV	
24	Louise* -Parent/Sr. Night Flatonia		5 JV,V	

La Grange Lady Leps

Record:13-20, 1-0 in District

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	SITE	F/JV/VARSITY
8/8	Weimar def. La Grange		3-1	
8/10-12	Went 3-5 at Columbus Classic			
8/15	Def. Bastrop		3-1	
8/17-19	LG goes 3-5 at Bastrop tourney			
8/22	East Bernard def. LG		3-1	
8/24-26	LG goes 4-2 at Athens tourney			
8/29	Bellville def. LG		3-0	
8/29	Brenham def. LG		3-0	
9/1	Schulenburg def. LG		3-1	
9/5	Sealy def. LG		3-1	
9/8	LG def. Thorndale		3-1	
9/12	LG def. Smithville		3-1	
9/15	Taylor def. LG		3-0	
9/19	Caldwell def. LG		3-2	
9/22	Austin Achieve LGHS X		6:00 5:00	
9/26	Giddings Giddings HS		5:00 5:00 6	
9/29	Manor New Tech LGHS		6/6/5	
10/3	Tues OPEN			
10/6	Smithville Smithville HS		6/6/5	
10/10	Taylor LGHS		5/5/6	
10/13	Caldwell Caldwell HS		6 6 5	
10/17	Aus. Achieve Aus. Achieve X		5:30 6:30	
10/20	Giddings LGHS		6:00 6:00 5:00	
10/24	Manor NT Manor NT HS		5:30 5:30 6:30	

Schulenburg Lady Horns

Record: 21-12 1-0 in district

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	TEAM
Aug. 8	*St Michaels def. Schulenburg		3-0	
Aug. 8	Goliad def. Schulenburg		3-2	
Aug. 10-12	Schul. went 5-3 at Columbus Tourney			
Aug. 15	Bellville def. Schulenburg		3-0	
Aug. 17-19	Went 4-3 at Lady Horn Classic			
Aug. 22	Schulenburg def. Burton		3-0	
Aug. 24&26	Goes 3-3 Goliad/Cuero Tournament			
Aug. 29	Def. Fayetteville		3-0	
Sept. 1	Schulenburg def. La Grange		3-1	
Sept. 5	Schulenburg def. Lexington		3-0	
Sept. 8	Schulenburg def. RT-C		3-2	
Sept. 12	Schulenburg def. Lago Vista		3-1	
Sept. 15	Schulenburg def. Poth		3-0	
Sept. 19	Schulenburg def. Ganado		3-0	
Sept. 23	Flatonia Schulenburg		10, 11, 12 F, JV, V	
Sept. 26	Louise Schulenburg		5, 6, 7 F, JV, V	
Sept. 29	*Victoria W. Schul.		5:30, 5:30, 4:30 F, JV, V	
Oct. 3	Weimar Weimar		5:00, 6:00, 7:00 F, JV, V	
Oct. 6	*Shiner Shiner		5:30, 5:30, 4:30 F, JV, V	
Oct. 10	#Ganado Schulenburg		5, 6, 7 F, JV, V	
Oct. 13	*Flatonia Flatonia		5:30, 5:30, 4:30 F, JV, V	
Oct. 17	Louise Louise		5:00, 6:00, 7:00 F, JV, V	
Oct. 20	*Weimar Schul.		5:30, 5:30, 4:30 F, JV, V	
Oct. 24	Shiner Schulenburg		5, 6, 7 F, JV, V.	

Round Top-Carmine Cubettes

Overall record: 24-7

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TEAMS	Times
August				
8	RTC def. Anderson Shiro		3-1	
10-12	Went 4-4 at Columbus Tournament			
15	Def. Weimar			
17-19	Silver Bracket champs at Schul. Tourney			
22	RTC def. Weimar		3-1	
29	RTC def. Lexington		3-1	
September				
1	RTC def. Giddings		3-0	
5	RTC def. Mumford		3-0	
8	Schulenburg def. RTC		3-2	
12	RTC def. Burton		3-2	
15-16	RTC goes 5-0 to win Aggieland tournament			
19	RTC def. Normangee		3-0	
22	Fayetteville	RTC	JH, JV, V	4
26	Aggieland Homeschool	RTC JH, JV, V	4:30	
29	Prairie Lea	Prairie Lea JV, V	4:30	
October				
3	Waelder	Waelder JH, V	4	
6	McDade	McDade JV	4:30	
10	Fayetteville	Fayetteville JH, JV, V	4	
13	Burton	Burton V	5	
17	Prairie Lea	RTC JH, JV, V	4	
20	Waelder	RTC V	4:30	
24	McDade	RTC JH, JV, V	4:30	
27	Warm-up Game	TBA		

Fayetteville Lady Lions

Overall record: 11-19

Date	Opponent	Teams	Time	Location
August				
8	Fayetteville def. Tidehaven		3-1	
8	Fayetteville def. Hempstead		3-2	
10,12	Fayetteville goes 3-4 at Yorktown Tourney			
15	Fayetteville def. Calvert		3-0	
19 (Sat)	Goes 0-4 at Faith Academy Tour.			
22 (Tues)	Milano def. Fayetteville		3-1	
24-26	Goes 2-6 ay Rice Tournament			
29 (Tues)	Schulenburg def. Fayetteville		3-0	
September				
1 (Fri)	Fayetteville def. Faith Academy		3-0	
5 (Tues)	Fayetteville def. Flatonia		3-2	
9 (Fri)	Burton def. Fayetteville		3-0	
12 (Tues)	Shiner def. Fayetteville		3-0	
15 (Fri)	Weimar def. Fayetteville		3-0	
19 (Tues)	Fayetteville def. Aggieland		3-0	
22 (Fri)	RT-Carmine * JH, JV, V		4:00 Away	
26 (Tues)	Prairie Lea * JH, JV, V		4:00 HOME	
29 (Fri)	Waelder * V		5:00 Away	
October				
3 (Tues)	McDade * JH, V		5:00 Away	
10 (Tues)	RT-C * JH, JV, V		4:00 HOME	
13 (Fri)	Prairie Lea * V		4:30 Away	
17 (Tues)	Waelder * JH, V		5:00 HOME	
20 (Fri)	McDade * V		5:00 HOME	
21 (Sat)	District JH Tournament			
*District Game				
# Senior Night				



La Grange's Landri Hernandez sets a ball in Tuesday's match. Photo by Jeff Wick

Volleyball Roundup From Tuesday's Matches

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Katie Templeton had 1 each. Assists: Summer Sodek with 16, Katelin Sullivan with 4 and Elzah Herrera with 2. Blocks: Kalen Scott with 3 and Emma Kosler with 3. Digs: Summer Sodek with 8, Emma Kolser with 7, and Aubree Mikulenko with 4. Kills: Katelin Sullivan with 10, Summer Sodek with 6 and Emma Klozik with 6.

Fayetteville Defeats Aggieland

The Fayetteville volleyball team defeated Texas Aggieland Tuesday 25-13, 25-11, 25-11. Kayme Schley led the team in kills with 11, Peyton Jurecka had seven and Lainey Gromaski had six. Marissa Rohde had six aces. Emily Keilers had three

aces and so did Schley. Schley had seven digs and Rohde had five. Rohde led in assists with 19 and Keilers had four.

Schulenburg Drops Ganado

The Schulenburg volleyball team defeated Ganado 25-9, 25-8, 25-15 in the district opener for both teams. The Lady Horns improved to 21-12 overall and 1-0 in district with

the win. RT-C Sweeps Normangee The Round Top-Carmine volleyball team defeated Normangee Tuesday 25-19, 25-21, 25-16. The Cubettes are now 24-7 overall. They will start district play at home against Fayetteville on Friday. The JV will start at 4 p.m. followed by Varsity. Stat leaders from Tuesday's match include: Mal-

lory Krause 15 kills, 1 solo block, 8 digs, 11 assists, 2 aces; Tess Eilers 5 kills, 12 digs, 2 assists, 1 ace; Kennedy Flinn 2 kills, 1 assist block; Kaysie Ward 5 kills, 1 assist block, 1 dig; Jessica Rohde 4 kills, 2 assist blocks, 4 digs; Makayla Smith 1 kill, 1 dig; Jill Eilers 6 kills, 2 assist blocks, 5 digs, 20 assists, 3 aces; Maggie Salinas 28 digs, 2 assists, 1 ace; Kim Rohde 1 kill, 13 digs, 2 assists, 1 ace; Avery Nelius 2 digs, 1 ace



Round Top-Carmine's Kennedy Flinn and Jessica Rohde with a block Tuesday. Photo by Paul Kipp

TGCA State Volleyball Rankings

Class 1A	Class 2A	Class 3A	Class 4A
1. Blum 23-5	1. Jewett Leon 34-0	1. Goliad 25-3	1. Canyon Randall 22-3
2. Benjamin 24-4	2. Iola 34-1	2. Bells 27-3	2. Floresville 27-2
3. Neches 22-5	3. Crawford 26-7	3. Fairfield 24-4	3. Davenport 31-3
4. Avalon 20-3	4. Windthorst 28-4	4. Columbus 27-5	4. Spring Hill 26-4
5. Harrold 23-5	5. Albany 22-4	5. Tatum 27-8	5. Mineral Wells 23-4
6. Round Top-Carmine 24-7	6. Overton 21-5	6. Paris Chisum 24-3	6. Stephenville 22-4
7. Graford 19-5	7. Sonora 21-5	7. Grandview 23-6	7. Bellville 23-8
8. McMullen County 17-5	8. Mumford 21-7	8. Bushland 25-6	8. Bridge City 19-4
9. Evant 18-3	16. Schulenburg 21-12	9. Denver City 26-6	9. Sunnyvale 21-7

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Janecka New County Athlete of the Week

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Answer: "I think just staying calm and keeping the offense under control. Just making good decisions with the ball."

Question: If you could play for any NFL team, which would you play for and why?

Answer: "I would play for the Cowboys because I've always liked the Cowboys. They're just my favorite team."

Question: What's some-

thing interesting about you that a lot of people may not know?

Answer: "Football is not my favorite sport. I enjoy baseball more than I like football."

Question: If you could add one place or thing to the town of Flatonia, what would it be?

Answer: "I would get a Whataburger in Flatonia."

Janecka's determination and poise as the team's leader has put Flatonia football is a great spot.

Road Closure In Muldoon

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) began work to replace a bridge on Parkerville Rd. between Cherry Rd. and FM 2237 in the Muldoon area Tuesday, Sept. 19. The work is expected to be completed by Jan. 15, 2024. TxDOT will have detour and road closed signs to remind residents and visitors.

La Grange Weather Report

Week ending September 15

Week's high Sept. 9.....	105 Degrees
Week's min. high Sept. 15.....	90 Degrees
Week's low Sept. 11.....	69 Degrees
Year's low Jan. 14.....	31 Degrees
Year's high Aug. 27.....	110 Degrees
Rainfall for week.....	1.28 Inches
Rainfall for year.....	25.85 Inches
Rainfall to date - 2022.....	14.92 Inches
Rainfall to date - 2021.....	40.56 Inches
Rainfall to date - 2020.....	21.35 Inches
Average annual rainfall.....	40.11 Inches

Fayette County Retired Teachers Meet

The Fayette County Retired Teachers' Association met on Monday, Sept. 11, at the Fellowship Hall of the New Life Methodist Church (formerly First United Methodist Church) in La Grange, with 31 in attendance. Fellowship Time was a "Welcome Back!" social with Blue Bell ice cream.

The speaker was Susie Shank, Director of the Access (Alliance for College and Career Student Success) Program at Blinn College. The program strives to eliminate barriers for students by providing resources, guidance and support for preparing students for university study, or a career in the high demand field.

Partner high schools are Columbus, Fayetteville, Flatonia, Schulenburg, and Weimar.

Dual credit courses include those in welding, certified nursing aide, medical terminology, and construction. For more information students are encouraged to contact Susie Shank (979-743-5239) or susie.shank@Blinn.edu.

The business portion of the meeting included the treasurer's report (Chris Morrison), and extensive information/discussion on the upcoming November 7 election, which includes voting

for Proposition 9. This proposition concerns a COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) for both past, and present, teachers.

Karen Fitch, Legislative Chair, said that a detailed letter would be soon sent to all members.

It will include the following: the importance of being registered to vote, and the following deadlines: last day to register to vote - October 10; Early voting - Oct. 23-Nov. 3; last day to request a mail ballot - Oct. 27; in person voting - Nov. 7. Also discussed will be directives for picking up yard signs, "push" cards (post-cards), and buttons.

Kathy Koch, healthy living chair, provided information on "Seniors and the Digestive System", which included information on "Steps to Improve Digestions". New Business: Wednesday, Oct. 11: Field Trip to the Blue Mule Winery in Fayetteville, and Monday, Nov. 13: Silent auction to benefit the TRTA Foundation. Raffle Item (Children's Book Project) donated by Jan Jenkins, was won by Carol Daniels; Local-dues-paid drawing, won by Marian Tajchman; New member drawing (gift card), won by Donna Wick.

The next meeting will be

Monday, Nov. 13.

For information about the Fayette County RTA, phone (713) 303-0837, or visit www.localunits.org/fayette.

While the name may imply "teachers only" all retired public school employees are invited, even if from another city, county, or state.



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Time to Plant Trees Here, But Citrus is Tricky

Fall is the best time of year to plant trees and shrubs.

Cooler weather places less stress on trees, allowing them to grow a deep root system during the winter. Deciduous trees drop their leaves in the fall, and enter a period of dormancy. But they're not dormant below ground. Their roots continue to grow.

If you plant trees or shrubs in the spring, they'll put most of their energy into growing leaves and branches to the neglect of the roots. Then when hot and dry weather arrives in summer and plants go into stress, a weak root system may not provide enough water and nutrients to keep the tree alive.

There's also a right way and a wrong way to plant trees. Many people plant them too deeply. If you look at the base of any tree, you should notice the root flares.



By **ANDY BEHLEN**
The Fayette County Record

The trunk at the base should look like the buttress of a castle. These root flares should be above ground and exposed to the atmosphere. All trees in nature grow this way.

If you dig a hole the size of the root ball with vertical sides and plant the tree, the roots will tend to grow in a circle. The tips of the roots reach the hard soil at the edge of the hole you dug and turn back towards the loose soil in

the hole.

Instead, you should dig a wide, dish-shaped hole. Make sure you dig the hole to the correct depth so that the root flare will be above the soil level. Sometimes nurseries plant the trees too deep in the pot to begin with. If you don't see the root flare above the soil in the pot, you need to remove some of the soil from the top of the root ball. You may expose some of the roots by doing so. But don't worry — you can cut them away and it won't harm the tree.

After you set the tree in the hole you dug, don't backfill the hole with compost or potting soil or any other product. Use the native soil that you dug out to backfill the hole. If you backfill with rich potting soil or compost, the roots will want to grow in it and not spread into the native

soil. This will result in a shallow root system that is poorly anchored to the ground. You want the roots to grow deep and wide so that they reach moisture and nutrients during stressful times like the summer. The tree will also be better anchored to the soil and won't blow down in strong winds.

I think it is a good idea to spread an inch or two of

compost or mulch on top of the ground around the tree. This provides some nutrients to the tree as it grows. But more importantly, it helps to trap moisture in the soil. Just make sure you don't cover the root flares with the mulch or compost.

Some people dig a bowl-like shallow depression around the base of the tree to collect water. I don't think this

is a good idea. When the soil stays moist around the base, the roots stay compact and won't spread. I want the roots to spread. It's better, I think, to plant into a slight mound, as long as the root flares are above the top of the mound.

Some folks stake their trees or support them with guy wires. I do not think this is a good idea, either.

See *Gardening*, Page C4

LG Students Make All-Region Jazz Band



On Saturday, Sept. 16, La Grange High School had three students earn a spot in the 2023 ATSSB All-Region Jazz Band. Congratulations to Jose Estrada-1st Trumpet, Dominick Smith-1st Alto Sax, and Vanessa Adams-Jazz Piano. These students auditioned against students from other high schools, class 1A-4A, from around ATSSB Region 18. The Region Jazz Band will meet on Jan. 19 and perform in concert on Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Bastrop HS Performing Arts Center.

Sheriff's Office to Hold Seized Gun Auction

By **ANDY BEHLEN**
The Fayette County Record

The Fayette County Sheriff's Office needs to clear out all the forfeited firearms in their gun cabinet, and local gun dealers will have the chance to buy them at auction on Thursday, Sept. 28.

The auction will take place in the exhibit hall at the Fayette County Fairgrounds starting at 10 a.m. Lee Fritsch will serve as auctioneer. Buyers must register beforehand, and they must hold a federal firearms license (FFL).

"We're doing this by the law and under the direction of the District Attorney Peggy Supak," said Sgt. Ron Naumann of the Sheriff's Office.

Naumann said the guns come from seizures made during criminal cases. It is illegal to possess a firearm in the commission of a felony. When the Sheriff's Office seizes a gun during a criminal arrest, they are placed in a safe inside the Sheriff's Office while the case makes its way through the courts. If the defendants are found guilty the guns will be forfeited to the Sheriff's Office.

Naumann said more than 120 guns will be offered for sale at the auction. Most of them are handguns, he said, including many Glocks and Sig Sauers. The auction will include several shotguns and rifles, including some AK and

AR-style semi-automatics, including one Colt AR.

"This money will be used to support the Sheriff's Office," said Lt. David Beyer of the Sheriff's Office. "As many people know, there was a shortfall in this year's budget. Hopefully we can make that up by selling stuff like this."

Anyone interested in bidding can register early by contacting the Fayette County Sheriff's Office in person and providing the following: a valid copy of their FFL along

with valid identification such as a drivers license, US Passport or copy of a State Sales Tax Certificate. Buyers may also register between 8 and 10 a.m. on Sept. 28 before the auction starts.

Staff from the Fayette County Auditor's Office will be on hand to accept payment in US currency, cashier's check, money order or business check. No credit cards will be accepted.

Naumann said the auction will not be open to the general public.



Here's a look at some of the seized guns that will go up for auction by the Sheriff's Department next week.



Worn and damaged boards on the side of the depot's Katy caboose are being replaced with cypress. A new paint job will then complete the historic railcar's refurbishing.

Photo by Larry Jackson

Caboose Gets New Lease on Life

By **LARRY JACKSON**
The Fayette County Record

Solid cypress boards and fresh yellow paint are giving a bright new face to a caboose at the La Grange MKT Depot Museum.

"Thanks to a grant from Second Chance Emporium, we will be able to tell this caboose's story for years to come," said Gale Lincke, a longtime director of the non-profit museum.

The story began in 1937, when a fleet of wood-sheathed cabooses was built in the Denison, Texas, shops of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas (Katy) Railroad. No. 835 was among the original group built in 1937 and plied the rails for many decades at the end of Katy freight trains. But in 1964, the railroad retired the caboose as surplus equip-

ment.

It went through several owners before Bruce Blalock, a Katy/Union Pacific engineer, acquired it and moved it to his Smithville bed-and-breakfast, The Katy House.

In 2014, Blalock and Bill Karisch of Winchester, both fervent members of the Friends of the La Grange Railroad Depot, donated the car to the museum. There it joined another caboose Karish had been instrumental in acquiring, the green bay-window car that has been at the depot since 2009.

With careful attention to authentic colors and original Katy lettering, the museum refurbished the Katy caboose and opened it to visitors. It's thought to be the last remaining wooden caboose built by the Katy. But after nearly a

decade sitting adjacent to the busy UP tracks through La Grange, it needed repainting and repairing.

Last month, Second Chance presented the museum with a donation of \$15,000. Since its 1996 opening, the busy resale shop now on South Reynolds Street has donated more than \$3.1 million to local nonprofits, ranging from healthcare and education to scholarships.

The depot is open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with free admission. Built in 1897, the depot celebrated its 125th anniversary last year, when the train station itself was repainted and repaired.

Lincke expects the caboose work to be finished in a few weeks, and then it will again be open for visitors.

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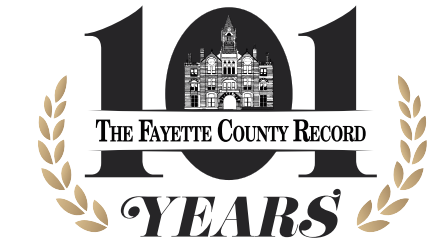
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LHS Class of 1963 Holds 60th Reunion

Twenty-nine members of the Class of 1963 of La Grange High School celebrated the 60th anniversary of their graduation at the Sealand Seafood & Steaks restaurant in La Grange this past Saturday, Sept. 16.

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Engle Farmers Mutural Annual Meeting Oct. 7

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MEETING

October 7, 2023

The membership of the Engle Farmers Mutual Benefit Association, Inc. will hold their **Annual Meeting on Saturday October 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the KC Hall in Schulenburg.** Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to act on all regular business, accept financial and committee reports, and to elect directors of the Association according to the By-Laws.

Following the meeting, a complimentary meal will be served to each member and their spouse or guest only. Non-Member meal tickets will be available at a nominal cost. **THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE TAKE HOME PLATE LINE** - All members will be served through main serving lines only (members may take their plate home or eat at the hall).

Premium payments will not be accepted at the Annual Meeting.

(91-3wc)

Notice of Public Sale

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE of property to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale is 11:00 a.m., Sept. 29, 2023 at 1534 East Hwy 159, La Grange, Texas. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Clean-up and removal deposit may be required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from the sale. Property includes contents of space of the following tenant: Conni Wilson misc. items. Jason McCoy misc. items. Contact Weeren Storage, 1534 East Hwy 159, La Grange, TX 78945, 979-968-9450.

(91-2wc)

Round Top Vineyards Applies For TABC Permit

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Winery Permit by Round Top Vineyards, LLC dba Round Top Vineyards to be located at 733 W Fuchs Rd., Carmine, Fayette County, Texas. Officer of said corporation is Richard C. Rolland, Managing Member.

(93-2c)

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an abuse/neglect petition has been filed against you in the above-named court and county by the State of New Mexico. In the petition, the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department alleges that you have neglected and/or abused P.S., a child, and seeks legal custody of the child.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that this matter will be heard in the children's court division of the district court in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, no sooner than twenty (20) days after the last publication date of this notice.

The name of the attorney for the petitioner is: Stephanie Padilla, whose office address is 4501 Indian School Rd. NE, Bldg. 3, Suite 110, Albuquerque, NM and whose office number is 505-841-7980.

THIS PROCEEDING MAY RESULT IN TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS.

Clerk of the District Court
Children's Court Division
Stephanie Padilla
Deputy
Date: 07-06-2023



New Business ‘Cardinals’ Ground’ in Town; Emerson Parry Wins at County Fair

Fayetteville residents will soon reap the benefits of a business venture being established from the ground up. Rice and Paula Lummis were married last November in their beautiful family home on Rusk St. After three years in Houston the couple relocated to the property full-time in February and have established a “market garden,” a food plot the size of a tennis court. They plan to grow food for sale to the local community.

“We’ve always been drawn to this area and are enjoying getting to know people in town. We’re also very excited to be new business members of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce,” stated Paula. “Rice and I have been growing food for ourselves for several years now and in 2024 we will be ready to open our doors to offer fruits and vegetables and other services to the community and visitors.”

Their venture, “Cardinals’ Ground,” will provide fresh produce right here in town for a monthly subscription starting next March. “Once every two weeks, we will greet customers while they pick up their fresh, seasonal selections and learn how to grow their own food at home. We really love the idea of building community around healthy food choices,” stated Rice. Rice works in business operations and risk management for a start-up energy tech

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By CINDY STEPHENS Fayetteville News Correspondent

company. Learn more and get your name on their waitlist: www.cardinalsground.com or follow them on Instagram.

Fire Department

Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Department Fire and EMS call report for August:

Aug. 6-Check fire on FM 955 at Jurecka Rd.

Aug. 9, Assist Medic 2, First responder call at State Hwy. 159 at CH Allen Rd.

Aug. 12, Assist Medic 3, one vehicle accident on Wunderlich Rd. near FM 954.

Aug. 22, Assist Medic 3, one vehicle accident on FM 1291 at Haw Creek Rd.

Aug. 29, Grass fire on Leslie Rd. at Burnside Rd.

Aug. 31, Grass fire on N. Rusk St. before Fayetteville ISD.

The chief reminds the citizens of Fayette County that the county remains under a burn ban. The fine for a burn ban violation can cost up to \$500.

Clay Invitational

The second Fayetteville

Clay Invitational featuring artists from San Antonio, San Marcos, Wimberley and Fayetteville opened last Saturday at the Red & White Gallery. A large selection of pieces, from figurative to functional, by artists JoLea Arcidiacono, Danville Chadbourne, Mary Fischer, Bridget Hauser, Gaye Lynn Hodgson, Michael Hodgson, Cecy Holcomb, Pat Johnson, Lebeth Lammers, Billy Ray Mangham, Jamie Wade, and Jess Wade are on display and available through Oct. 21.

Check out the websites www.redandwhitegalleryonline.com and www.fayettevilleclayinvitational.com.

Harvest Moon celebration

The Wine Bar at the Grand Fayette is celebrating the subtleties of the season and the rising of the Harvest Moon with a very special dinner Saturday, Sept. 30 at 6 p.m. The long table supper on Fayette Street will feature a beautifully crafted multi-course feast with thoughtful wine pairings. Enjoy a welcome cocktail hour in the historic Grand Fayette Hotel & Courtyard with wine specialist Jason Seals while Mike Stroup and Annie Rost provide their magic. A portion of the proceeds benefit the Fayette Community Foundation Scholarship Fund. For the full menu and more, go to the Facebook page for The Wine Bar at the Grand Fayette.

Fayetteville Museum

If you would like to visit the Fayetteville Museum, call Bob McGowen at (832) 904-6290 or Debbie Pflughaupt at (979) 249-6249.

Lions’ Club

Author Elaine Thomas shared her vast knowledge of the lives of veterans at a recent Lions’ Club meeting.

Award Winner

A huge shout out to eight-year old Emerson Parry who earned top honors for his sweet honey at the Fayette County Fair. Parry now has five beehives despite the harsh Texas heat and drought. He is the son of Robert and Elizabeth Parry.

Celebrations

Happy birthday wishes to: Gary Grayson-Sept. 22; Ronnie Polasek-25; Kacy Kovar Dusek, Jerri Stanley, John Stanley Jr. -26; Diane Supak-27.

Have News?

The deadline for sending news for this weekly column is every Sunday morning. Feel free to share what’s going on or coming up in our small town. Lots of special events, family gatherings and celebrations, home projects, community, school, business and organization activities happen around here. If it’s special to you or someone you know in our community, feel free to text (713) 261-0786 or email newsinfayetteville@gmail.com.



Emerson Parry with his 1st place winning honey.

Gardening: On Trees

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Wind blowing against the tree encourages the roots to better anchor it to the soil. You might feel the need to anchor tall trees with a small root ball that you buy from the nursery. I think it’s a better idea to select younger, smaller nursery trees. Older trees that have been grown in pots their whole life are more susceptible to stress after you plant them.

Finally, what kinds of trees should you plant? That’s a topic for another day. If you want to plant fruit trees, you need to research chilling requirements. Different varieties of fruit trees require a certain number of hours of cold weather during the year before they will set fruit. I recommend visiting a nursery that specializes in fruit trees. They can help you select varieties that will give you the

best chance of success.

Finally, lots of people want to plant citrus trees, myself included. But I’ve learned the hard way that citrus trees are extremely difficult to keep citrus alive outside during the winter in this part of Texas. If you travel even just 50 miles south of here, you can often find citrus growing outside. But La Grange is just a little too far north for almost all citrus. If you really want to grow citrus in the ground outside, make sure you select dwarf varieties that you can insulate and cover when it freezes. Some folks have successfully grown Satsuma oranges and Meyer lemons outside, but not me. I lost a Meyer lemon tree last winter to the cold, even though I covered it. From now on, I only grow citrus in large pots that I can bring inside during a freeze.

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Genealogy, Fear, and Worrying

When we learn family stories by putting two and two together after decades of ignorance, some really intriguing revelations can appear. For example, my father was always particularly close to the first cousins who were children of his two Aunt Claras, one a sister of his father and the other of his mother. Both of the aunts died when Dad was quite young, as well as his grandmother, who coincidentally was also named Clara.



By **ANNETTE CITZLER**
Special to the Record

WOW! “Clara” must have been a name that seemed to him to carry a curse. In fact, instead of there being any later babies named Clara on either side of my extended family, I know of none. And what made my father so close to those cousins whose mothers had died? Probably the rest of their aunts and uncles (including Dad’s parents) rallied around and visited the bereaved families a lot, and invited the surviving children/cousins to come and stay overnight often to give their widower fathers a break, especially during stressful times like harvest or planting seasons. So Dad grew up visiting and playing with those cousins more than the others.

But what I did not put together until studying birth and death dates recently in the extended families’ genealogy was how traumatic it must have been for my father and his brother (three years older) to have these three deaths occur so close together in their childhood. [Dad’s sister was much younger and was born three years after the third of the Claras died.]

What must it have been like for Dad to lose a grandmother and two aunts over the course of only three years, at ages five, seven, and eight? I know Dad always said he grew up fearing his own mother would die young, when in fact she lived into her early 90’s. But his mother herself was also a fearful person (perhaps because her own father died in a runaway wagon accident when she was only four), always worrying about the slightest little thing, and taking as few chances as possible with any pending activity or decision. She never traveled far; she sucked in her breath if Grandpa got too close to the edge of the road when driving; she never got on a plane (nor a train, as far as I know).

A quiet, pious woman, she prayed for safe homecomings; shed more than a few tears when my dad, her second son and middle child, left for the European Theatre in World War II; and was quite fearful for me when I (at age 23) left to study for a year in Switzerland, traveled later in Europe and China, and then also led extended student study groups to Mexico and West Africa (Liberia.)

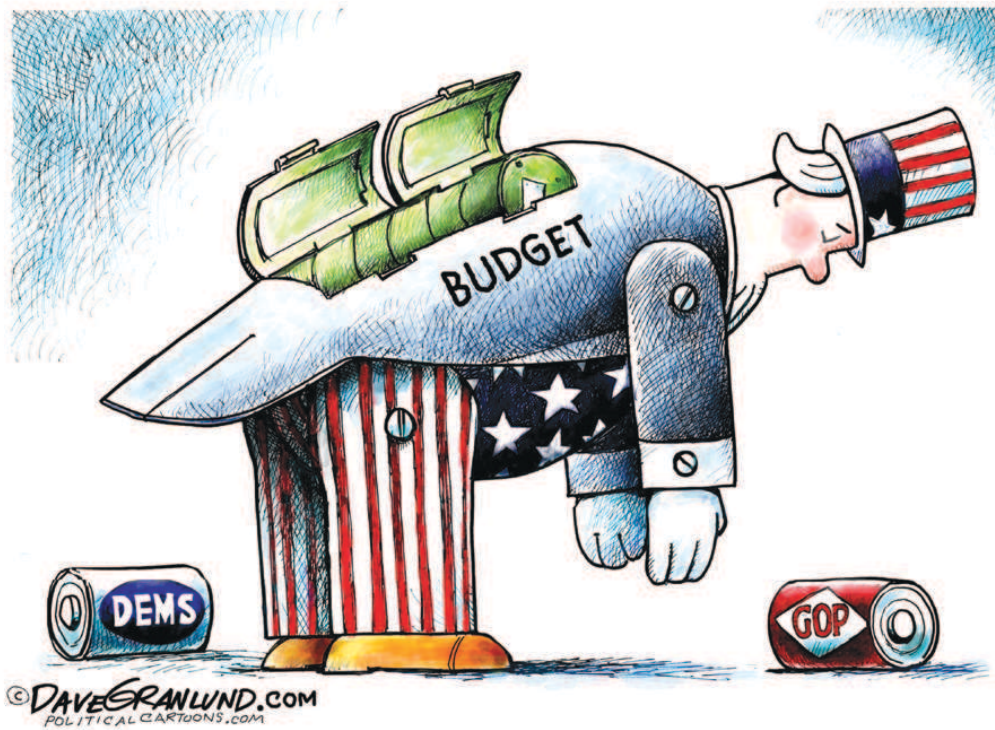
My reply to Grannie’s expressions of concern about my travels was always that if my great-grandparents (her in-laws) could come all the way to Galveston from Germany in 1884 with four little girls on a steamer that took 14 weeks for the voyage, burying one of them (the baby) at Key West, FL, on the way, then I surely came from people with a strong will and perhaps even wanderlust, so I was embarking on something that was “in my genes.” That was probably fake bravado on my part at first. I was indeed probably biting off more than I could comfortably chew in a couple of those ventures, but I was determined not to live my life as a prisoner to my own fears, much less my grandmother’s.

It’s not easy to face down one’s fears, and I have enough of my Grannie’s anxiety genes also to have needed counseling more than once in my life. Worry about getting on an airplane became almost obsessive at one point, and I had to undertake some behavior modification therapy to get past it, for my work required me to travel several times a year by air. [Whoever heard of an International Studies Director who couldn’t stand to get on a plane???

In any case, my own nervousness due to over-worrying now seems to me to be a sign of too much self-centeredness, and so now I try to focus on the needs of others and worry about them more and about myself less. Likewise it helps me a great deal to pray for others instead of only praying for myself! I suppose I could even say that a corollary of the Golden Rule might be to “Pray for others, as you would wish to be prayed for.”

When you don’t know what to do, dear friends, I suggest you say a prayer asking God to look out for the needs of others, naming those people one by one, as you can. That’s a wonderful way to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. For in praying for them, we worry less about ourselves and thereby help to make our own lives better.

Be kind to others and pray for them, do something venture-some, and don’t be distracted by anxious, fearful worrying, dear readers! We’ll all be better off!



Paxton Acquitted on All Impeachment Counts

Ken Paxton has been reinstated as Texas Attorney General after the Texas Senate on Saturday acquitted him of charges of bribery and misuse of office. Only two Republican senators joined the 12 Democrats in voting to convict him of some of the 16 charges heard by the Senate, with four other charges dismissed by the Senate, The Dallas Morning News reported.

“Today, the truth prevailed,” Paxton said in a statement issued immediately after the verdict. “The truth could not be buried by mudslinging politicians or their powerful benefactors.”

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presided over the impeachment trial, scolded the House for voting overwhelmingly for impeachment of the embattled attorney general in late May. House Speaker Dade Phelan responded that Patrick was “confessing his bias.”

“The inescapable conclusion is that today’s outcome appears to have been orchestrated from the start, cheating the people of Texas of justice,” Phelan said.

Paxton is not out of legal hot water yet. He faces a trial in March on an eight-year-old indictment for securities fraud. He is also the focus of a federal probe into his relationship with developer Nate Paul that led to some of the impeachment charges.

Out-Of-State Firefighters Head to Texas

As drought and high temperatures continue to contribute to wildfires in Texas, more than 1,400 firefighters from 38 states and territories have arrived this year to help with response, the Texas Tribune reported. The number of wildfires that the Texas A&M Forest Service responded to in July and August skyrocketed to 163 in July and 501 in August, far above the average since 2005 of 103 in July and 151 in August.

“Drought development and the number of consecutive 100-plus degree days has contributed to critically dry vegetation across much of the state, which is supportive of wildfire activity,” said Erin O’Connor, program specialist for the Texas A&M Forest Service. “With current conditions, we have wildfires that are more complex and show extreme fire behavior, hold heat longer and require more time and effort to suppress.”

As of Sunday, the service reported six active wildfires, most of which are nearly contained. Recent rainfall has lowered the state fire level from 4 to 3.

There are currently 215 counties with burn bans in place. Luckily, widespread rainfall in the Hill Country, North and East Texas and much of the Rolling Plains is reducing the risk.

CAPITAL Highlights



By **GARY BORDERS**
Texas Press Association

Alamo City a Hotbed of Exile Intrigue

A crowd of several hundred supporters showed up at the San Antonio train station on Sep. 24, 1911 to cheer the arrival of Bernardo Reyes, a Mexican general on the lam.

During his 45-year rise up the ranks, Gen. Reyes won widespread respect for his honesty and ability, two traits not normally associated with the corrupt officer corps. He even managed to fill the bill as Porfirio Diaz’s right-hand man without being tainted by the unpopularity of the detested tyrant. Reyes was, in the last analysis, the least rotten apple in the barrel.

Afraid his loyal aide might get ambitious ideas of his own, Diaz sent him on a meaningless mission to Europe in 1909. Recalled too late in May 1911 to save the senile despot



By **BARTEE HAILE**
This Week in Texas History

from his well-deserved overthrow, Reyes decided to run for president in Mexico’s first open election in decades.

By September the general reluctantly realized he did not stand a chance against Francisco Madero, hero of the powerless peasantry. Forsaking the ballot for the more traditional bullet, Reyes slipped out of the country disguised as an invalid.

His destination was San Antonio, the Texas town fast becoming the home away from home for Mexican counter-revolutionaries. Formally welcomed by the mayor and two days later by Gov. Oscar B. Colquitt, Reyes assured both that he had nothing sinister up his sleeve, a routine disclaimer no one believed.

Not so naive as to expect the American officials to actually lend a helping hand, Reyes did count on his hosts leaving him alone to carry out his coup. After all, he reasoned, Madero had been extended the same courtesy during his stay in San Antonio, and turnabout was fair play.

But the high-profile exile came under suspicion from the very start. As early as the day before he reached San An-

EMS Needs Competitive Wages

By **JOSH VANDEVER**

Director, Fayette County EMS

“Mobile healthcare delivered with dignity, respect and compassion for the community we serve.” That’s the mission of the Fayette County Emergency Medical Service, which has been serving the residents and visitors of Fayette County since 1976.

Due to the magnitude of developments in local healthcare, that mission is more vital today than ever before.

I empathize with elected officials and taxpayers concerned about their increasing tax burden. I share these concerns. Still, to provide the excellent medical services our citizens both expect and deserve, it takes trained personnel and functional equipment.

In the past few years, Fayette County has come a long way in both regards.

In 2020, Fayette County’s EMS Director and Assistant EMS Director both resigned their positions within rapid succession of each other.

The county owned seven ambulances. Four were staffed full-time and the other three were operated as reserves and used periodically for standbys around the county.

Within days of my being appointed as the new EMS Director, all three of our reserves were in the shop with significant mechanical issues. Some of the fleet had over 350,000 miles on them. Vehicles were in various states of disrepair. At one point, shortly after my starting, one of our front-line ambulances broke down resulting in us having to staff one of the county’s four EMS stations with a pickup truck. It could respond to calls but, under state law, could not have any transport capability.

Besides equipment problems, about a third of our paramedic positions were vacant and no applications were coming in. People in our profession pay attention to what things look like. When people are being worked that hard and with failing equipment, it does not exactly attract applicant interest.

Fortunately, Commissioners Court understood the situation was dire and that significant steps had to be taken to rectify things. I made the commissioners aware of my analysis of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats facing our county’s EMS system.

Also fortunately, American Rescue Plan funding became available at just this time. Without that funding, this county would still be in dire straits as

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Letters to the Editor

Same Story - Different Actor

To the Editor:
Sgt. Randy Thumann and Lobos visited Lester Keilers on his 80th birthday in 2018 - R.I.P. Lobos.
Sgt. Thumann and his partner, Kolt made a special appearance on last Thursday, Sept. 14, for Keilers' 85th birthday celebration in Oldenburg. Thumann and Kolt were a hit and made Lester's special day one for the memory banks for a long time to come.
Many thanks to our Sheriff's Department for their

continued service and kindness extended to their citizens.

Linda Duke Oldenburg



Condition of My Gift

To the Editor:
I am compelled to write this letter after reading the article by Andy Behlen in the Sept. 19 Fayette County Record. Apparently, my name was brought up several times during the recent Commissioners Court agenda. While I appreciate and whole heartedly agree with the comments from Commissioner Sternadel and Commissioner Brossman, I take exception to the comments of the other Commissioners. I also take exception and offence to the comments made by Deborah Frank about me and recent gifts to the first responders of Fayette County.
To be frank, no pun intended, my gift to the county was to specifically to offset most of the County budget allocated for purchase of needed equipment for the first responders to free up funds to increase the salaries of to at least the minimum paid by our neighboring Counties (approximately 10% increase) until the \$350,000 State grant provided by SB 22 is received by the County in January. In fact, a condition of my gift was to raise the salaries of our first responders, or I wanted my money back. As to Ms. Frank's comment that the rest of the County is struggling to pay taxes and their bills, I realize some citizens are, but Fayette County has one of the most robust economies in the State as evidenced by the continued growth of sales tax revenues received by the County. Also, the unemployment rate in our County is at historical lows

and businesses are thriving so much that it is a struggle to find employees, as reflected in the employment adds in the paper.
As to Commissioners Mc-Broom and Berkenhoff's comments that the County should be placing monies in reserve, both gentlemen have been in office and controlling the County expenditures for many years. I question why they have not increased the reserves during their tenure as County employees. As to Commissioner Mc Broom's comments about the Sheriff's salary increase, I wish to point out increasing the Sheriff's salary was necessary for the County even qualify to be eligible for the SB 22 grant as the Sheriff's salary was considerably lower than the amount the State deems adequate for a County our size.
As to the small sermons recited by others in attendance at Commissioners Court, I am reminded what the what my Lord and Savior told the Pharisees when questioned about paying taxes to the government. Render unto Caesar what is Caesar's. And render unto God what is God's.
Additionally, I am somewhat perplexed why an article that questions my gift to the County deserves front page coverage, when I make a gift that benefits emergency responders on the anniversary of 9/11 the article is delegated to the last page and the last of the section of The Record.

Steve Hillhouse La Grange

The Mythology of 1619

To the Editor:
The 1619 Project is a mythical rewrite of history for current political purposes and students are being required to use this myth as the sole resource for their assignment in a mandatory History class at the Univ. of Texas at Arlington. The 1619 Project is part of the required core class materials and for a specific assignment students are told they may only use the 1619 Project as a resource. Why?
Our taxpayer money is being used to promote this mythical history instead of the truth of our national past. What are the imagined values underlying this recent rewrite of American history?
The author of the previous letter to the Fayette County Record titled "The Mythical Past," stated "we must tell the truth about history to serve the common good through prudent public policies." I agree. In the same letter the author stated, "What is offered as a distorted mythical past denies you (the reader, listener, student?) the opportunity to deal with reality today and make rational decisions about your freedom, family, and future."
The professors teaching this mandatory history class at Univ. of Texas at Arlington requiring the use of the 1619 Project materials are denying students "the opportunity to deal with reality today, and make rational decisions about freedom, family, and future." Is it any wonder there a so many

confused, irrational, frustrated young people today?
According to Dennis Prager, "Most American students know little about the American Revolution, let alone about the French or Russian Revolutions. The same holds true for the Constitution and every other American founding document. It is doubtful that American students know anything about Washington and Jefferson other than the fact they owned slaves. According to Pew, "about half of Americans ages 18-39 cannot identify Auschwitz or any other Nazi death camp." "A true depiction of the evils of the 20th century would mean the end of the two pillars of left-wing ideology: secularism and big government."
If a parent determines the K-12 government school his child has been assigned to geographically that is not offering a curriculum that includes language arts and honest Texas, U.S. and world history, but instead is promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion or fabricated history that will not prepare his child for a place in society, a career choice, or help the child make rational decisions, that parent should be allowed a voucher to enroll his child in a school that will.
We cannot expect strong leaders for freedom when truth in any subject is denied the student.

Cindy Rodibaugh, Flatonia

Students Deserve Vouchers

To the Editor:
This is in response to the Sept. 15 Letter to the Editor "End School Voucher Program."
Mr. Pate's comment "But some of our elected officials and private special interests are trying to funnel public dollars into private schools by pushing voucher programs that divide families against each other and worsen the quality of schools where most kids learn and grow" is most disturbing. Dividing families certainly never affected my school days and worsen the quality of schools is definitely questionable.
My sister and I and numerous others are products of a "private" school. Our parents worked extra hard to both pay their taxes and provide additional funds for that education. It was never their intent to "keep us out of the public schools just to destroy the public education system." Their sole purpose was to provide us with the best possible education and if another school was available, that was their decision. All schools are accredited by the Texas Education Agency. To claim that attending a private learning institution would "worsen the quality of schools where most kids learn and grow" is totally untrue. Since all schools are experiencing a shortage of teachers, I would assume less students per teacher would be an educational benefit both for students and teachers.

Proposition 9

To the Editor:
On Nov. 7, 2023, there is a State of Texas Statewide Constitutional Amendment Election. Please encourage everyone to vote for Proposition Number 9.

Jeff F. Hudec Weimar

Impeachment Takeaway

To the Editor:
The takeaway from the corruption of the Texas Senate in the Paxton impeachment vote: "Drain the Swamp – except when criminals, liars and adulterers are OUR criminals, liars and adulterers."
There are 150 Representatives, but one seat is currently vacant leaving 149 to vote. 121 voted for impeachment (81.2% of the House), including 64.5% of Republicans and 100% of Democrats.
Then the Senate Swamp took over. Lois Kolkhorst, our State Senator, did not even want to see the evidence, voting for the motion to summarily toss the impeachment.
Next time you hear "Drain the Swamp" from Senator Kolkhorst, remind her of this vote in favor of the corrupt criminal leading our Texas Department of Justice. And for what? To kowtow to Paxton cheerleader and criminal and compulsive liar, Moby Don, the Great White Whale sinking the Ship of State? [Melville, Plato, Longfellow]
Back up the tape to 2016 and those free of Alzheimer's will recall Moby Don leading the chants "Lock her up" and "Drain the Swamp." Dial forward to the present, and the Cult gives passes to Moby Don and his loyal criminals with bizarre excuses justifying brazen criminal behavior. And all of this from a political party claiming that it champions "Law and Order."

Sacrebleu!
Corruptio optima pessima (corruption at its worst or corruption of the best is the worst) – Anonymous, Roman Republic

Edward R. Dykes La Grange

Test Day

Love everything that comes to me?
Is it necessary to love all the calamities or misfortunes that come to me? Really?
Do I have to embrace chasing that massive cockroach across the room in order to eliminate it permanently from my house?
I suppose I can love that it makes me get up from my comfortable chair and dash around the room. Exercise is good for me.
And picking up dog poop...it's not the picking up that bothers me, it's the standing there pretending I'm not embarrassed that my dogs are taking their morning constitutional on the public sidewalk in front of city's most expensive hotel.
I do understand the thought process of knowing all things can teach me something about myself, but I'm really not into a lot of learning. I would prefer to skip a grade or two, and sidestep those uncomfortable, painful and humiliating lessons that 'they' say are good for me. I would rather just let some activities, people, and thoughts be loved by someone else. Let someone other than me suffer and learn to accept reality. They can tell me about what they learned.
However, that isn't how life is. I must learn my own lessons, experience my own guilt; I am required to stumble through life hitting walls of ignorance so I can find the door to the next disaster.
All those bruises, hard knocks, discomfort and emotional highs and lows must be experienced by oneself. Hopefully the lesson will be learned the first time around the block, or I will no doubt have to repeat until I finally pass the test of that particular moral tutorial and learn to hug that unpleasant fact or truth about myself and accept it as my own.
The problem is often I'm unaware it is test day until the pain of some action becomes severe. That's when it's necessary to make an apology and reevaluate my behavior or decision.
I can thank the universe for this lesson learned and move on to the next mess up, anticipating graduation is just around the corner and testing will end. At 81, I believe that time is nearing.

That Little Voice

By MARGO JOHNSON



Vandever: A Difficult Balance

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it applies to EMS. Thanks to the commissioners court's approval and at the urging of then County Judge Joe Weber, ARP funds were used to purchase two ambulances, remodel an EMS station that was in rough shape, build a new station in Schulenburg and fund a living quarters in the Round Top Fire Station to provide more time-sensitive EMS response in the northeastern part of the county.
On top of this we recapitalized some mission critical equipment that was in failing condition or quickly becoming obsolete, such as ventilators and cardiac monitor/defibrillators.
There was also the issue of personnel. Fayette County paramedic pay was well below other nearby departments.
Last year the commissioner's court granted 5% raises to county employees and we were able to rearrange funding in our own budget to give a little bit more money to para-

medic positions. Still, neighboring services were passing us both in pay and in benefits. We had a three-month period in Q4 of 2022 where we did not receive a single paramedic application despite multiple openings in the schedule.
I am not deaf to the fact that a 9.2% raise to the EMS department salary schedule is a big ask. I maintain, however, that the proposed numbers are well-supported and consistent with (actually below) what comparable EMS systems in our region are paying their employees.
Salary isn't everything, but to most it is a very important factor in the deciding where to start and continue your career. If you can make \$3,000 to \$5,000 more to do the same job, closer to home, why wouldn't you?
I am only asking for the court and the citizens of this county to enable our department to offer competitive wages to better empower us to be able to recruit, train, and re-

tain high quality staff. Without high quality staff, the equipment, vehicles and stations would mean little to the health and safety of our residents.
At the end of the day it is up to the commissioners. Elected officials have the difficult task not only of running a government, but also of running for re-election. I can only imagine the added stress that the budget process puts on that task.
I am very appreciative of the past support for our department and I am sure that in the future we will continue to work together as a team despite disagreeing at times, and serve our county to the best of our ability.
Josh Vandever, Director of Fayette County EMS, has been working and volunteering in emergency response since 2007. A licensed paramedic, certified firefighter and graduate of Blinn College and Sam Houston State University, he and his family live in Fayette County.

ACROSS

1 seat of McLennan County

5 Texas moonwalker, Bean

6 both Texas Christian & Notre claim the 1938 national championship

7 "Hook '... Horns!"

8 gun rights grp.

9 TXism: "first out of the box"

15 Tex Ritter sang the theme song for 1952 western "High"

16 TXism: "you're buying oats for a (waste)"

19 TXism: "lower than belly"

21 Waxahachie's county

22 most outlandish fishing story? (2 wds.)

27 popular seasoning

28 abuse sexually

29 dead

30 illegal pursuer of another person

32 this Agee blocked for Emmitt Smith in 1990 (init.)

33 TXism: "go to (Sunday)"

36 Texans love black-peas

37 a wager at Lone Star Park

38 Texas-based film, "Comin' Back, Red Ryder?"

39 she wore flannel PJs on her honeymoon"

41 cell service provider

42 least serious crime: _____ misdemeanor

45 "get _____ of it"

46 TXism: "got _____ many irons in the fire"

47 Vega High class (2 wds.)

48 TXism: "that's a horse _____ different color"

49 TX James Baker was Reagan's and George H.W.'s Chief _____

52 TXism: "there's more of them than _____ in Texas"

53 Texas Traveling Wilbury, Roy (init.)

54 between E.III and E.V?

55 President born in Denison, TX (init.)

DOWN

1 TXism: "tight _____ (cheapskate)"

2 peach cobbler _____ mode

3 Milam County seat

4 TX Lucian Adams got Medal of Honor for _____ against Germans

8 TXism: "plain as the _____ on your face"

9 TXism: "_____ in church"

10 Quanah High class

11 six points on Fri. night

12 check phrase: "pay to _____"

13 sprawl or lie lazily

14 honorary Texas Ranger: _____ Stanley Gardner

15 TXism: "he couldn't drive a _____ a snow bank"

16 Seur _____ Salle, an explorer in Texas

17 Jenna Bush Hager to Barbara Bush Coyne

18 real _____ size" (slow witted)

20 a Houston suburb

22 famous UT and NFL QB, Layne (init.)

23 this Myers designed the Texas Capitol (init.)

24 meat & veggie dish

25 TXism: "he's a little shy in _____ size" (slow witted)

26 TXism: "he'll be _____ his own funeral"

28 archaic "reward"

31 Yoakum FM before it was KYKM

34 Yankee city (abbr.)

35 this Holiday spent time in Texas

37 southern Austin suburb on I-35

40 fit of pique

43 unauthorized absence for a soldier (abbr.)

44 Mavs fans were _____ up for 2022 playoffs

50 treasure _____

51 TXism: "drunk _____ skunk"

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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OBITUARIES



Prause

Velrie Nita Olga (Ilse) Prause, 91, of La Grange, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023.

Velrie was born in Houston on Oct. 13, 1931, the daughter of the late Norma (Scheu) and Lee Ilse.

Velrie was raised in Warrenton and graduated from La Grange High School in 1948. She loved music and dancing. Alongside her father and sisters, as a young lady, she played trumpet with The Lee Ilse Orchestra, her father's band. Before marriage, she worked at Fayette Memorial Hospital.

Velrie married the love of her life, Glen Arnold Prause, after he returned from the Korean War. They were married in La Grange on Nov. 30, 1952. Together they raised two sons and three daughters. She was great support to Glen and the entire Prause family while they ran the successful Prause Meat Market for many

years.

She was a long-time member of Saint Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in La Grange where she served for many years on the Altar Guild. She was also a long-time member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 102 and for many years sold poppies to raise money for disabled veterans.

Velrie was an avid reader and sports fan who loved attending her grandchildren's sporting events and concerts. She was a homemaker at heart. She loved taking care of her children, and as the family grew and the grandchildren and great-grandchildren came, she loved hosting huge family gatherings on holidays, birthdays, and special occasions. She loved to cook and bake for her family, and she enjoyed gardening, canning, and spending time outdoors.

Velrie is survived by one son: Gary Prause and wife, Connie of La Grange; three daughters: Susan Dawson and husband, Dick of Spring Branch; Nancy Wiswell and husband, Larry of Round Rock; Laurie Stork and fiancé, Jason Parks of La Grange; daughter-in-law, Jackie Prause Gest; sister-in-law, Carolyn Prause; twelve grandchildren: Amy Prause and husband, TJ; Aaron Prause; Brent Dawson and wife, Ashley; Kirk Dawson and wife, Chelsea; Kelly Wiswell; Brad Wiswell; Tyson Kurtz and wife, Katrina; Brooke Sustr and husband,

Benjamin; Macee Prause and fiancé, Joshua Wagner; Caleb Parks and wife, Ashleigh; Bethany Stork; and Cole Stork; thirteen great grandchildren: Case, Clare, Avery, and Hayden Dawson; Stella and Nova Dawson; Jaxon and Jenson Kurtz; Maddie, Benjamin, and Samuel Sustr; and Scarlett and Phoebe Wagner; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Glen A. Prause; son, Thomas "Tommy" G. Prause; father and mother-in-law; sisters: Leatrice Hartman and husband, Carl; Evelyn Jecmenek and husband, Leon; brother and sister-in-law, Steve Prause and wife, Dorothy; and brother-in-law, James "Moxie" Prause.

Visitation will be held Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Saint Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 110 W. Walnut St., La Grange. Funeral Services will follow at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023. Burial will follow at Cedar Cemetery, 3901 FM 609, La Grange.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Saint Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 110 W. Walnut St., La Grange, Texas 78945.

Family and friends can view and sign the guestbook online at www.lagrangefunerals.com.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Koenig-Belvill Funeral Home & Cremations in La Grange.



Koenning

Delton Roy Koenning, 83, of Winchester, passed away peacefully on Friday, Sept. 15, 2023, at his home surrounded by family.

Delton, known affectionately as "Butch" by his friends and family, was born on Dec. 10, 1939 in Winchester, to Willie and Hermine (Mitschke) Koenning. He was baptized at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Winchester on Dec. 17, 1939, by Pastor E. K. Rathgeber. He was later confirmed by Pastor Walter Streicher on April 11, 1954 at St. Michael's. His confirmation verse was John 15:5: "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

Delton graduated from La Grange High School in 1958 and shortly after moved to Houston. On June 3, 1960, he married Elna Marie (Farrack). Together, they established their home in Jersey Village and welcomed two children, Kenneth James and Diana Lynn. He and his family were devoted members of Epiphany Lutheran Church where he served as an Elder, Chairman

of the Board of Missions, and a member of the choir.

Delton dedicated 48 years of his life to the Auto Parts business, even starting his own business, KL Inventory. His success in his job awarded him trips all over the world. Together, Delton and Elna visited over 15 countries from Germany to Australia. Outside of work, Delton was an avid hunter. He enjoyed many deer seasons in Fredericksburg and always looked forward to the late winter weekend when his family would come together for sausage-making. In 2014, after retirement, Delton settled in Winchester where he enjoyed more time in the country with his cattle and his farm land.

Delton leaves behind a legacy of love and family. He is survived by his devoted wife of 63 years, Elna Marie (Farrack) Koenning; his son, Kenneth Koenning of Winchester; his daughter, Diana Stevens and husband, Troy of La Grange; his five grandchildren, Justin Koenning and wife, Rebekah of Winchester, Austin Demny and wife, Lindsay of Athens (Ala.), Jessica Demny and husband, Raghu Thammineni of Spice-wood, Jacob Koenning and wife Ashley of Rockport, and Madelynn Stevens of College Station; his two great-grandchildren, Eliza Demny and Grant Demny; his sisters, Gladys Teinert of La Grange and Mildred Kasper of Winchester, and his sister-in-law Audrey Koenning of Winchester; his caretaker, Alijah Grant of La Grange and numerous nieces and nephews and cousins.

Delton is preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Her-

mine "Minnie" Koenning; his brothers, Milton Koenning, Hugo Koenning, and Larry Koenning; his sister, Rose Bernstein; his brothers-in-law, Paul Teinert, Elgin Kasper and Wernis Bernstein, and his daughter-in-law, Christi Koenning.

Delton's life was marked by his unwavering faith, dedication to family, and a strong work ethic. He touched the lives of many and will be remembered with love and gratitude. His family deeply appreciates the care and support provided by Brian Owens, Bekah Koenning, Hilary Wilson, Alijah Grant, and the amazing staff at Hospice Brazos Valley.

Visitation for Delton will be held at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings on Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023 from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. and on Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023 from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. The family will be present for visitation Saturday evening from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m.

A funeral service will be held at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Winchester on Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023 at 2 p.m. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers will be Justin Koenning, Jacob Koenning, Austin Demny, Nick Brooks, Alijah Grant, and Raghu Thammineni.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Winchester, Hospice Brazos Valley in La Grange or to the charity of one's choice.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings.



Eberenz

Alice Mae (Wagner) Eberenz, 99, of Kerrville, went to her heavenly garden on Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023, to be with those she loved and longed to see again.

Alice was born in Industry on May 4, 1924, the daughter of the late Harry Hugo Wagner and Lillie (Luetge) Wagner. She enjoyed attending school in Winedale, where she won the spelling bee and played baseball.

She married her sweetheart and dance partner, Herbert Eberenz, on Sept. 25, 1943, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in La Grange. The young couple left La Grange in 1946 to manage their uncle Joseph Seiler's farm and ranch in Alice.

She was an excellent

seamstress and homemaker; there was always plenty of sweet baked goodies to be had. Being in her yard was her pass time, whether planting seeds, making floral arrangements, sewing, crocheting, or baking, her hands were always busy.

Upon retiring Alice and Herbert moved back to La Grange. "Yard of the Month" was a frequently awarded honor in both La Grange and Alice. After Herbert's death, Alice moved to Kerrville to be near family.

She is survived by daughter, Patricia Gohmert (Skipper) of Kerrville; grandson, William Herbert Gohmert (Tammy) of Kerrville; two great grandchildren: Lauren Rebecca Gohmert of San Antonio, and William Robert Gohmert of Austin; four great-great grandsons: Chylar Adan Moore, Carsyn Elliott Moore, Caelan Isaiah Moore and Lucian Jay Canales of San Antonio; sister and brother-in-law, Ila Nell Wagner Kieke (Daniel) of Carmine.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Herbert; sisters: Evelyn Erna Wagner Toll (Elton); Irma Leona Wagner Ahlhorn (Eugene); brother, Clarence William Wagner (Ruby); sisters-in-law: Hattie Havemann (Benny); Lydia

Eberenz-Fietsam (Joseph); brother-in-law, Werner Eberenz (Alice); niece, Joyce Janette Toll Domel (Raymond); nephews: David Havemann (Doris), Gregrey Fred Wagner, Glen Roy Toll and Roger Dale Toll.

A special "thank you" to the caring personnel of River Point Assisted Living/Memory Care and to Peterson Hospice, both in Kerrville.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Koenig-Belvill Funeral Home & Cremations. Family received friends from 5 to 7 p.m.

Funeral Services were held at Koenig-Belvill Funeral Home & Cremations at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023. Burial followed at La Grange City Cemetery.

Remember Alice and keep Texas beautiful by planting some flowers or contributing to Peterson Hospice, (by mail: 250 Cully Dr., Kerrville, TX 78028 or online: www.petersonhealth.com) or the charity of your choice.

Family and friends can view and sign the guestbook online at www.lagrangefunerals.com.

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LG Noon Lions Honor Dixon, Koenig



The La Grange Noon Lions Club presented Honorary Membership Awards to Lions Richard Dixon (left photo) and Weldon Koenig (right photo) for their dedication and service. Mark Ulrich presented both awards.



History: General Bernardo Reyes

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confidence. Insisting the large ranchers as well as the military were on his side, he predicted a cakewalk to the capital.

By early November 1911, South Texas was crawling with Reyistas who had sneaked across the Rio Grande. In Duval and Refugio counties the rebels bought horses and equipment, while the sheriffs of La Salle and Webb openly assisted them.

Reyes' withdrawal of \$60,000 from a San Antonio bank signaled a coordinated crackdown by state and federal lawmen backed by the U.S. Army. The cavalry was ordered to the border to intercept would-be invaders, as Madero mobilized the Mexican military to hunt down the few that made it through the American dragnet.

A federal grand jury at Laredo indicted Reyes on Nov. 18, and he was immediately ar-

rested at his San Antonio headquarters. By the time he posted bail, most of his followers were behind bars and practically his entire stockpile of arms and supplies had been confiscated.

Dazed by the sudden setback, Reyes was a general without an army. The unfavorable circumstances clearly called for retreat, but his remaining supporters demanded action. Accompanied by only two companions, Reyes again donned a disguise, gave the Americans the slip and headed for the river.

Ten days later, the general waded the Rio Grande on his not so triumphant return to Mexico. For two weeks, he played a deadly game of cat-and-mouse with pursuing soldiers while searching for his phantom force that never materialized. Exhausted by the humiliating ordeal, he meekly surrendered on Christmas morning.

Careful not to make a mar-

tyr out of his opponent, Madero chose to incarcerate Reyes rather than shoot him. But the president paid for his caution and compassion, when the repentant rebel joined fellow officers in the February 1913 uprising that brought down the regime.

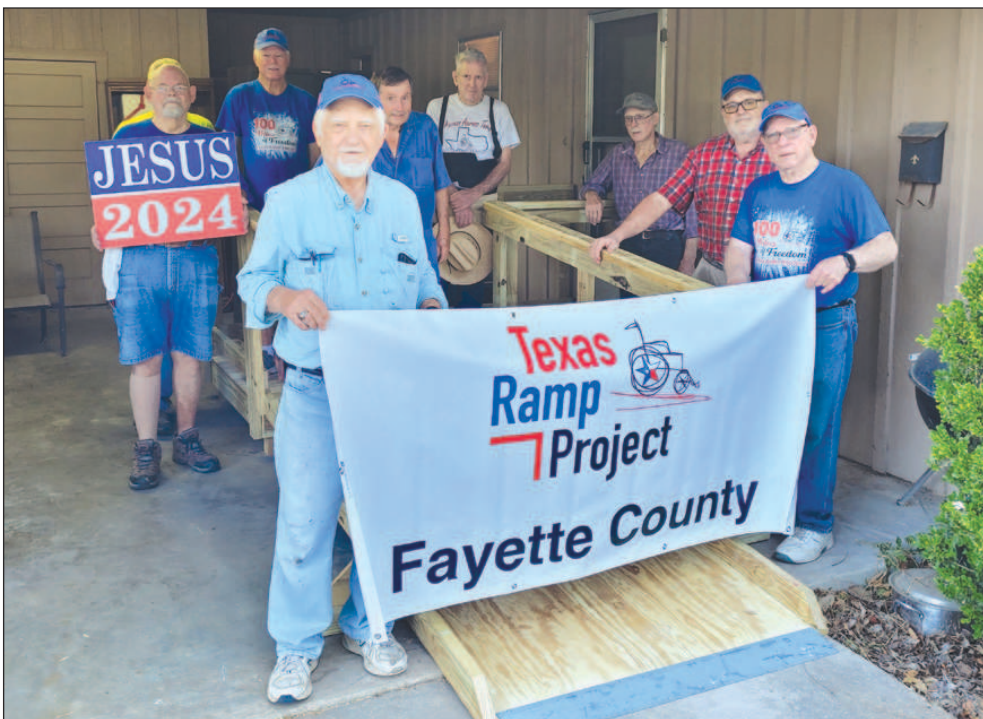
Despite his advanced age and the privileges of rank, Bernardo Reyes insisting upon leading the wild assault on the National Palace. He got his wish and a bullet to boot.

The very first to fall in the historic clash, Reyes seemed to have wasted his life on a lost cause. But Francisco Madero was betrayed by his own generals and died ten days later in a back-alley execution.

The bloodbath Mexicans called a revolution had only just begun.

Bartee welcomes your comments and questions at bartee-haile@gmail.com or P.O. Box 130011, Spring, TX 77393.

Texas Ramp Project Builds in La Grange



On Sept. 7, Texas Ramp Project volunteers of Fayette County built this 16 ft. ramp on S. College Street in La Grange.

Bernsen Earns Farm Bureau Homeschool Garden Grant

Abram Bernsen of Plum recently won a \$200 Texas Farm Bureau Homeschool Garden Grant. Bernsen plans to use the money to purchase fruit trees.

The garden grant program by Texas Farm Bureau helps students make connections to agriculture through learning what it takes to care for a garden project and relate the project to concepts learned within their curriculum. This year, Texas Farm Bureau opened the garden grant program to homeschool students.

The program grants up to \$200 to homeschool educators to help grow an understanding of food production and agriculture. Bernsen’s mother Brianne applied for the grant earlier this summer.

“Last year he won a \$50 prize from the Soil & Water Conservation District and used the money to buy a Satsuma Orange tree from CHB Land Management,” Brianne Bernsen said. “His new trees will be a nice addition to his collection. I hope this inspires other children to get inspired about farming.”



Abram Bernsen of Plum recently won a \$200 Texas Farm Bureau Homeschool Garden Grant. He is pictured above with a Satsuma orange tree that he purchase last year with prize money from the Soil and Water Conservation District. The budding orchardman plans to use the Farm Bureau grant to purchase additional fruit trees.

Fayette County 4-H Competes In Colorado County Livestock Judging

Fayette County 4-H members competed in the Colorado County Livestock Judging Contest on Saturday, Sept. 9.

The Fayette County 4-H Junior Maroon Team placed 3rd overall. Team members consisted of Abraham McBride, Kaisley Janecka, Kullen Kutac, and Tatum Fritsch. Individually, Abraham was 6th high point.

The Fayette County 4-H Junior Gold Team placed 12th overall. Team members consisted of Julia Melton, Crockett Guenther, and Sawyer Mau.

The Fayette County 4-H Junior White Team placed 15th overall. Team members consisted of Alexis Berckenhoff, Paige Carruthers, Adalyn Carrales, and Addison Eichler.

The Fayette County 4-H Junior Red Team placed 16th overall. Team members consisted of Holden Holub, Avah Noriega, and Hudson Holub.

The Fayette County 4-H Junior Green Team placed 22nd overall. Team members

consisted of Tate Fritsch, Kinley Kutac, Dylan Zweschper, and Rilan Karisch.

The Fayette County 4-H Junior Blue Team placed 32nd overall. Team members consisted of Abigale McBride, Meredith Carruthers, and Joseph Carrales.

The Fayette County 4-H Junior Pink Team placed 33rd overall. Team members consisted of Hayleigh Pizzitola, Emma Zweschper, and Abbi-

gale Eichler.

The Fayette County 4-H Senior Team placed 11th overall. Team members consisted of Cooper Mau, Rheagan Karisch, Harper Mau, and Peyton Gilchrest. Judging as an individual was Kaylee Hensley.

The Livestock Judging Team is coached by JoJo and Kaci Carrales. For more information, please contact the Fayette County Extension Office at (979) 968-5831.



Third place team: Colorado County Fair Queen, Tatum Fritsch, Kaisley Janecka, Abraham McBride, and Kullen Kutac.



Pictured front from left: Abigale McBride, Hudson Holub, Abbigale Eichler, Emma Zweschper, and Joseph Carrales; second row: Rilan Karisch, Dylan Zweschper, Abraham McBride, Holden Holub, Avah Noriega, Kinley Kutac, Hayleigh Pizzitola, Crockett Guenther, Adalyn Carrales, Tate Fritsch, Meredith Carruthers, and Coach Kaci Carrales; third row: Coach JoJo Carres, Laramie Laake, Kaylee Hensley, Julia Melton, Alexis Berckenhoff, Kaisley Janecka, and Sawyer Mau; back row: Cooper Mau, Peyton Gilchrest, Paige Carruthers, Rheagan Karisch, Tatum Fritsch, Kullen Kutac, Addison Eichler, and Harper Mau.

Woodmen Life Donates to AMEN Food Pantry



The La Grange area WoodmenLife recently donated to the AMEN Food Pantry in La Grange.

Structure Fire Quickly Extinguished, No Injuries

Fayette County Sheriff Keith Korenek reports that on Monday afternoon around 12:52 p.m. the Fayette County Sheriff’s Office received a 911 call reporting a structure fire on S. US Hwy. 77 past Hausmann Gin Rd.

The La Grange Fire Department was notified and responded to the scene along with Fayette County EMS supervisor and Medic Unit 1. Also responding to the scene was Deputies Joe Gonzales, and Seth Nagel. Upon arrival it was reported smoke coming from a metal building and an employee was attempting to extinguish the fire. Deputies arrived on the scene and assisted the employee with extinguishing the fire with extinguishers and also retrieved two dogs from the building prior to the Fire Departments arrival. After the La Grange Fire Department arrived the fire was quickly extinguished and there were no reported injuries.

The cause of the fire is believed to have started near an air compressor.

SNHU Announces Summer Dean’s List

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is pleased to announce the following students have been named to the Summer 2023 Dean’s List: Tanya Ellis of Flatonia and Courtney Piltz of La Grange. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.



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- Check the web site at www.janssenanimalshelter.org
- Email: info@janssenanimalshelter.org
- Wendie Dillard, Tech - wendie@janssenanimalshelter.org

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LHS National Honor Society Inducts New Members



The La Grange High School National Honor Society held their Induction Ceremony, Wednesday, Sept. 13 at the La Grange Performing Arts Center. New members are Bennett Barber, Jackson Bennett, Savannah Bretz, Mara Colon, Camden Coltrain, Haylie Cooper, Holdyn Cooper, Veer Desai, Addison Faske, Ely Glisson, John Gray, Landri Hernandez, Jodie Kaspar, John Kaspar, Sarah Kay, Riley Lowe, Caitlyn Muras, Jill Newton, Genesis Parada, Dominick Smith, Jessica Torres, Julie Vazquez, Madeline Willrich and Autumn Wolf.

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