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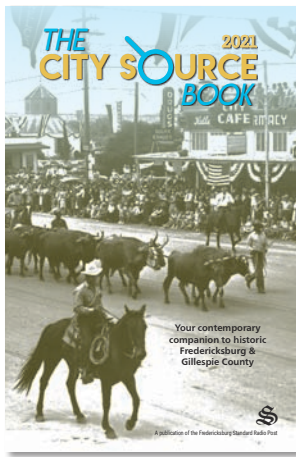
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Jan. 26-Feb. 1, 2021			
Rainfall for this week00	
Rainfall for January95	
Rainfall for February00	
Rainfall for 2021	.....	.95	
Normal for Date	.....	1.78	
Same Date Last Year	.....	3.38	
Low — Jan. 28	.....	28	
High — Jan. 31	.....	75	

	High	Low	Rain
Tuesday	73	35	
Wednesday	73	38	
Thursday	60	28	
Friday	65	32	
Saturday	75	56	
Sunday	75	39	
Monday	65	31	
Total Rain			.00

Courtesy Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park.

Burn ban is off for Gillespie County. Use caution and call 997-5603 for information.



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CORONAVIRUS

Positivity testing rate falls to 14% after post-holiday high

HCM will launch revamped online portal to ease virus signup

By Samuel Sutton
Standard-Radio Post reporter

Hill Country Memorial's positivity rate has dropped significantly over the past month, according to hospital officials.

And HCM officials say a smoother sign-up process for vaccine administration is being rolled out.

LEADER Q&A

HCM's Amanda Stevens talks about community efforts to offer vaccines in Hill Country, page **A2**.

Dr. Jim Partin, chief medical officer at HCM, said the hospital's positivity percentage for in-house testing has

dropped to 14%, down from 34% since Jan. 5.

"In a month's time, we've almost dropped it more than half," Partin said. "That's a pretty significant improvement, and also the fact that we only have eight COVID-19 patients now in the hospital, down from our previous numbers."

CORONAVIRUS ► **A/B3**

RING-A-DING-DING!



From left, Steve Olfers, Polly Priess and Anthony Ware strike celebratory poses and show off the Aggie ring that brought them together. Priess is also an Aggie while Olfers' daughters graduated from Texas A&M University. Duane Neffendorf and Alonso Castillo (not pictured) also helped return the ring to its owner. — Madalyn Watson/ Standard-Radio Post

More than a ring

Locals banded together at car wash to find a stranger's lost Aggie ring

By Madalyn Watson
Standard-Radio Post reporter

While washing his wife's car, Anthony Ware felt his Aggie Class of '94 ring slip off his finger.

Loosened by soap and water, the ring fell into the drain under a wash bay on Saturday, Jan. 23 at the Running Clean Car Wash, 501 S. Adams St.

When he realized it was gone, the former college basketball player lifted the heavy grate and got down on his knees to search for it.

Ware was determined to find it.



Anthony Ware, A&M Class of '94, presents his Aggie ring after Duane Neffendorf found it by sifting through the waste in the wash bay at the Running Clean Car Wash, 501 S. Adams St. While the tradition of the ring is important to every Aggie, it holds an extra meaning to Ware who persevered through hardships to earn it.

After an hour of trying to fish it from the sludge, attendant Alonso Castillo approached the large man digging through waste.

The two worked together trying to

find the ring. Soon after, the Stroehrer and Son, Inc. general manager Steve Olfers joined the hunt and Ware told the men why the ring was so impor-

AGGIE RING ► **A/B3**

FREDERICKSBURG ISD

Trustees eye bond timeline, real estate

Plans for possible new middle school need more work

By Madalyn Watson
Standard-Radio Post reporter

The Fredericksburg Independent School District Board of Trustees discussed the timeline for potentially issuing bonds that include building a new Fredericksburg Middle School campus on Monday, Feb. 1.

During a special meeting held in the FMS cafeteria, interim superintendent Dr. Marc Williamson recommended the bond election originally slated for May should be delayed.

Instead, the bond would be voted on in November, giving the board more time to prepare and communicate with voters.

"If the bond was going to be voted on in May, it would have to be called in February which would be our next meeting ... which would be next Monday," Williamson said.

In order to have the bond voted on in May or even in November, he said they need concrete plans for the bond and FMS campus.

Williamson asked for input on two sub-groups, one for creating a plan for what will be done with the campus and another to work on the process.

"If we do something with this campus, it's going to cost us a lot of money. And like our contractors have told us, once you start pulling stuff down, you don't know what you're going to get," committee member Leslie Krieg said.

Discussion started focused on whether they would build on the current campus or build a new one in a new location.

Board member Kelly DiCuffa shared a story about when she asked a seventh-grade girl if she wanted a new school. The girl answered, "I do. I'm so embarrassed when other schools come to our school."

FISD ► **A/B9**

MEETING

FISD trustees will meet again at noon on Thursday, Feb. 4 to discuss real estate, personnel and other items. Look for a story online Friday at fredericksburgstandard.com

BAND FUND-RAISER

Gobblers to-go for Sunday's annual FISD Band Boosters turkey dinner

This Sunday is the time to enjoy a turkey dinner with all the trimmings while preparing to spend the evening watching the Super Bowl.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the turkey dinners will be offered to-go only.

The 71st annual Fredericksburg Independent School District Band Boosters Turkey Dinner tickets are being sold by members and at the door.

Tickets are \$12 each in advance or \$15 each at the event, which is planned for Sunday, Feb. 7, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. or until sold out. The fundraiser is scheduled inside the large Gillespie County Fair Grounds Exhibition Hall, just off Texas 16 South.

The menu features turkey, dressing,

gravy, cranberry sauce, green beans, noodles, dessert and a beverage.

Meal tickets will be sold in advance of the event or in the drive-thru lane.

Beginning at 11 a.m., the bands from both Fredericksburg High School and Fredericksburg Middle School (including jazz bands) will be broadcast on KNAF 910AM.

Prize drawings will be held and tickets will be available in advance from band students or for purchase in the drive-thru.

Organizers are planning to serve up 3,000 plates, which is just over one ton of turkey, and the proceeds from the dinner serve as the main fundraiser for the year for the FISD Band Boosters.



DOUBLING UP

Ashlyn Weinheimer, senior third baseman for the FHS Battlin' Billies softball team, goes for a double play after tagging out a runner during Saturday's scrimmage at home against Liberty Hill. See more about the Billies' home debut, plus more sports, on page A/B10-A/B14. — Standard-Radio Post/ Samuel Sutton



Hill Country Memorial has exceeded its \$5.1 million goal for the renovation and expansion of the HCM Wellness Center. Receiving the check from Foundation for Hill Country Memorial were, front from left, Amanda Stevens, Jayne Pope, Clint Kotal and Leigh Dempsey; middle row, Chris Wanner, Dawn Sparrow, Liz Kauachi, Jessie Aleman, Brandyn Quay, Felicia Kendrick, Kim Thornton, Sandy Hofmann, John Phelps; back row, Shannon Maenius, Diane Patteson, Lindsay Constantine, Julie Sifford, Sharon Ogletree, Colton Thomas, Kim Behrends and Jacob Lees. — Standard-Radio Post/Samuel Sutton

Wellness Center qualifies for \$1 million challenge grant

With an overwhelming response to its Give Wellness campaign, Hill Country Memorial met its fundraising goal to qualify for a \$1 million challenge grant from the J.E. and L.E. Mabree Foundation. According to Amanda M. Stevens, executive director for the Foundation for HCM, Hill Country Memorial has exceeded the target of raising \$5.1 million by spring of 2021 for the renovation and expansion of the HCM Wellness Center. The final amount, following the organization's 2020 end-of-year appeal, came to \$5,135,552. This will enable HCM to begin construction on the Perry and Ruby Stevens Wellness Center.

"The spirit, commitment and strength of our community are what started HCM and what continue to make health and wellness a priority at HCM today," said HCM CEO Jayne Pope. "Renovating the HCM Wellness Center will give so many more people in our community the opportunity to take care of their bodies and live healthier lives. We are grateful to the Mabree Foundation for the opportunity to

bring our community together and to further fulfill our vision of Empower Others. Create Healthy."

Reaching the funding goal will enable the HCM Wellness Center to begin its revitalization plan that will include the following changes:

- Increasing total square footage by 50%;
- Updating and adding locker rooms;
- Tripling the number of exercise rooms and doubling workout space;
- Adding indoor track and outdoor activity area;
- Nearly doubling space for circuit training and weight room;
- Expanding educational/clinical classrooms from one to three; and
- Adding juice and snack bars, with new spaces for community gatherings.

The improvements will allow the center to increase the number of community members served by 50%. Currently, the HCM Wellness Center annually serves more than 2,000 children, adults and seniors, with fitness and exercise classes, nutrition classes, wellness

programs, youth programs and other types of community outreach.

The HCM Wellness Center was one of the first to be opened by a community hospital back in 1992. Over the years, it has grown in square footage, adding an indoor pool and outdoor fitness trail, expanding equipment and classes, and enlarging its learning center.

"The Wellness Center continues to be a place where health, fitness and medical expertise unite to support residents of the Texas Hill Country in living longer, healthier lives," Stevens said. "With this continued level of support, HCM can continue to foster the strength, independence and well-being of all those we serve."

For more information on the Give Wellness campaign or to support Hill Country Memorial in other ways, call the Foundation for HCM at 830-997-1297 or visit hillcountrymemorial.org/foundation. Renderings of the Wellness Center improvements are posted at hcmgivewellness.org.

Federal employees to meet in February

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 8.

The meeting will take place

at Andy's Steak and Seafood Grille, 413 S. Washington St.

All active and retired federal employees and spouses are invited to attend. Attendees are

asked to wear a mask except when eating.

For additional information, contact Jo Ann Krauskopf at 997-4480.

Annual fire department banquet cancelled

The Fredericksburg Volunteer Fire Department will not be holding its annual banquet.

The banquet was canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In past years, new firefighters were recognized and service awards were presented.

CORONAVIRUS

He said this is a credit to people continuing to practice the wearing of masks and social distancing, as well as the fact that the county's peak from the Christmas and New Year's holiday is behind them.

As of Tuesday afternoon, Gillespie County's active case count was 115. The fatality count had risen to 42.

Online vaccine forms

Partin said HCM officials will be changing the process of how people sign up.

Moving forward, HCM is planning to gather names of those interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine through a web portal.

Amanda Stevens, HCM chief strategy officer, said this form will allow people to submit their information on a form stating their interest in receiving a vaccine. As doses become available, the hospital will send these people appointed times. She added that for those in the community who don't have internet access, they can call directly at 830-990-6100.

"We are asking that people in the community please reserve this number for others who don't have internet access," Stevens said. "Please don't fill out a form and then call us."

She also asked people to fill out only one form per person.

Stevens added the portal is not yet live, but encouraged people to keep checking the HillCountryCOVID.care website, as it should be up later this week.

Cont. from A/B1

AGGIE RING

tant to him. Both of Olfers' daughters attended Texas A&M University, so he knew the tradition tied to the lost piece of jewelry.

Inspired by Ware's story, the men continued the search after Ware had to leave.

From just that interaction, Olfers knew Ware as "a man who pulled himself up by his bootstraps."

"I admire him and his tenacity," Olfers said.

The next day, Duane Neffendorf joined the search and introduced a metal detector to the equation, but the men ended up resorting to sifting through the mud.

Later that Sunday, Neffendorf found the ring. But then the men faced another problem — they didn't know how to contact Ware.

Polly Priess, Stroecher and Son, Inc. employee and an Aggie, contacted the Century Club to find his information.

All they could find was Ware's address, so Olfers knocked on to tell him in person.

"My emotions are fragile right now. I'm an eggshell and I've got a piano hanging over my head," Ware said.

Olfers showed Ware the ring in his office. "You couldn't imagine the joy in his face," Olfers said.

Background

During an interview with the *Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post*, as his two tiny dogs jumped on and off of him, Ware explained why he "just had to get the ring back."

Growing up in Chicago, Ware would see homeless people and ask himself, "What if that's me?" He realized the only thing that separated him from those sleeping on the streets was the roof over his head.

His family could not afford to always have electricity or heat in their home. His fridge was never fully stocked. They were always choosing between one thing or the other.

When Ware was a child, he asked his mother, "Why don't we have a Christmas tree?"

His mother told him they could not afford it.

"She broke it down. There is no Santa. There is no Easter bunny. No such thing as magic," Ware said. "We are poor."

As he grew older, all Ware wanted was a basketball.

"I figured nothing in this neighborhood is going to get me out of here except maybe playing a sport, and going to college, or going into the military," Ware said.

Ware found a basketball.

"It just had a hole in it like somebody stabbed it with a knife," Ware said. "So, I got some duct tape — I stole the duct tape, I'll be honest. I wasn't a perfect kid but I did what I had to do."

As a freshman in high school, Ware was followed by a group of men while walking home from the basketball court. He considered the \$3 he had for a bus ride home and his growling stomach.

"I'm a kid, so I'm not even trying to get home fast," Ware said. "Maybe I can come across another court."

Even though it meant he would have to walk home, he bought a pizza puff.

Then he saw the three men coming toward him and he started to walk faster.

"I tried to get away but they had made their mind up. I didn't know if they had a gun, a knife," Ware said.

One of the men cornered him, and they started to assault him. He tried his best to fight back, biting and scratching as one of the men punched him in the stomach.

"I was wrestling around with him so much and the other guy was trying to grab my feet," Ware said.

In the struggle, Ware grabbed hold of what felt like a yarn needle and stuck his attacker with it so that he could run away.

He ran so fast that if he was in a race, he would have won, Ware said.

"I would have had the best time in the whole universe. I was outta there," Ware said. "And the only thing I could think about was that god****

basketball."

College hoops

While playing college basketball, life didn't get easier.

In 1992, Ware got carbon monoxide poisoning from a heating system malfunction in the Baylor locker rooms. As he and the other Aggies prepared to play in the Ferrell Center, he heard the air conditioning start but didn't think anything of it.

"Everybody started like doubling up. It's like our feet weighed a thousand pounds. Everybody just kind of just stopped and it looked like everybody was drunk," he said.

Ware spent over a week in the hospital in a hyperbaric chamber, and none of his teammates or coaches visited.

"Students that I had never met — they had only seen me play basketball — came to visit me in hospital," Ware said.

Although his time in the hospital soured his athletic experience, Ware believes that his time at Texas A&M changed his life for the better.

"My life was made better by going to college," Ware said. "Even if I had struggled with buying groceries, food and toiletries, even with the carbon monoxide thing, I did something that a lot of people will never do. And I did it without the odds in my favor."

As he told the story behind the ring, after every vignette, Ware said, "And that's why I had to get the ring."

Within a few days of his own ring adventure, Ware discovered a man selling an Aggie ring. Ware paid him \$100 and searched for the owner online.

"All I wanted was for him to feel the same way I felt when I got my ring," Ware said.

Through his post, Ware found the ring's original owner, David Hemphill, who lost it 25 years ago.

Today, Ware lives in Fredericksburg with his wife, Denise, stepson and two dogs, Cali and Mimi. He also has proudly displays photos of his daughters, Gabrielle and Mikayla throughout this home.

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City council clarifies state, local disaster declarations

By Samuel Sutton
Standard-Radio Post reporter

After much public discussion, local emergency officials provided the Fredericksburg City Council with metrics to potentially determine whether the local emergency declaration should be discontinued.

Justin Calhoun, the city and county Emergency Management coordinator, gave the presentation during the council's 6 p.m. meeting Monday, held via Zoom.

He noted the disaster declaration allows the city to request pandemic assistance from state and federal governments. Since the disaster was declared, the city has received Personal Protective Equipment, assistance on community testing and vaccinations and over \$669,000 worth of Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding.

"If the local disaster is removed, the City of Fredericksburg would no longer be formally asking for assistance from the state and federal government," Calhoun said.

Calhoun also discussed GA-29, Gov. Greg Abbott's executive order on mask mandates, which went into effect on July 2. Under this order, counties with 30 or fewer new COVID-19 cases over a span of 14 days can be exempt, if the county judge submits an exemption form affirmatively opting out.

Counties with more than 30 new cases over 14 days will be notified by the Texas Department of Emergency Management that they are required to follow the order.

"The main difference between this mandate and the local mandate is that GA-29 puts the responsibility on the individual party to wear a mask, whereas the local mandate puts a lot of emphasis on

the business owners making people wear masks inside their businesses," Calhoun said.

Calhoun also discussed local case counts, saying the county has averaged 28 cases per day in January. The date with the most cases reported was Jan. 21, when the county hit 107 cases. The day with the least amount was Jan. 26, when only one case was reported.

Gillespie County's active case count has increased overall since Jan. 4, from 56 to 162 on Jan. 29. The highest day was 209 on Jan. 21.

He noted Trauma Service Area P, which includes Gillespie County, ended the month of January with an overall hospitalization rate of 19.45%. The county's businesses previously operating at 75% capacity must continue operating at 50%, as the Trauma Service Area's hospitalization rate has not been 15% or less for seven consecutive days.

Calhoun said Trauma Service Area O, Austin's region, has had its hospitalization rate under 15% since Jan. 23.

"When their hospitalization rates are high, they can deny our EMS personnel to transport patients there that need transporting out," he said.

Hill Country Memorial had four patients hospitalized with COVID-19 on Feb. 1. Its highest day recently was Jan. 15, when it had 15 patients.

"Through the month of January, they averaged just under 10 patients per day," Calhoun said.

Since vaccinations began on Jan. 14, 2,299 have received their first COVID-19 vaccines. Individuals who have received the first shot are 1,095 people between the ages of 65-79, 429 individuals over the age of 80, 406 people between 50-64, 366 people between 16-49 and three people whose ages were unknown. A total of 460 people have received both doses.

HCM is planning on vaccinating 1,200 people per week. At that rate, it would take 15 weeks to have 80% of people vaccinated, and 13 weeks to have 70%. "The thing to keep in mind here is not all of those vaccines that are given by Hill Country Memorial are going to Gillespie County residents," Calhoun said.

To remove the disaster declaration, Calhoun said they must consider all of these numbers, as well as the city's need for future funding.

Business reporting tool
Over the past several meetings, some local residents have voiced their concerns regarding the COVID-19 business reporting tool, a recently nixed online portal that allowed people to report issues of business owners not following the city's mandate.

After the meeting, City Manager Kent Myers said, "The city wants to remind our citizens that in December, the COVID-19 reporting of concerns were removed from the city's portal on our website. The public is encouraged to contact local businesses directly to express any concerns about wearing of masks or other COVID issues in local business establishments."

The council also:
• Advised city staff to move the council workshop to March so it can be in-person with a Zoom option;
• Approved a resolution authorizing eminent domain to condemn four easements from Arch Ray, LLC;
• Approved an Election Order to call the election on May 1, to elect two city councilmembers, adding provisions for the conduct of such election;
• Approved Fredericksburg Farmer's Market's health and safety plan and request to move to the Adelsverein Halle;
• Approved a health and safety plan and the closure of West Austin Street between North Adams and North Crockett streets on April 24, for the Wildflower Run;
• Approved plans for the Wanderlust Run on March 20, and the Red-bud Artisan Market on April 3.

FTC 'Sunshine Boys' auditions set

Auditions for Fredericksburg Theater Company's spring comedy "The Sunshine Boys" will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 15-16, at the Steve W. Shepherd Theater, at 1668 U.S. 87

South. Actors will also be asked to read scenes from the script.

Due to current circumstances, video auditions may be submitted. Video auditions must be sent to Executive Di-

rector Steve Reily at fbgtheaterco@verizon.net with the subject line "Sunshine Video Audition."

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Penny McBride



Tax basics from COVID related policy changes

Way back in 1988, I graduated from college with a respectable grade point average. It seems numbers and stars tripped me up. There were no failing scores, but let's just say my grades in accounting and economics were a bit further down the alphabet than I would prefer.

The problem with numbers has dogged me since grade school. Stars reflected a poor decision to take an astronomy elective to be seated next to a boy I liked.

Since I plan to share information this week about the possible tax implications that have resulted from various COVID-relief measures passed by Congress over the last year, it only seems fair to share my considerable lack of expertise. But I'm pretty good at researching things and cutting and pasting from reliable sources. I will completely refrain from any observations about the night sky today.

For businesses that received a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan, there were months of ambiguity around how businesses would report the income and expenses the loan proceeds covered. Those issues were laid to rest by Congress just before the end of the year.

If a PPP loan was forgiven, it will not count as income. Additionally, in a reversal of the IRS ruling, businesses can still claim normal tax deductions for business expenses paid with PPP money.

With the expectation that many businesses would suffer net losses as a result of the pandemic, the CARES Act created opportunity for the treatment of these losses. For tax years starting after Dec. 31, 2017 and before Jan. 1, 2021 — three calendar years of losses incurred in 2018, 2019, or 2020 — the new law allows a carryback of 100% of these net operating losses (NOL) to the prior five tax years. Losses that are carried back are carried to the earliest of the tax years to which the loss may be carried first. There are also provisions for the treatment of NOLs moving forward.

The end of year COVID-relief law also created enhanced charitable giving opportunities for businesses and individuals. The first change is an above-the-line tax deduction for gifts of cash to charity of up to \$300 for individuals and up to \$600 for joint filers for 2021.

It's basically an extension and enhancement of the new one-year tax break Congress put in for 2020

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Hospitality looks different in eye of a pandemic

By Madalyn Watson

Standard-Radio Post reporter

Fredericksburg Inn and Suites, 201 S. Washington St., adapted to the unpredictable coronavirus pandemic as they continue to house travelers.

General Manager Frank Seddon started as a groundskeeper and painter for a family-owned hotel in Flagstaff, Ariz.

With about 35 years working in the hospitality industry, Seddon moved to Fredericksburg last July.

"I love this hotel," Seddon said. "I love this area. This is probably one of the best changes I've ever made."

Seddon said one of the biggest challenges in hospitality today is that people are not traveling or coming together in groups.

"Where people have stopped traveling by plane to other areas, people have been driving to Fredericksburg," Seddon said. "That has kept our business pretty strong and it's allowed us to keep people working."

People are refraining from traveling long distances, so instead, most guests are taking road trips from other parts of Texas or neighboring states like Louisiana, Seddon said.

Seddon said people continue to book reservations for holidays, but as soon as COVID-19 numbers start to spike, they cancel their reservations. "It's been a roller coaster ride for the last year," Seddon said.

Cancellation policies at Fredericksburg Inn and Suites are more lenient with people who cancel for coronavirus-related reasons.

"For the most part, on weekends, all of our rooms are sold out which



Fredericksburg Inn and Suites on South Washington Street is experiencing changes in the way people travel during the COVID-19 pandemic. Travelers are staying closer to home and meeting in smaller groups. — Standard-Radio Post/Madalyn Watson

brings in the challenges of offering breakfast and keeping everyone socially distanced in the process of eating breakfast," Seddon said.

Some of the smaller changes the hotel has made include accelerated sanitizing, a barrier at the front desk and a shift in the way they serve breakfast.

"We used to have a hot breakfast buffet which we can't provide anymore," Seddon said. "We do have individual hot items that we have a server give our guests, but they're all pre-packaged."

In the past, Seddon said, they served breakfast in the Sunday house, but with social distancing, only three people could eat safely

there.

Breakfast is served in the conference area when it is available and that way about 20 people eat at once.

"A lot of the hotels here don't have a meeting space so they don't have that option," Seddon said.

Unfortunately, by operating at 50 percent capacity, they are unable to accommodate larger groups that normally utilize the conference rooms.

"A lot of our contracts are based on per person contracts," Seddon said. "So, as we reduce our capacity in our rooms, we're also reducing the amount of income and revenue the hotel is able to generate."

Seddon said its an internal strug-

gle between wanting people to stay at the hotel and wanting them to stay home if it feels unsafe to travel.

"On all of our doors we have posted signage from the City of Fredericksburg and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding mask wearing and it falls on the employees to become police officers for those guidelines," Seddon said.

Even though most guests respect the signs, Seddon said they have had to confront some guests who refuse to wear masks in the lobby.

"It makes it a lot easier when our guests accept the fact that they have to wear a mask to come in and do business with us," Seddon said.

State sales tax revenue totaled \$3.1 billion in January

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said state sales tax revenue totaled \$3.07 billion in January, 0.3 percent less than in January 2020.

The majority of January sales tax revenue is based on sales made in December and remitted to the agency in January.

"The slight decline in total sales tax revenue masks starkly contrasting results among economic sectors, with strong gains in collections from retail trade offset by continued deep declines in collections from recreational services and the oil- and gas-related sectors," Hegar said. "Stay-at-home spending trends that emerged in response to the COVID-19 pandemic continued through the Christmas shopping season, with elevated receipts coming from online vendors, electronics and appliance stores, building materials and home furnishings stores, big box gen-

eral merchandisers and sporting goods stores.

"While oil and gas well drilling activity has risen from lows reached earlier in the pandemic, the December active rotary rig count for Texas was still more than 60 percent lower than a year ago, depressing sales tax receipts from mining, construction, manufacturing and equipment rental and leasing businesses.

"Receipts from restaurants also remained below levels seen a year ago, while receipts from recreational services — such as live music venues, amusement parks, bowling centers and fitness clubs — remained severely depressed."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in January 2020 was down 3.9 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 59 percent of all tax

collections. The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic continued to be evident in some sources of revenue in January 2020.

Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes:

- **Motor vehicle sales and rental taxes** — \$408 million, down 13.4 percent from January 2020;
- **Motor fuel taxes** — \$294 million, down 4.7 percent from January 2020;
- **Oil production tax** — \$255 million, down 35.7 percent from January 2020;
- **Natural gas production tax** — \$103 million, down 21.6 percent from January 2020;
- **Hotel occupancy tax** — \$27 million, down 35.1 percent from January 2020; and
- **Alcoholic beverage taxes** — \$94 million, down 27.6 percent from January 2020.

FISCAL NOTES

Weathering the pandemic - Texas industries and COVID-19

All Texas industries have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, but some have struggled more than others.

In the recently released December/January edition of Fiscal Notes, the state Comptroller's office took a closer look at some of the industries most affected by the pandemic, including hotels and motels, restaurants and bars, retailers, airlines and hospitals.

"It's been a very difficult year for all Texans, but certain sectors of the economy have been hurt more than

others," Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said. "These industries, and the Texans who work in them, have been forced to make tough choices and find creative ways to weather these unprecedented times.

But like countless Texans before them, their grit and determination will help them, and our state, come out of this stronger."



Hegar

Nine out of the 10 U.S. industries with the biggest job losses during the pandemic were service providers, including hotels, performing arts venues and restaurants.

In Texas, employment in the arts, entertainment and recreation industries fell by nearly half from February to April 2020 and remained 27 percent lower in November, according to data from the Texas Workforce Commission. Employment at hotels, restaurants and bars fell by 12.5 percent during this period.

The most significant characteristic shared by the hardest-hit industries is their inherent need to operate in close quarters with their customers; their profitability typically depends on face-to-face encounters or crowds, from restaurants to sports arenas. Many sectors are financially fragile, with little cash on hand to weather an economic downturn. In addition, some businesses have been affected by the lack of consumer confidence and a concern for individual health and safety.



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America’s hotel industry facing high unemployment

The American Hotel & Lodging Association (AHLA) recently released its “State of the Hotel Industry” 2021 report outlining where the industry is headed on a national basis.

The report is not pretty. The pandemic has been devastating to the lodging industry. The accommodations sector faces an 18.9% unemployment rate on the national level. According to the report, hotels will add 200,000 direct hotel operations jobs in 2021, but will still remain nearly 500,000 jobs below the industry’s pre-pandemic national employment level. Half of all U.S. hotel rooms are projected to remain empty in 2021. Business travel is forecast to be down 85% compared to 2019 through at least April 2021.

A few rays of hope to note. Fifty-six percent of consumers say they expect to travel for leisure in 2021. This is roughly the same amount as in an average year. Nearly half of consumers see vaccine distribution as the key to future travel. According to the AHLA report, when selecting a hotel, enhanced cleaning and hygiene practices rank as guests’ number two priority, behind price. An interesting note from a webinar I heard last week. The speaker indicated that for most travelers, COVID-19 is a health crisis, not an economic crisis. His advice to lodging partners was to not lower rates. More visitors will start booking again when

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they feel safe to travel from a health point of view. Lower rates will not motivate significant travel at this point in time. Once lodging rates are lowered, past experience shows it is very hard to raise them again. Many frequent travelers are sitting on cash right now saved from cancelled or postponed trips in 2020, waiting for the return of safe travel. The speaker noted that he expects a major upswing in leisure travel in the latter part of 2021 and into 2022 from pent-up demand.

Local picture

How are the hotels in Fredericksburg faring? The latest statistics from STR, a national firm collecting hotel data across the U.S. (does not include our short-term rentals, despite the name), shows Fredericksburg hotel occupancy in December of 2020 at 48.2%, versus 51.8% in December 2019. The Texas statewide occupancy was 40.68 percent in December 2020. Average daily rate for December 2020 in Fredericksburg was \$119.13, actually up from \$113.13 in December 2019. The average daily rate for hotels across Texas was \$75.18 in December 2020. The RevPAR (revenue per available room) in

Fredericksburg was \$57.36 in December 2020 versus \$58.61 in December 2019. Compared to the state-wide data, Fredericksburg hotels were performing above the state average in December of 2020. Although intrastate leisure travel has rebounded nicely, convention/conference attendees and international travelers are still missing from the overall mix of business locally. And that is the case in destinations across the U.S. Certainly we saw a slow-down of lodging activity in January, which is very typical for this month. However, some reservation services for guesthouses/B&Bs/short term rentals still saw an increase in overall business compared to January a year ago. At this point, the Saturday night of Valentine’s Day weekend is looking very strong. It will be a three-day weekend for some travelers with President’s Day on Monday, Feb. 15. Right now, the lodging industry in Fredericksburg and Gillespie County appears to be performing pretty well from all indicators. Let’s hope that early 2021 will see continuing progress in the fight against COVID and the return of “safe travel,” which will result in more leisure travel in the months ahead to Fredericksburg from across Texas and the U.S. Loeffler is the president and CEO of the Fredericksburg Convention and Visitor Bureau.

Abbott vows to fight Biden’s agenda on energy, climate

By Patrick Svitek
The Texas Tribune

Gov. Greg Abbott, looking to show an early contrast with President Joe Biden, visited the Permian Basin on Thursday and announced a series of steps the state would be taking to push back against the new Democratic administration when it comes to the oil and gas industry. During a news conference in Odessa, the Republican governor vowed that Texas would pursue an aggressive legal strategy against the Biden administration much like Abbott, then the attorney general, did against former President Barack Obama. Abbott signed an executive order that he said would “direct every state agency to use all lawful powers and tools to challenge any federal action that threatens the” energy sector in Texas. And he announced his support for legislation that “prohibits cities and counties from banning natural gas appliances,” railing against a similar move last year by San Francisco. “I am in Midland to make clear that Texas is going to protect the oil and gas industry from any type of hostile attack from Washington, D.C.,” said Abbott, who was actually speaking in the nearby city of Odessa at CUDD Energy Services. “Texas is not going to stand idly by and watch the Biden administration kill jobs in Midland, in Odessa or any other place across the entire

region.” In his first days in office, Biden has moved swiftly to implement his climate change agenda by recommitting the United States to the Paris climate agreement, canceling the construction permit for the Keystone XL oil pipeline and issuing a 60-day freeze on new oil drilling on federal lands. The latter move has proved particularly controversial within Texas, with four U.S. House Democrats from the state asking Biden to rescind it on Wednesday. Discussing his executive actions on climate change Wednesday, Biden said they were part of a “whole of government approach to put climate change at the center of our domestic, national security and foreign policy. “It’s advancing conservation, revitalizing communities in cities and on the farm lands and securing and environmental justice,” said Biden, who insisted that, despite his pause of fracking on federal lands, “We’re not going to ban fracking”

altogether. Abbott acknowledged that in Texas, there is “either zero or close to zero” federal lands where drilling is done, so Biden’s order does not impact the state as much as it does New Mexico, for example. Still, Abbott said he is convinced that the Biden administration “will be trying to take actions that will make it harder, more difficult and more costly” for oil and gas businesses in Texas, which are major economic drivers for the state. The executive order that Abbott signed asks state agencies to “work to identify potential litigation, notice-and-comment opportunities and any other means of preventing federal overreach within the law.” Abbott called the order a “homework assignment” for every agency and threatened to fire agency leaders who do not go along with it. Land Commissioner George P. Bush, a fellow Republican, said his office stood ready to comply with Abbott’s order.

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under the pandemic relief CARES Act: a tax deduction for cash gifts to charity up to \$300. The difference is that for 2020, the deduction is limited to \$300 per tax return. The new provision allows a married couple filing jointly to basically get double the deduction for 2021. Gifts to donor-advised funds and private foundations do not count. Congress also created a provision that would help the most generous individual donors and corporate givers by

eliminating the percent of AGI limits for charitable deductions. It’s the same provision that was put in for 2020 under the CARES Act, just extended through 2021. For individuals, the 50-percent of adjusted gross income limitation would be suspended for 2020. For corporations, the 10% limitation would be increased to 25% of taxable income. But beware, there are also penalties for over-stating the value of these gifts. Workers who received COVID-relief funds should

be aware that while federal stimulus payments are not taxable, unemployment benefits are. Federal law allows voluntary withholdings of 10% to cover part or all of this tax liability. Otherwise, estimated quarterly tax payments should be made. There ... some numbers, no stars. Now, go talk to the smart professional people. McBride is the president and CEO of the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce.

DBA filings in Gillespie County

The following individuals have filed “Doing Business As” documents since Jan. 18 with the Gillespie County Clerk’s office:

- Jake Myers as Jake’s Automotive.
- Elizabeth Kay Corneau as Libby’s Kitchen.
- Sebastian Hernandez as Jireh Construction and Remodeling.
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Members of Bethany's Outreach and Advocacy Team (BOAT) check fluid levels and tire inflation for a customer during the first free car care clinic held Nov. 7. Pictured from left are Tammy Keener, Al Sunday, the Rev. Kevin Haug and Keith Whited.



Volunteers offer free car care clinic Saturday in Bethany

Bethany Outreach and Advocacy Team (BOAT) is hosting its second free, basic car care clinic from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, in the Bethany Lutheran Church parking lot directly behind the church at 110 W. Austin St.

Participants are asked to enter from North Adams Street. Volunteers from the church will be on hand to perform simple vehicle inspections, offer suggestions and, if warranted, make recommendations for further professional service.

A list of car mechanics and service stations from the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce will be available.

The car care clinic was proposed by BOAT member Linda Simonsen. Before her position as volunteer coordinator at Hill Country Memorial, Simonsen boasts years working as manager in the car service field.

“In addition to serving as liaison between the customer and mechanic, I helped develop programs to educate buyers, especially women, what to look for when buying and how to maintain their cars,” she said.

Some of the services included in the BOAT’s car care clinic include checking tires for excessive or uneven wear and pressure.

Tires with low pressure will be inflated to the correct setting.

They will also be checking belts for cracking and/or fraying, and monitoring basic fluid levels — transmission, power steering and brakes.

Windshield wipers will be examined for wear and if needed, windshield washer fluid will be topped off.

“And if inspection stickers are out of date, we’ll remind the drivers of that, too,” Simonsen said.

The first free car care clinic was in early November, in advance of the onset of colder weather.

“This car care clinic serves a real need now that full-service stations are so rare,” Simonsen said. “Many folks, especially some of our seniors, don’t know how to do these routine checks or they don’t have anyone to help keep their cars in good condition.”

The service project of BOAT is their latest outreach ministry in support of their mission statement to advocate for neighbors in need, seek avenues for help, and implement real-world assistance.

For more information, call the Bethany church office at 830-997-2069.

FPD investigates stolen saw

The Fredericksburg Police Department is investigating the theft of a Stihl TS 500 14 cut off saw rom Ace Hardware, 1102 East Main.

Arrest

On Monday, Jan. 25, a CID detective was contacted regarding a male subject with a fake \$50 dollar bill. Stopped in the 100 block of West Walch Ave., Miguel Angel Romero was arrested on the charge of forgery, intent to defraud or harm another and resist arrest search or transport.

On Thursday, Jan. 28, an officer conducted a field sobriety test on a male driver and female passenger during a traffic stop in the 1400 block of East Main Street. Both were determined to be intoxicated.

The driver, Brenton Edward Own, was arrested on the charge of driving while intoxicated. The passenger, Chandra Kristine Reyes, was also arrested on the charge of public intoxication.

On Saturday, Jan. 30, an officer conducted a field sobriety test during a traffic stop in the 200 block of East Main Street. Angela Gail Seba was arrested on the charge of driving while intoxicated.

Later Saturday, an officer contacted a man who was unsteady on his feet in the 200 block of West MainStreet. Tucker Joe Campbell was arrested on the charge of public intoxication.

On Sunday, Jan. 31, an officer dispatched to the 300 block of East Highway Street and was advised upon arrival by EMS that a woman was intoxicated. Deborah Faye Freitag was arrested on the charge of public intoxication.

Later Sunday, a patrol officer was dispatched to the 600 block of Jessica Street for a criminal trespass violation. Maria Beth Moore was arrested

ed on the charge of criminal trespass.

Burglary

On Friday, Jan. 29, an officer was dispatched to the 700 block of South Washington Street for a burglary that had occurred. Case will be forwarded for investigation.

On Friday, Jan. 30, an officer dispatched to 310 East Main Street, Silver Creek for a burglary of a vehicle. The officer was advised by the complainant that there were several things taken from the vehicle. A suspect was identified. Case will be forwarded for investigation.

Fraud

On Monday, Jan. 25, an officer was dispatched to the 600 block of West Live Oak Street for a report of a counterfeit \$50 dollar bill. The suspect was later arrested for the offense.

On Wednesday, Jan. 27, a complainant told an officer they have received letters stating they had signed up for Medicare Part B when the complainant had not. The officer told the complainant that this report would be forwarded for investigation.

Later Jan. 27, a complainant advised an officer that someone was using their Social Security number with a utility company in Houston. They only wanted to make a police report.

Also on Jan. 27, a complainant told an officer someone has been counterfeiting their business checks. Case will be forwarded for further investigation.

Stolen Vehicle

On Friday, Jan. 29, an officer dispatched for a stolen vehicle to the 400 block of Cross Mountain Drive. The vehicle pulled back into the driveway

while the officer was present. No further action was needed.

Theft

On Monday, Jan. 25, a complainant told an officer they had left their cell phone in their car and when they went get it, the phone was gone. Complainant only needed to make a report for their cell phone carrier.

Later Jan. 25, an officer was dispatched to Ace Hardware for a theft of a Stihl TS 500 14 cut off saw on Jan. 22. Report will be forwarded for further investigation.

On Thursday, Jan. 28, a call came in regarding a theft, but it was canceled when the complainant found the money. No further action was needed.

Weekly totals

FPD responded to 350 calls for service and made 179 traffic stops for the week of Jan. 25-31.

Jan. 25-31
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12 accidents.• 10 alarms.• 18 animal-related calls.• 1 assault.• 2 burglaries.• 1 civil dispute.• 1 criminal mischief.• 1 criminal trespass.• 8 disturbances.• 16 follow-up calls.• 4 frauds.• 3 harassments.• 1 illegal parking.• 3 lost/stolen property.• 6 ordinance violations.• 11 public relations calls.• 183 special assignments• 1 stolen vehicle.• 9 suspicious activity.• 3 suspicious persons.• 4 suspicious vehicles.• 3 thefts.• 14 traffic hazards.• 10 traffic hazards (J-walking).• 179 traffic stops.• 1 warrant served.• 5 welfare concern calls.• 19 other.

Search warrant reveals methamphetamine, THC

The Gillespie County Sheriff’s Office arrested a man on the charge of manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance after using a search warrant to obtain evidence.

Drugs

At 11:58 a.m., Thursday Jan. 28, deputies with a search warrant found 3.1 grams of methamphetamine as well as marijuana and drug paraphernalia in a residence in the 700 block of N. Bowie St.

Ethan Isaac Settles, 26, of Fredericksburg, was subsequently arrested on the charge of manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance, greater than or equal to one gram and less than four grams.

At 2:36 p.m., Sunday Jan. 31, deputies asked to search a vehicle during a traffic stop near the intersection of U.S. 290 West and Basse Lane. The driver denied the request, so the deputy requested the K9 deputy and K9 Furex and conducted an open-air search.

As he was exiting the vehicle, the driver clenched a meth pipe in one hand. Charles Vance Tillian, 29, of Fredericksburg, was arrested on the charge of possession of

a controlled substance, more than or equal to one gram and less than four grams (methamphetamine), possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram (THC), and tampering or fabricating physical evidence with intent to impair.

At 5:37 p.m., Friday Jan. 29, a deputy was called to assist a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officer in arresting an individual with drug charges at Enchanted Rock State Natural Area.

Accidents

The Gillespie County Sheriff’s Office worked three minor crashes this week. GCSO also assisted DPS with one crash and the Fredericksburg Police Department with another.

Other

At 8:28 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, a deputy was called to the 4000 block of U.S. 290 East for a vehicle hitting a guardrail and driving away without reporting the crash or damage.

Another vehicle struck the damaged guardrail lying in the westbound lanes and it had to be towed.

Evidence and a witness helped locate the vehicle.

The driver, Reybit Perez, 34, of Fredericksburg was arrested on the charge striking fixture or highway landscape.

Weekly totals

Deputies handled a total of 267 calls during the week and made three arrests. A total of 12 people were booked into the jail.

As of Monday, the jail population was 50.

Jan. 25-31
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 accidents.• 2 alarms.• 15 animal-related calls.• 7 civil disputes.• 3 criminal mischief.• 1 criminal trespass.• 6 disturbances.• 1 emergency commitment.• 13 follow-up calls.• 3 fraud.• 12 other agency assists.• 3 prisoner transports.• 1 property lost/recovered.• 2 public relations calls.• 69 special assignments.• 13 suspicious activities.• 1 theft.• 12 traffic hazards.• 86 traffic stops.• 1 warrant served.• 11 welfare concern calls.• 2 unattended deaths.

GILLESPIE COUNTY FIRE, RESCUE CALLS

Jan. 24-30 Fredericksburg

- Sunday, Jan. 24 — 10:35 a.m., Reeh-Weinheimer Road, motor vehicle accident.
- Sunday, Jan. 24 — 3:32 p.m., Ranch Road 1376, grass fire.
- Monday, Jan. 25 — 10:08 a.m., Old Mason Road, grass fire.
- Monday, Jan. 25 — 10:34 a.m., Old Mason Road, grass fire.
- Monday, Jan. 25 — 11:24 a.m., U.S. 290 West and North Creek Road, grass fire.
- Monday, Jan. 25 — 12:48 p.m., Eckert Road, grass fire.
- Tuesday, Jan. 26 — 12:33 p.m., Rocky Creek Road, grass fire.
- Tuesday, Jan. 26 — 1:18 p.m., West Oak, grass fire.
- Thursday, Jan. 28 — 8:02 a.m., Ranch Road 1631, vehicle fire.
- Thursday, Jan. 28 — 5:21 p.m., U.S. 87 South and CJ Ranch Road, grass fire.
- Friday, Jan. 29 — 5:23 p.m., U.S. 87 North, motor vehicle accident.

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- Friday, Jan. 29 — 8:35 p.m., U.S. 290 East and Pedernales, HazMat.
- Saturday, Jan. 30 — 12:36 a.m., West Travis Street, fire alarm.
- Saturday, Jan. 30 — 6:25 p.m., East Highway Street, general investigation.
- Saturday, Jan. 30 — 9:42 p.m., Cross Mountain Drive, general investigation.

Stonewall

- Sunday, Jan. 24 — 3:32 p.m., Ranch Road 1376, grass fire.
- Monday, Jan. 25 — 12:58 p.m., U.S. 290 East, grass fire.
- Thursday, Jan. 28 — 8:02 a.m., Ranch Road 1631 and Kl-aerner Road, vehicle fire.
- Thursday, Jan. 28 — 5:21 p.m., U.S. 87 South and CJ Ranch Road, grass fire.
- Friday, Jan. 29 — 8:29 p.m., U.S. 290 East and Bruce Road, HazMat.

Harper

- Monday, Jan. 25 — 11:24

a.m., U.S. 290 West and North Creek Road, grass fire.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Fredericksburg Flying Club to meet Saturday

The Fredericksburg Flying Club will meet 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Gillespie County Airport, 75 Airport Road. Membership to the flying club is open to current pilots, student pilots and non-flying retired pilots. For information, call Gwen Fullbrook at 830-456-2623.

Spring FTC semester students will perform

The Fredericksburg Theater Academy’s spring semester

classes orientation is Sunday, Feb. 7.

Classes are every Tuesday and Thursday for a 12-week term, ending with a performance on the Steve W. Shepherd Theater stage May 7-8.

For information, visit fredericksburgtheater.org, call the theater’s box office during business hours, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 888-669-7114.

Retired teachers meeting on Feb. 8

The Gillespie County Retired Teachers Association will meet


via Zoom on Monday, Feb. 8, at 2:15 p.m.To request the Zoom link, email gcrtat.info@gmail.com.

The guest speaker will be J.D. Windham, executive director of the Christian Job Corps of Gillespie County. A business meeting will follow.

Members will receive an emailed link to join this meeting.

GCRTA extends a special invitation to all Gillespie County retired teachers and school staff who are not yet members to participate.


For information call Beverly Harrell at 830-990-8184.



President’s Column

Central Hill Country Board of REALTORS®

by Eddie Miller, 2021 President



Steps to Boost Your Credit Score

There aren’t shortcuts to improving your credit score. You’ll need to make sound financial decisions for at least several months to offset previous damage you’ve done to your credit record. But that doesn’t mean it can’t be done. Here are four steps to improve your score and increase the chances you’ll qualify for a favorable mortgage loan.

Check Your Credit Report

Verify that the items listed on your report—especially the negative ones—are correct. If there are mistakes, correcting them is an easy way to help your score. You can order free copies of your credit report at annualcreditreport.com.

Pay Overdue Accounts

Past-due balances are very damaging to your score. Pay off the debt or at least negotiate a plan to get those accounts current. Once current, those accounts will stop adding negative information to your credit report and can generate positive credit-score movement.

Use Less of Your Available Credit

Carrying a \$2,000 balance on a Visa card with a \$3,000 limit isn’t going to help your credit profile. Try to pay down those balances, if possible, to less than 50% of your available credit. Another option is to ask for a higher limit. If Visa raises the limit on that card to \$6,000, your balance looks better—as long as you resist the urge to add to the balance on that card.

Don’t Close Accounts

This one is counterintuitive, but closing a credit card account lowers your available credit. Keep that card active and set it up to autopay one or two small, recurring bills, such as your Netflix membership.

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HOT funds applications now being accepted for 2021

Gillespie County is accepting applications for the allocation of 2021 Gillespie County Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) funds.

These funds will assist and support qualified events, programs and projects in promoting tourism to the county which increases business for overnight accommodation venues.

The Hotel Occupancy Tax is collected from visitors and tourists who use local overnight venues.

Under state law, the county collects this tax from hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts and inns located in the unincorporated areas of the county outside of the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of the City of Fredericksburg and the tax revenue may only be used for specific tourism-related purposes.

Tax funds may only be used if both parts of the following two-part test are met.

Part one requires the use of funds directly enhances and promotes the tourism, convention or hotel industry by being expended to attract out-of-town visitors who will likely spend the night in Gillespie County lodging.

Part two states that every expenditure of the tax must fall into one of seven categories: 1. Funding establishment, improvement, or maintenance of a convention or visitor center; 2. Paying for administrative costs for facilitating conven-

tion registration; 3. Paying for advertising, solicitations and promotions for venues that attract tourists and convention delegates to the county or its vicinity; 4. Expenditures that promote the arts which increases tourism and local hotel and convention activity; 5. Funding historical restoration or preservation programs that directly promote tourism and the local hotel or convention industry; 6. Funding certain expenses, including promotional expenses directly related to sporting events within counties with a population of under one million and that the sporting event would substantially increase economic activity at local hotels and other overnight venues; 7. Signage directing tourists to sights and attractions that are visited frequently by hotel guests in the county.

Gillespie County will accept applications from organizations and entities whose program fits in one or more of the above categories. Application packets are available from the County Judge's Office in the Gillespie County Courthouse. The packets can also be downloaded from the county website at www.gillespiecounty.org.

Completed applications should be submitted to the Gillespie County Auditor's Office, 101 W. Main St., Unit #4 by 5 p.m. March 3, 2021.

Applications must be hand-

delivered to the County Auditor's Office by the published deadline. Applications may not be faxed or emailed.

All applications will be reviewed and presented for Commissioners Court consideration at the 9 a.m. March 22 meeting located in the Gillespie County Courthouse.

Among the criteria evaluated, but not limited to, will be quality, visitor appeal, administrative ability, and the overall benefit as to the increase of overnight visitors to Gillespie County.

For more information, call the Gillespie County Judge's Office at 997-7502 or the Gillespie County Auditor's Office at 997-6777.

FISD

"And that alone was all I needed to hear," DiCuffa said. "I want our kids to be proud to be a Billie. Where you go to school every day, it makes a difference."

Williamson suggested they buy land to build a new campus on and use the current — with all its history — for other educational purposes.

Examples he provided were moving the daycare or technology resources.

Board member Kerinne Herber said they won't be getting a second chance on passing the bond. If they rush the bond proposal for May, they may regret it, she said.

"We realize we still have lots of missing parts, lots of missing pieces to fill in to make a successful bond," Herber said.

Williamson said bonds are one of the best ways to fund changes in situations like these.

"If you just raise the tax rate for maintenance and operation, then you're still losing 30 cents of every dollar. If you do a bond to do buildings, or buses or computers, which is what we've been doing, then that whole dollar stays here," Williamson said. "That's the difference."

The bond vote does not have to be decided on before land is purchased.

"Whether you call it in May or November, we're in a position that the board can do a land purchase independent of the bond," Williamson said. "You have up to 18 months after the end of the project to use the bond money to repay the district."

A subcommittee formed by the board about three weeks ago is looking at options for real estate.

Although a delay of the bond purchase was not approved during this meeting, the board will meet for a special meeting again at noon on Thursday, Feb. 4 at the FISD Central Administration Building, 234 Friendship Lane.

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Basketball courts at Old Fair Park to get fresh surfacing

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SPORTS BRIEFS

FHS soccer teams to start District 26-4A play

The Billies boys' soccer team hosts Taylor in their first home game of the season at Fredericksburg High School Stadium on Friday.

FHS, 3-3-4 overall, kicks off against the Ducks at 6 p.m.

They will start District 26-4A play at home against Davenport at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9.

Friday, Jan. 29, the Billies lost to 5A Abilene Wylie, 1-0.

FHS girls' soccer team heads into District 26-4A play with a 3-0 win over Sam Houston Cole.

Abby Michalak scored the first two goals for the Billies on passes from her sister Gabby Michalak. Alicia Vargas scored the final goal for FHS on a pass from Gabby Michalak.

"We hope to continue the positive momentum next week when we open up district play at Comal Davenport," said Coach Logan Minshew.

The Billies were 9-5-3 in the pre-season and will travel to take on Davenport at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9.

FHS golf season tees off in Ingram Invitational

Fredericksburg High School boys' and girls' golf teams kicked off their spring season when they traveled to Ingram to play in the Ingram Invitational Golf Tournament this week.

Results will be in online and in next week's edition.

The Billies will play next at the Llano Invitational Golf Tournament. The boys will tee off at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 8 and the girls will start 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, at the Lighthouse Country Club golf course.

Harper softball team opens season at home

Harper softball team will play their first exhibition game of the season at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8 against Christoval.

After three teams bowed out due to COVID-19 quarantines, Coach Callen Stevenson had to scramble to find replacement games.

The Ladyhorns first game will be on the road against Sonora at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15.

Harper baseball to begin season in Blanco

Harper Longhorns' baseball swings back into action Tuesday, Feb. 9, with a 4 p.m. scrimmage at Blanco.

The team finished 5-6 in 2020, after COVID-19 canceled their season. Head

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FHS Sports
Billies boys' basketball teams sidelined by COVID ► A/B11

Longhorns
Harper hoops teams make playoff runs ► A/B12

Softball
Billies team impresses Coach Melissa Hall ► A/B14

Billies gear up for 2021

Players hungry after losing 2020 season to COVID-19

By Samuel Sutton

Standard-Radio Post reporter

The number one game the Fredericksburg High School baseball team is looking forward to is the first.

"Let's get it in the books," head coach Derrick Dietrich said. "It'd be a shame if that same thing from last year would happen. I don't foresee that happening, but we've just got to tread lightly and hope everything works out."

Last year, just as the team was on a roll, COVID-19 reared its ugly head.

"(The players) were pretty sick when they found out," Dietrich said.

The Billies had a 7-9-1 record when the season was suspended in March. While that record doesn't look great on paper, the team had momentum before the cancellation. FHS finished its short season with a 5-2 win

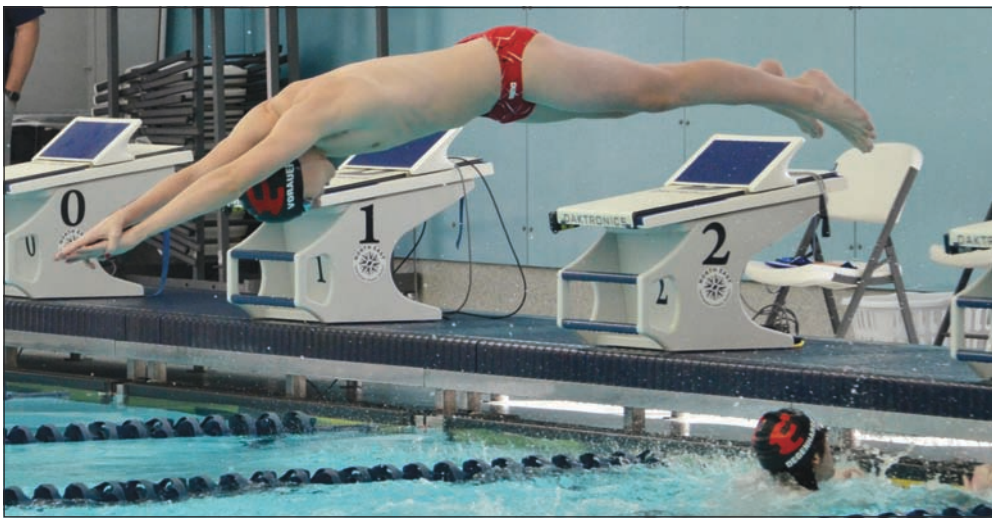
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Fredericksburg High School sophomore Micah Holster goes for the ball in right field during the first day of baseball tryouts Friday, Jan. 22. The Billies' first scrimmage is set for Marble Falls at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at their field. — Standard-Radio Post/Samuel Sutton

FHS SWIM

Diving into regionals



William Vorauer, the third swimmer in the 200 free relay, takes off from the block during the exchange in the District 18-5A Meet on Friday in San Antonio. The boys' 200 free relay placed fourth and is headed to regionals this weekend. — Photo by Anne Osterberg

Eleven FHS swimmers head to regionals this weekend

After an emotion-filled meet, 11 Fredericksburg High School swimmers are headed to the UIL Region V-5A High School Swimming and Diving Championships in Friendswood, Feb. 4-6.

Swimming for the Billies in the Friendswood Natatorium on Friday, Feb. 5, for the girls are: Emma Shepard, Maggie Shepard, Anne Osterberg, Mary Cornett, Abby-Kate Spence and Lexi Blackwell. Headed to regionals for the boys on Saturday, Feb. 6, are: Karsten

Livestream

To watch the Region V championships live at the Friendswood ISD Natatorium visit: tinyurl.com/yfp4pg2d.

Ottmers, Tyler Smedley, Barrett Young, Gus Spence, Hal Degenhardt and William Vorauer.

"With very few exceptions, everyone dropped significant time from their previous best swims, netting them new PRs (personal records)," coach Shannon

Mistr said about the district meet in San Antonio.

Cornett, who won gold in the 50 free at the 2020 meet, placed fifth this year.

In a typical year, the top six swimmers in district head to state, but this year due to COVID-19 restrictions, the UIL ruled that the top four swimmers will advance.

"She's over the moon thrilled to be competing in regionals with this being her senior year," said Mistr. "She's seeded ninth out of 16 in the 50, so state is not beyond the realm of possi-

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FHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL

FHS 'Swipers' keep swiping

Billies' point guards put cartoon fox, Swiper, to shame

By Christine Granados

Standard-Radio Post reporter

One of the many reasons the Fredericksburg High School girls' basketball team is so dominant in District 28-4A — they have defeated their opponents by an average of 45 points a game — has to do with two scrappy point guards.

The dogged defense of sophomore Ella Hartmann and junior Anabel Araiza gives opponents fits and causes turnovers.

In 24 games, Araiza swiped a team high 73 steals, 31 in district matchups, while Hartmann had 62 and 23.

Once they get the ball in their hands, they pass it off to teammates. Hartmann has a team high 88 assists, while Araiza has 79.

"When they do get a steal or deflection, they're always looking ahead for their teammates," said coach Carrie Grona. "They're

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Above left, Ella Hartmann scored a game high 21 points and had a game high five assists in Friday's home game against Wimberley. The Billies won, 69-48. Above right, Anabel Araiza's quick hands got her 10 steals against Canyon Lake last Tuesday. Here she passes the ball in the Billies' 69-48 win over Wimberley, at home. She had four assists and one steal in the game. — Standard-Radio Post/Samuel Sutton



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WHERE THEY PLAY

Thursday, Feb. 4
► FMS boys' basketball vs. Boerne North, 7th graders there, 8th graders here; White team at 5 p.m., Red team at 6 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 5
► FHS varsity tennis at PUNCHER Shootout in Mason, 8 a.m.

► FHS swim team girls at the Region V championships, Friendswood ISD Natatorium, 10:30 a.m.

► FHS boys' basketball vs. Bandera, here, sub-varsity, 5 p.m.; varsity, 6:15 p.m.

► FHS girls' basketball vs. Bandera, here, sub-varsity at 5 p.m.; varsity, 6:30 p.m.

► Harper basketball teams vs. Goldthwaite, there, girls' sub-varsity, 4 p.m.; girls' varsity, 6:15 p.m.; boys' sub-varsity, 5 p.m.; boys' varsity, 7:30 p.m.

► FHS boys' soccer vs. Taylor, here, 6:15 p.m.

► Heritage girls' basketball vs. San Angelo Cornerstone, here, 5 p.m.

► Heritage boys' basketball vs. San Angelo Cornerstone, here, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 6
► FHS varsity tennis at PUNCHER Shootout in Mason, 8 a.m.

► FHS swim team boys at the Region V championships, Friendswood ISD Natatorium, 10:30 a.m.

► FHS boys' basketball vs. Wimberley, there, freshmen, 11 a.m.; JV, noon; varsity, 1:30 p.m.

► FHS baseball scrimmage vs. Marble Falls, there, 11 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 8
► FHS JV tennis at Warrior Invitational in Ingram, 8 a.m.

► FHS boys' golf at Llano Yellowjackets Invitational.

► FHS boys' basketball vs. Boerne, there, sub-varsity, 5 p.m.; varsity, 6:15 p.m.

► Harper softball vs. Christoval, scrimmage, here, at 6 p.m.

► Ambleside Swim at Div. 1 TAPPS State Swim Meet in San Antonio.
► Ambleside golf at Vaaler Creek Golf Club.

► Ambleside JV tennis at Ingram Warrior Invitational in Ingram.

Tuesday, Feb. 9
► FHS boys' basketball vs. Davenport, there, sub-varsity 5 p.m.; varsity 6:15 p.m.

► FHS softball vs. Comfort, there, junior varsity at 5 p.m. and varsity at 6 p.m.

► FHS girls' soccer vs. Davenport, there, 7 p.m.

► FHS boys' soccer vs. Canyon Lake, there, 7 p.m.

► FHS baseball scrimmage vs. Marble Falls, here, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 10
► Ambleside varsity tennis at Ingram Warrior Invitational in Ingram.

Coronavirus sidelines FHS boys' hoops teams

With as many obstacles as the global pandemic has placed in the Billies path, a person would think that the Fredericksburg High School boys' basketball team was running track. They faced their first hurdle on Jan. 19, when the sub-varsity squads were quarantined after a Bandera player tested positive for COVID-19; however, the varsity team was allowed to play.

Last week, hurdle No. 2 had all the boys' teams quarantined and their games against Canyon Lake and Wimberley were postponed. "It all started with Bandera. When we played them, they had a freshman and JV player who tested positive, which put our kids in quarantine," said Head Coach Tim Kaman. "We even-

FHS boys' basketball revised schedule
Friday, Feb. 5, FHS vs. Bandera, here, sub-varsity 5 p.m., varsity 6:15 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 6, FHS vs. Wimberley, there, freshmen 11 a.m., JV noon, varsity 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 8, FHS vs. Boerne, there, sub-varsity 5 p.m., varsity 6:15 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 9, FHS vs. Davenport, there, sub-varsity 5 p.m., varsity 6:15 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 12, FHS vs. Canyon Lake, here, sub-varsity 5 p.m., varsity 6:15 p.m.

plaud our administration for keeping kids' safety a priority."

Their third hurdle will be this week's schedule of back-to-back road games.

After Friday's home game against the Bulldogs, they'll have three road games in a row: Saturday in Wimberley, Monday in Boerne and Tuesday in Davenport. They will end District 28-4A play at home Friday, Feb. 12 against Canyon Lake.

tually had kids test positive because of infection. We then had a positive test with a varsity member, so all were shut down."

"We had a few come back from quarantine, but not enough to continue playing, so we shut down the program for a few days," he said. "I ap-

BRIEFS

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Men's golf association hosted two tourneys

Al Bickle won the Super Senior Men's Golf Association's first tournament of the year at Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course in January.

It was a no hazard format that drew 28 players.

Rod Lee, Rich Johnson and Bruce Brown won the association's Three-Man Scramble with a net of 62.

The association is open to men over 55 years old, and want to play every Tuesday, according to Johnson.

For more information, contact Johnson at 830-733-2238 or the pro shop at the golf course at 830-997-4010.

Burg Little League looking for volunteers

Fredericksburg Little League season is scheduled to start in March and player evaluations and draft will take place in February.

Those wanting to volunteer to coach, keep score, umpire, etc., can email fredericksburglittleleague@gmail.com.

For more information about the league visit www.FBGLL.com.

Fees are \$100 for first child and \$80 for second.

The league is open to: Boys born between Sept. 1, 2004-Jan. 31, 2015 and girls born between Jan. 1, 2004-Dec. 31, 2014.

SWIPERS

Cont. from A/B10

team oriented and don't care about their stats."

"It's something all these kids have instilled in themselves," she said.

Selfless play and their German work ethic are the reasons the Billies have remained at the top of the state rankings the entire season.

FHS, 23-1 overall and 6-0 in district, was ranked No. 3 in the state again this week by the Texas Association of Girls' Basketball Coaches.

On Tuesday, they will have played their toughest district opponent, rival Boerne, who is 18-3 overall and 7-1 in district. Game results will be online and in next week's paper.

"We've got two games to get through and a big one tomorrow," Grona said on Monday. "We've got to shore everything up and make sure we're all on the same page."

The Greyhounds are the only district opponent FHS has not beaten by over 20 points. In their first meeting in January, the Billies won, 64-51.

FHS will travel to Bandera to play the Bulldogs for the final district game of the season, before the playoffs.

Like last year's UIL Class 4A state run, this team is undefeated in district and will have clinched first place in district with a victory over Boerne Tuesday.

They will meet the fourth-place finisher of District 27-4A the second week of February, who will more than likely be Gonzales.

To date their biggest opponent has been COVID-19.

"It's really just a crap shoot and we've been lucky," said Grona about not having to quarantine this year. "The girls are just trying to stay in

their bubble."

FHS 69, Wimberley 48
Friday, Jan. 29 at FHS Gym
Wimberley 9 12 8 19 - 48
FHS 21 13 20 15 - 69

Scoring: Hartmann 21, Spurgin 16, Brittley Bowers 10, Madison Frantzen 8, Madison McKinnon 4, Avery Crouse 4, Anabel Araiza 4, Misty Danz 2.

Rebounds: Spurgin 6, Araiza 4, Crouse 3, Bowers 2, Hartmann 2, McKinnon 2, Lauren Beyer 1, Danz 1, Frantzen 1.

Assists: Hartmann 5, Araiza 4, Bowers 3, Spurgin 2, Crouse 2, McKinnon 2.

Steals: Frantzen 3, Bowers 3, McKinnon 3, Hartmann 2, Spurgin 2, Araiza 1.

Tuesday, Jan. 26 at FHS Gym
Canyon Lake 8 1 4 2 - 15
FHS 19 18 24 11 - 72

Scoring: Spurgin 16, Hartmann 15, McKinnon 10, Bowers 10, Crouse 8, Araiza 6, Danz 2, Beyer 1.

Rebounds: Spurgin 5, Hartmann 3, Araiza 2, Danz 2, Crouse 2, McKinnon 2, Bowers 1, Beyer 1, Maurer 1.

Assists: Hartmann 7, Araiza 6, McKinnon 4, Bowers 2, Crouse 1.

Steals: Araiza 10, Hartmann 7, Crouse 3, Spurgin 2, Beyer 2, Danz 1, **Blocks:** McKinnon 1.

BASEBALL

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against Burnet and a 9-8 victory over Austin St. Michael's at the Wimberley Tournament.

"We were finally clicking a little bit compared to where we were," Dietrich said. "I thought we were kind of turning things around when that all happened. It obviously wasn't a good feeling."

The lost year not only broke the streak, but stole senior players' exposure to scouts.

"It impacted them pretty hard once it sunk in that it was over," he said. "What a way to end your career, especially those guys who had been with us for four years, who worked so hard, and had a chance to make a little run."

COVID-19 also impacted the seniors' chances to play at the next level.

"It's dramatic," he said. "With seniors in the NCAA getting an extra year, scholarship spots that weren't available, and a smaller draft, it was all a trickle down effect."

Looking ahead

Dietrich and his team's focus is now on this season.

"(Those upcoming seniors) are hungry, they're ready," he said. "Several of the kids I have in my baseball class have been playing some in the fall as much as they could and they're ready to go."

While Dietrich likes that hungry feeling from his play-

ers, he knows other teams are just as ready to come back.

"Everybody's coming in the same kind of way," he said. "It's going to be interesting and it's going to be fun."

Despite losing last season, Dietrich said the primary strength of the 2021 Billies is experience.

"The main kids that we have coming back have played for three years and they've played multiple positions," he said.

As an example, Dietrich noted key players like sophomore catcher Jackson Word.

"He doesn't have much experience varsity-wise, but he's going to be a good one," he said.

Dietrich also mentioned senior infielder, catcher and pitcher Jessie Castillo, senior infielder and pitcher Felix Cruz, senior outfielder and pitcher Rob Zuberbueler, and junior outfielder and pitcher Javier Rodriguez.

Another big strength, he said, was hitting.

"Defensively, I think we'll be adequate, but I think at the plate, we will battle and compete," he said.

The Billies are set to take on Marble Falls for a scrimmage at the FHS Baseball Field at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6.

Their first official game is set for 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, at Comfort.

2020-2021 Fredericksburg High School Baseball

Date	Opponent	Location	White	Red	Varsity
Saturday, Feb. 6	Marble Falls scrimmage	Marble Falls	-	-	11 a.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 9	Marble Falls scrimmage	FHS	-	-	11 a.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 9	Marble Falls scrimmage	Marble Falls	5 p.m.	6:30	-
Friday, Feb. 12	Llano scrimmage	Llano	-	-	5 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 12	Llano scrimmage	FHS	5 p.m.	6:30	-
Saturday, Feb. 13	Billie Baseball HTA-THON	FHS	9 a.m.	9 a.m.	9 a.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 16	Comfort scrimmage	FHS	-	-	5 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 16	Comfort scrimmage	Comfort	-	5 p.m.	6 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 19	Burnet scrimmage	FHS	-	-	5 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 20	Harper scrimmage	Harper	5 p.m.	7 p.m.	-
Monday, Feb. 22	Burnet scrimmage	Burnet	-	-	7 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 22	Burnet scrimmage	FHS	5 p.m.	7 p.m.	-
Feb. 25-27	Eberle-Bock Memorial Tour.	FHS	-	-	TBA
Feb. 25-27	Wimberley JV1 Tournament	Wimberley	-	TBA	-
Friday, Feb. 26	Burnet (DH)	Burnet	5/7	-	-
Tuesday, March 2	Comfort	Comfort	-	-	6 p.m.
Tuesday, March 2	Llano	FHS	5 p.m.	7 p.m.	-
March 4-6	Llano Tournament	Llano/Burnet	-	-	TBA
March 4-6	Wimberley JV2 Tournament	Wimberley	TBA	-	-
Friday, March 5	Tivy (DH)	Tivy	5/7	-	-
Monday, March 8	Davenport (DH)	Davenport	-	5/7	-
Tuesday, March 9	Navarro	FHS	-	-	6 p.m.
Tuesday, March 9	Navarro (DH)	Navarro	-	5/7	-
March 11-13	Wimberley Tournament	Wimberley	-	-	TBA
Friday, March 12	Antonian Prep	FHS	5 p.m.	7 p.m.	-
Saturday, March 13	Tivy	FHS	10 a.m.	Noon	-
Monday, March 15	Canyon Lake	FHS	11 a.m.	1 p.m.	-
Tuesday, March 16	SA Christian	FHS	-	-	6 p.m.
Wednesday, March 17	LJ' Billie Clinic	FHS	-	-	9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Wednesday, March 17	Harper	Harper	10 a.m.	Noon	-
Thursday, March 18	Llano	FHS	-	-	1 p.m.
Monday, March 22	Wimberley	FHS	5 p.m.	7 p.m.	-
Tuesday, March 23	*Davenport	Davenport	-	-	7 p.m.
Friday, March 26	*Davenport	FHS	-	-	7 p.m.
Saturday, March 27	Uvalde	FHS	-	-	1 p.m.
Saturday, March 27	Blanco	Blanco	11 a.m.	1 p.m.	-
Tuesday, March 30	*Canyon Lake	FHS	-	-	7 p.m.
Thursday, April 1	*Canyon Lake	Canyon Lake	-	-	7 p.m.
Thursday, April 1	Antonian Prep	Antonian Prep	-	-	4 p.m.
Thursday, April 1	Regents	Regents	5 p.m.	-	-
Tuesday, April 6	*Wimberley	Wimberley	-	-	7 p.m.
Friday, April 9	*Wimberley	FHS	-	-	7 p.m.
Friday, April 9	Wimberley	Wimberley	5 p.m.	7 p.m.	-
Monday, April 12	Bandera (DH)	FHS	5 p.m.	7 p.m.	-
Monday, April 12	Harper	Harper	6 p.m.	-	-
Tuesday, April 13	*Boerne	Boerne	-	-	7 p.m.
Friday, April 16	*Boerne	FHS	-	-	7 p.m.
Monday, April 19	Comfort	Comfort	6 p.m.	-	-
Tuesday, April 20	*Bandera	FHS	-	-	7 p.m.
Thursday, April 22	JV 28-4 Dist. Tournament	FHS	-	TBA	-
Friday, April 23	*Bandera	Bandera	-	-	7 p.m.
Saturday, April 24	JV 28-4 Dist. Tournament	Boerne	-	TBA	-
Tuesday, May 4	28-4A Dist. Tournament	TBA	-	-	TBA
Saturday, May 8	Bi-District	TBA	-	-	TBA
Saturday, May 15	Area	TBA	-	-	TBA
Saturday, May 22	Regional Quarterfinals	TBA	-	-	TBA
Saturday, May 29	Regional Semi-finals	TBA	-	-	TBA
Saturday, June 5	Regional Finals	TBA	-	-	TBA
June 9-12	4A State Tournament	TBA	-	-	TBA

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HARPER BASKETBALL

Harper basketball teams start playoff shuffle

By Christine Granados
Standard-Radio Post reporter

The Harper girls' and boys' varsity basketball teams are eyeing playoff runs after their final District 14-2A games.

Both teams will have hosted Mason on Tuesday and celebrated Parents' Night. Results will be online and in next week's edition.

The teams will travel to Goldthwaite on Friday.

The girls' varsity team will end their district season on the road and look to clinch the third-place spot in district standings. The sub-varsity plays at 4 p.m. and varsity at 6:15 p.m.

The boys' team will end their season on the road Monday, Feb. 9, in Johnson City, with sub-varsity at 5 p.m. and varsity at 7:30 p.m.

Ladyhorns' season
With the third best record

in the district at 7-3 and 17-4 overall, the Ladyhorns look to be headed to the playoffs which are set for Feb. 11-13.

More than likely, Harper will take on Sabinal, the District 30-2A runner-up. Games in District 30 end on Saturday and playoff brackets will be finalized by the end of the week.

Harper is coming off two big wins against Junction, 71-17, and Center Point, 67-7.

"We try to change our defense to continue to play hard, but run a less aggressive one," said coach Vance Millican about high scoring games. "We also get our subs a lot of good minutes in games like these."

Harper 71, Junction 17
Friday, Jan. 29, at Junction
HHS 21 20 20 10 - 71
Junction 8 3 4 2 - 17
Scoring: Kylie Wolsey 17, Talli Millican 12, Rachel Perkins 12, Carter Wood 12, Whitney Spaeth 10, Chloe Palmer 4, Sloan Spaeth 4.

Rebounds: Wolsey 7, Carter Wood 5.
Assists: Millican 4, Perkins 3.
Steals: W. Spaeth 3.

Harper 71, Center Point 7
Tuesday, Jan. 26, at Harper
Center Point 2 0 3 2 - 7
HHS 22 18 8 19 - 67
Scoring: Wolsey 15, Millican 14, Wood 10, Perkins 8, W. Spaeth 8, Emily Seewald 5, S. Spaeth 5, Palmer 2.
Rebounds: Wolsey 8.
Assists: Perkins 5.
Steals: Millican 5.

Longhorns' season
The Harper boys' basketball team will travel to Johnson City to decide whether they will go to the playoffs as the third or fourth place team.

As of Tuesday afternoon, the Longhorns, 6-3 in district and 6-13 overall, were in third place. With three more games on both Harper and Johnson City's schedules, the No. 3 and 4 spots are up for grabs. The Eagles are 5-3 in district and



8-7 overall.

Like the girls' team, the boys' team is coming off two big wins against Junction, 59-36, and Center Point, 57-31.

Senior Dalton Brown was high scorer in both games; against Junction, he scored 17



points and he made 30 points at home against Center Point.

Harper 57, Junction 31
Friday, Jan. 29, at Junction
HHS 17 17 13 10 - 57
Junction 7 9 6 9 - 31
Scoring: Brown 17, Braden Strickland 16, Derek Perkins 11, Tod Bau-

mann 7, Zane Schubert 4, Quinn Durst 2.

Harper 59, Center Point 36
Tuesday, Jan. 26, at Harper
Center Point 6 3 8 19 - 36
HHS 11 20 16 12 - 59
Scoring: Brown 30, Strickland 12, Schubert 6, Durst 5, Perkins 4.

SWIM

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bility." Cornett moved up due to an entry scratch and will be headed to regionals in one of her best strokes.

District 28-5A Meet Results
Friday, Jan. 29 in San Antonio.
Girls
200 medley relay - 4. E. Shepard, M. Shepard, Osterberg, Cornett, 2:05.63.
50 free - 5. Cornett 25.49, moved up due to an entry scratch.
200 free relay - 4. E. Shepard, M. Shepard, Spence, Blackwell (Cornett will swim in Blackwell's place due to injury), 1:53.63.
400 free relay - 4. E. Shepard, M. Shepard, Blackwell (Spence will swim at region), Cornett, 4:11.90.
Boys
200 medley relay - 4. Ottmers, Smedley, Young, Spence, 1:55.21.
100 free - 4. Smedley, 51.89.
200 free relay - 4. Smedley, Degenhardt, Vorauer, Spence, 1:37.62.
400 free relay - 4. Spence, Degenhardt, Vorauer, Smedley, 3:41.96.



Billies Maggie Shepard, Lexi Blackwell and Mary Cornett cheer on their teammates during the district meet in San Antonio last Friday. — Photo by Anne Osterberg

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FHS TENNIS

Billies tennis teams rack up wins in opening matches

Coach Randall King's Battlin' Billies tennis team was eager to see spring tennis action as students have dealt with ongoing quarantines and coronavirus rules in classes.

King took his squad to the Abilene Cooper Quad tournament on Jan. 29 and had a solid outing, with junior Olivia Alvarez taking first in the A division singles and Bella Rodriguez and Karina Gonzalez winning girls doubles.

The Fredericksburg High School Billies' doubles team of Jorge Lopez and Karson Hagel also took first place without dropping a set, while junior David Lindsay took second in singles play.

"We have had some quality practice time the past two weeks. It takes a little bit of time to get everyone back into the groove," King said.

"The Abilene tournament was a great experience," he said of FHS' first foray into that tourney draw. "Everyone got three quality matches against teams that we don't normally compete against."

King said his varsity squad hasn't been affected much with quarantine issues, but his JV players have had to miss some tournament and practice time.

"It is the world we live in right now. We continue to advise kids to wear their masks

and follow protocol to the best of our ability," he said.

Players back from the 2019-2020 Class 4A state team champions are Thomas Wainwright, David Lindsay, Jorge Lopez, Denis Mustard, Karina Gonzales, Kailey Schnelle, Olivia Alvarez and Bella Rodriguez.

But King said it's difficult to make predictions about who may be able to make a deep run in singles, doubles or mixed. Both Wainwright and Alvarez have spring state tournament experience.

King said several other players have the potential to get to state, but he will decide in upcoming weeks as to how to pair up for district play, which begins in April.

The team also boasts several returning lettermen that have competed well over the past few years.

"We always look to our seniors for leadership," King said of players Karina Gonzales, Kailey Schnelle, Karson Hagel, Denis Mustard and Thomas Wainwright. "These are the athletes that know the routine and understand the hard work that goes into being successful."

Other players to watch include juniors David Lindsay, Olivia Alvarez, Jorge Lopez and sophomore Bella Rodriguez.

Results from the Abilene Cooper Quad Jan. 29
Boys' doubles
Jorge Lopez/Karson Hagel (FHS) def. Martin/Sullivan (Iowa Park) 6-0,

7-5; def. Foster/Wooten (Abilene Cooper) 6-0, 6-0; def. Petty/Reece (Midland High) 7-6(2), 6-0. **1st place "A" Division**

Grayson Halford/Jack Stephens loss Fernandez/Graham (Midland High) 6-1, 0-6, (10-1); def. Gavin/Kieschnick (Iowa Park) 6-0, 6-3; def. Lindstrom/Miser (Abilene Cooper) 6-0, 6-3. **2nd Place "B" Division**

Boys' singles
David Lindsay (FHS) def. D. Dawkins (Abilene Cooper) 6-3, 6-0; def. L. Hammel (Iowa Park) 6-0, 6-0; loss T. Steward (Midland High) 6-0, 6-0. **2nd Place "A" Division**
Denis Mustard (FHS) def. L. Loyd (Iowa Park) 6-1, 6-3; loss J. Trujillo (Abilene Cooper) 6-4, 3-6, (11-9); def. A. Pounds (Midland High) 6-0, 6-3. **2nd Place "B" Division**

Girls' singles
Olivia Alvarez (FHS) def. P. Ptak (Midland High) 6-1, 6-2; def. K. Walters (Abilene Cooper) 6-2, 6-0; def. J. Bounds (Iowa Park) 6-2, 6-1. **1st place "A" Division**

Girls' doubles
Bella Rodriguez/Karina Gonzalez (FHS) def. Gonzales/Hollowell (Abilene Cooper) 6-0, 6-0; def. McCasland/Smith (Iowa Park) 6-1, 6-1; def. Stewart/Salazar (Midland High) (4), 6-7, 6-3, (10-5). **1st Place "A" Division**
Kailey Schnelle/Skylar Denton (FHS) def. Stewart/Schmidt (Iowa Park) 6-1, 6-1; def. Okamura/Valite (Abilene Cooper) 6-1, 6-1; loss Brown/Wicker (Midland High) 6-4, 6-3. **2nd Place "B" Division**

Mixed doubles
Logan Sifford/Ashley Colmenero (FHS) loss Bridge/Ritchie (Abilene Cooper) 6-2, 6-2; loss Foreman/Thompson (Midland High) 6-3, 6-1; loss Carrion/Bish (Iowa Park) 6-4, 7-5.
Dylan Sifford/Tatum Koennecke (FHS) loss Anderson/Carriger (Midland High) 6-3, 2-6, (11-9); loss Faulkner/Connally (Abilene Cooper) 7-5, 6-4; loss Meyer/Fields (Iowa Park) 6-4, 7-5.



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Fourth grader Kaitlyn Robles gets down to the basics.



Kindergartners from left, Julian Del Fierro, Ellie Feller, Myah Weaver and Macie Gardner give their teachers love, while waiting in line to go to class after recess.



Left, Ellie Feller and Kennedy Lopez jump for joy during kindergarten recess at St. Mary's Catholic School.



St. Mary's kindergartner Layla Rejcek enjoys recess.



Nothing breaks second grader Angela Cohn's concentration as she focuses on her writing.



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FHS softball team impresses coach

In their home debut on Saturday, Fredericksburg High School Billies softball players made diving catches and closed the seams so tight they ran into one another.

“When Emma Robledo made the diving play between first and second, we were laughing about how much she doesn’t like the Oklahoma drill (which involves diving for the ball),” said head coach Melissa Hall, about Saturday’s exhibition game against Boerne Champion.

In the same game, the third base and shortstop players both went for a line drive and

collided as they closed the seam. The third baseman held on to the ball for the third out of the inning.

Despite the cold, drizzly weather on Saturday morning, FHS got in 10 solid innings as they hosted Boerne Champion and Liberty Hill at the FHS softball field.

“I thought we played well and our defense looked good,” Hall said. “Offensively, I’m happy with how we looked at the plate. We put the ball in play.”

Because the game was a scrimmage, Hall didn’t keep score.

The Billies will have played Tivy High School at home on Tuesday. Game highlights will be online and in next week’s edition.

“I want to put some people in different positions and get other kids more playing time,” she said about upcoming scrimmages. “With this being a COVID year, I told the girls

that everyone is going to practice at every position, in case we lose someone and have to move players around.”

On Saturday, the Billies host two big-city teams. They play 5A San Antonio Southside at 10 a.m. and 6A Austin High School at 1:30 p.m. Southside and Austin will play at 11:45 a.m.



Sophomore Avery Holland pitched five innings against Liberty Hill at Saturday’s second exhibition game at the FHS softball field. — Standard-Radio Post/Samuel Sutton



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The night the music changed

On the morning of Feb 3, 1959, 14-year-old Tom LaVille opened up his bundle of newspapers to deliver like he did every day. But this morning was different. There, on the front page of the *Mason City Globe-Gazette*, was the news that Buddy Holly, the Big Bopper, and Richie Valens had died in a wintry plane crash.

The news shocked the world. But for young Tom it hit closer to home. He had been at Buddy Holly's final concert the night before, at the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, Iowa.

"It was horrible news," LaVille said. "I had no one to tell. I ran over to tell my mom that this is who we saw last night, and they're dead now. I didn't cry, but I was troubled because I had just seen them the night before. I remember thinking, I'm glad Dion wasn't with them, because that's who I went to see perform."

After college, LaVille came to teach at our little high school in the middle of the prairie. I had not known of his connection to this pivotal event in rock and roll his-

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Clockwise from top, left, kindergarteners Elliot Schroder, Magnus Voorhess and Myah Weaver play during recess.



Wyatt Adams with listens intently to a teacher's aide in PreK-4 class.



Third grade art students hard at work are Mackenzie Love, Hudson Cunningham and Leo Eilers. — Photo by Kaitlyn Burg

Eighth graders Emmitt Harper, Jack Gioffre, Vincent Hickey and Cana Vollmar prepare their notes and pay attention to their teacher as class begins.

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More care needed for healthcare, volunteer workers

A few days ago, my family and I volunteered at Hill Country Memorial to take phone calls related to COVID-19 vaccinations. I was only there for about an hour, but my parents were there for just over four hours, signing up folks for their vaccination appointments.

At the end of the day, we left to go pick up dinner from a local restaurant, and as we were driving past Main Street, we saw dozens of people, including a school board member, walking down Main Street with their masks either hanging from their ears or nowhere in sight. Even though this is a pretty common occurrence in our town these days, seeing the blatant disregard of our mask mandate and the signs the city and individual businesses have posted, struck a nerve with me.

It was not just because of the seemingly uncaring nature of some of the people that come through our town, and even of some of the folks who live here, but also because my family and I had just spent our personal time helping elderly folks and people with possible life-threatening, pre-existing conditions get their much-needed vaccination appointments. Not only does the disregard of the tourists and locals annoy me, but it also hinders our local hospital's efforts to contain COVID-19.

Another thing that has bothered me (and many others) in the past few days is the disgusting amount of hate that the hospital has received over the crash of the vaccination appointment site. It has become increasingly clear how selfish and self-centered some folks from this town are, and the outpouring of anger the HCM staff has had to deal with in the past week is horrible.

The hospital has never had to deal with a situation like this before (a world-wide pandemic), and the staff is doing its best to ensure that those who need their vaccinations can get them as soon as

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Still making beautiful music together

Two named to all-state bands; FISD music programs will hold outdoor concerts

Two Fredericksburg High School students made All-State Jazz Band in the University Interscholastic League's contest.

Brandon Valderaz, French horn, and Will Cooke, bass, made all-state this year, after auditioning through a new virtual process.

FHS band members who made all-region band and jazz band will receive region patches and plaques, but the clinics and concerts have been canceled due to coronavirus concerns, according to Fredericksburg Independent School District Director of Bands Jeremy Chapman.

The FISD Band program will conduct outdoor, social distanced performances at the Fredericksburg Middle School in early February.

"The band(s) will be set up on the outdoor basketball court," Chapman said. "Parents can come to campus and bring chairs to sit in the grass, along the sidewalk, or stay in your cars in the driveway loop."

Masks will be required, even outdoors. The performances are contingent on good weather and will be rescheduled if canceled. Below are the dates of each group performance:



Fredericksburg Middle School and High School bands will perform this week at outdoor concerts near the FMS "horseshoe" parking lot. — Standard-Radio Post file

Wednesday, Feb. 3 – 5:30 p.m.; high school jazz band.

Thursday, Feb. 4 – 5 p.m.; middle school beginning band.

Friday, Feb. 5 – 5:30 p.m.; middle

school honors band.

Monday, Feb. 8 – 5:30 p.m.; middle school concert and jazz bands.

Tuesday, Feb. 9 – 5:30 p.m.; middle school symphonic band.

Thursday, Feb. 11 – 5:30 p.m.; high school symphonic band and wind ensemble.

Contests

The FISD bands will be auditioning virtually for the UIL Concert and Sight-Reading contests in the coming months, according to Chapman.

UIL is offering UIL State Marching Contest for all UIL classes next year. Fredericksburg will be preparing to compete for UIL State Marching Contest.

"We are very excited about UIL's decision to offer this again," he said. "It does mean that in 2021 and in 2022, Fredericksburg will have an opportunity to go to UIL State Marching Contest."

"On a personal note, I'm very thankful for the staff and boosters for all they do," Chapman said. "This has been a challenging year in so many ways, and students are doing a great job of adapting to the situations that have been handed to them. Words can't express how proud I am of them, and how we're just doing what we can to make beautiful music together."

FES lauds A/B honor roll students from second grading period

Fredericksburg Elementary School recognized 493 students for their academic performances with Honor Roll achievements in the second nine weeks of the school year.

The school awarded 187 students A honor roll recognitions and 306 A/B honor roll recognitions.

Students on the A honor roll were listed on page C2 of last week's *Standard-Radio Post*.

Honorees on the A/B honor roll include:

FES A/B HONOR ROLL

Second grade: Waheeb Aljada, Allison Anderson, Isabella Angel, Alfredo Avila, Assad Aysheh, Jesse Becker, Devan Behrends, Eduardo Benitez, Haiden Bible, Allison Borlace, Raelynn Cadell, Allyssa Cain, Zachary Carroll, Scarlett Castaneda, Cesar Cisneros, Carlos Contreras, Clara Cortez-Whitworth, Lyla Fuentes, Andrew Garza, Isabella Garza, Rosendo Garza, Jacob Gell, Cooper Green, Evangeline Hayward, Maria De Los Ange Hernandez, Samantha Hernandez, Tenley Horton, Maydelyn Jaime, Raven Kottke, Rylen Ledesma and Xavier Llanas.

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Augustus Seelig, John Tait, Corby Tessler, Lesly Vargas, Antonio Vela and Charles Williams.

Third grade: Jayden Aguilar, Zacarias Albiter, Leah Avila, Jaqueline Ayala, Nicolas Cadena, Jared Calvillo, Emilio Castro, Daniel Chase, Brison Cronk, Jordan De La Garza, Brenda Delgado, Claudia Delgado, Jesslyn Delgado, Jaycee Doyal, Emma Elrod, Ty Emerson, Gavin Espinoza, Ethan Flink, Tyler Frantzen, Victoria Garcia Bejar, Isabella Gazaway, Collins Gonzales, Cynthia Gonzales Munoz, Juniper Grimmer, Jace Hausler, John Hickman, Luke Holt, Gattlyn Inmon, Jayla Jones, Devin Juarez, Yolanda Juarez, Dax Jung, Paxton King, Anne Kneese, Mason Kneese, Hailey Koch and Jeilyn Dariana Lagos Flores.

And, Hannah Lambright, Ariana Lindo, Millicent Lopez-Siffr, Wrenna Mann, Angel Martin, Olivia Martinez, Emma May, Evelyn Melton, Adrian Moore, Isabella Neri, Anthony Ochoa, Carlos Ortiz, Jordyn Ottmers, Daelyn Pittman, Cielo Ramirez, Nikolaus Robertson, Mackenzie Rodriguez, Delmer Rodriguez Chaver, Alan Sanchez, Sunny Schellman, Paxton Schmidt, Trenton Schnelle, Kamryn Sieckmann, Hudson Staudt, Lilian Straube, Saul Suarez, Lionel Umanzor Artiga, Winfred Valdez, Isabella Victorica, Efrain Villa, Madielyn Welsh, Easton Wendel and Makenna Word.

Fourth grade: Corina Ables, Callie Acree, Destiny Aguilar, Camila Aguirre, Lorenzo Alaquinez, Deysi Albiter, Delbert Allen, Jackson Anassi, Noah Angel, Tyler Barteau, Taya Becker, Kevin Beltran, Christian Bermudez, Jackson Blizzard, Payton Boes, Lucille Booth, Jagger Burns, Ethan Cain, Abriella Cantu, Eli Castaneda, Arianee Chavarria, James

Cheek, Emily Contreras, Sean Copell, Evelyn Cox, Dillon Crain, Zachary Davis, Emma DeLoof, Aurelio Diaz, Eleanor Duccellier, Berlin Facer, Juliana Farnsworth, Exzyah Flores-Lozano, Piers-Louise Fry, Dania Garcia and Diego Garcia Bejar.

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And, Ashley Perez, Gabriel Perez, Elijah Pirie, Katelyn Prado, Ryan Prado, Maddox Raines, Olivia Ramirez, David Ramirez Gamboa, Daniel Richey, Jayden Rivera, Nicole Rivera, Dacey Robison, Saul Rodriguez Gar-

cia, Estrella Rodriguez-Valenzuela, Kaylee Salinas, Gage Schreckenbach, Landyn Sharp, Dustin Simmons, Cora Spence, Ella Stasny, Draven Steele, Samuel Vaughan, Isaiah Villanueva, Logan Weirich, Lily Whittington, Mason Wilde, Piper Williams and Michael Wood.

Fifth grade: Catherine Aguilar, Gerardo Aguilar, Justin Aguilar, Giovanni Aguirre, Hailey Bearden, Marley Bedford, Nicole Benitez, Peyton Burns, Jose Campa-Diaz, Kimberlee Castaneda, Mia Catana, Cason Clawson, Adair Cordero, Colt Davis, Aaliyah Diosdado, Dominick Diosdado, Cole Eckhardt, Xia Ferreira, Auna Finkbeiner, Thomas Flink, Bella Flores, Suzy Frantzen, Payne Fry, Lily Gannon, Kevin Garcia, August Grau, Cohl Hartmann, Chapel Herber, Estrella Hernandez, Alejandro Herrera, Zane Huff, Graysin Irwin, Cayden Langerhans, Emily Lawrence, Yocelyn Ledezma, Hunter Lochte, Aubrey Lopez and Gavin Martinez.

Also, Morgan McGuffie, Berklee Meier, Briley Mikes, Kress Mohr, Miranda Montoya, Jett Newton, Janae Ochoa, Sherlyn Pantoja, Christian Perez, Jaedyn Prade, Holly Rabke,

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Tamarind Pad Thai noodles

By Case Fischer

CULINARY ADVENTURE

Have you ever traveled to another city and delved into the street food culture there? You will find that every city in every region in every country of the world has their own specialty. In New York, it's hot dogs and gyros, in Mexico City it's tacos, in London on Portobello Road you can find street food from all over the world.

We get a lot of inspiration from the street food of the world — it's the ultimate comfort food from different cultures.

Pad Thai is a dish that has become very popular in restaurants and food trucks across the country. It originated in Thailand, and is a simple recipe made with rice noodles, chicken, beef, shrimp or tofu.

Pad Thai is a fairly modern dish that was purportedly created in the 1930s to '40s, and it started out as street food — now it is Thailand's national dish.

I have mentioned our good friend, Dr. Foo Swasdee in this column before. She is a chef who also holds a Ph.D. in food science from Texas A&M, and she is from Thailand and is a genius for flavors — her cooking philosophy is based on the perfect balance of flavors. Not too sweet, not too hot, not too salty, but a little bit of all of it.



Mark Wieser & Case Fischer

She taught us how to make Pad Thai and the secret is, of course, in the sauce.

Pad Thai is a dish based on salty flavors with sweet compliments from other ingredients like sugar or fish sauce. Our Pad Thai sauce is complimented by the sweet and sour flavor of tamarind — thanks to Dr. Foo looking for that perfect balance.

It's very easy to make — just a little bit of stir frying and then toss with noodles and sauce. There have been many adaptations to the original Pad Thai dish that include adding your own favorite toppings like cashews, or varying the spice level with different kinds of peppers.

You can also change it by using spaghetti noodles, spiralized squash noodles, brown rice noodles, or kelp noodles instead of rice noodles. The most important thing is to make it your own — we are here simply to inspire you to



try something new.

Now, don't forget that we have our very own Thai chef right here in Fredericksburg at August E's.

August E's has long been a favorite of our family and was a wonderful place to take our kids when they were little to expose them to different types of food. Chef Leu was always ready and willing to accommodate their requests, and now that they are grown, they love to go for Thai food and Sushi.

So, this recipe is definitely not recommended to replace a visit to that wonderful restaurant for some of Chef Leu's delicious menu items on Thai

Tuesday, but if you are staying in and fancy a quick and easy Pad Thai dinner — this week's recipe is for you.

Ingredients

- Dr. Foo's Tamarind Pad Thai Sauce (or any pad thai substitute)
- 4 oz uncooked thick rice noodles (linguini style)
- ½ lb uncooked small/medium shrimp, peeled (or beef or chicken)
- 1 tbsp sesame oil
- ½ medium onion, sliced
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 medium red bell pepper, sliced
- ½ cup bean sprouts
- 2 tsp lime juice (optional)
- Chopped peanuts/cashews (optional)

Directions

1. Cook noodles according to package directions
2. In a large nonstick skillet, heat sesame oil and add shrimp. Cook until shrimp turns pink. Add sliced onions and red bell peppers. Cook until onions and pepper soften. Reduce heat to medium-low and add in garlic. Stir for 25-30 seconds.
3. Reduce heat to low. Add in cooked rice noodles and toss with shrimp and vegetable mix. Add in pad thai sauce and bean sprouts and stir well until evenly coated.
4. Serve with lime slices, and top off with chopped peanuts, cashews, cilantro or chives.

Gillespie 4-H collecting food donations

The Gillespie County 4-H clubs have been collecting donations for the Food 4 Kids Program.

Donations can be dropped off at the new Gillespie County Extension Office at 38 Business Court.

“The Needs Council Food 4 Kids Program addresses weekend hunger in children who school personnel identify as undernourished,” according to the Hill Country Community Needs Council. “The idea is to provide non-refrigerated individual serving size nutritional snacks that young children can open and eat. No can opener, microwave or stove needed. Some of these children are left to fend for themselves on the weekend while parents work.”

Suggested donations include:

- Tuna kits;
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- Beanie Wienies;
- Applesauce;
- Granola bars;
- Protein bars;
- 100% juice boxes;
- Fruit cups;
- Nuts;
- Trail mix;
- Beef jerky;
- Breakfast bars;
- Cheese and peanut butter crackers;
- Individual servings of peanut butter.

For more information on the program, go to hccfb.org/ministries/food-4-kids/.

Yoga, acting courses ahead at FISD Community Education

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Beautiful emptiness out there

Wright’s directorial debut ‘Land’ a pretty picture set to fade like the sun

Grief and tragedy have long been an overarching theme of independent dramas, especially those that find their way across major film festivals in search of studio buyers. But they’re also a fantastic way for first-time directors to plant their flag in the sand as an emerging filmmaker or actors to announce their arrival as a behind-the-scenes star. Golden Globe-winning actress Robin Wright – who directed several episodes of her award winning television drama “House of Cards” – makes her major motion picture debut with “Land,” which premiered Sunday evening at the 2021 Sundance Film Festival and is slated for a theatrical release Feb. 12. Set primarily in the wilds of rural Wyoming, “Land” stars Wright as a woman seeking complete solitude for reflection and self-destruction following tragedy. Her desire to shut herself away from the world in spite of lacking any survival skills places her in the path of Miguel, an area hunter

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who teaches her the ways of the land and helps her begin to find her soul again. Wright’s journey as Edie begins with a hollow sorrowfulness that permeates through the screen, a bitter-sweet melancholia dripping out like oozing dark blue blood soaking into the nightscapes. Much of the film is sans dialogue, which gives Wright the opportunity to emote in silence only to break free with cries of despair at pivotal moments. It’s a much better performance of restraint as an actress than as a director, where Wright feels like she’s holding back when something more is needed to take the film to the next level.

“Land” feels like a narrative half-step beyond films in its genre; the solo-explorers looking to find themselves again while overcoming obstacles both physical and emotional. Exceptionally limited in its narrative, Wright’s film makes the absolute most out of its 89-minute running time; a longer feature would have become repetitive or bloated with outside influences that would have taken away from Edie’s journey of self-repair. Demián Bichir provides warmth as Miguel, whose sense of purpose is unclear for much of the film, but Bichir delivers it honestly and with appropriate trepidation. As the primary figure audiences see in “Land” outside of Wright’s singular work, Bichir does a terrific job of supporting Wright just enough to give Edie a way forward without taking away any of the spotlight deservedly going to Wright’s efforts. “Land” probably should find a second life on the big screen once audiences are able to fully make their way back into the



Robin Wright stars in her major motion picture directorial debut as a woman who isolates in the wilderness of rural Wyoming after a tragedy in “Land,” which premiered Sunday at the 2021 Sundance Film Festival and is slated for a theatrical release Feb. 12.

theaters as Bobby Bukowski’s cinematography emphasizes grandiose landscapes of rural Wyoming with soft hues and natural light. Often, Wright leaves little for the audience to experience beyond the visual – and the haunting score from Ben Sollee and Time for Three – giving “Land” a thin, cinematic quality that feels underwhelming on a home viewing. The naturalistic look of the film begs for large scale cinema to project the grandiose nature Wright and Bukowski capture.

While “Land” will make the window of theatrical releases eligible for the 2020 Academy Awards given the pushback in the Oscar timeframe, it will likely remain on the outside looking in with stronger performances in the Lead Actress and Cinematography categories. The one Sundance 2021 film likely to make waves this award season will be Shaka King’s “Judas and the Black Messiah,” which debuted Monday evening and will arrive in theaters and HBO Max Feb. 12.

“Land” is unlikely to be among the most talked about films to come from this year’s Sundance class and though it will remain in the zeitgeist over the next few months, “Land” will be a popular pick among audiences desperate for escapism in the short term only to be largely forgotten by the end of the year.

Matt Ward is a programmer for the Hill Country Film Festival and local film critic, who is also an official Rotten Tomatoes reviewer.

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tory until reconnecting on social media, where he casually mentioned he had been interviewed by a Canadian filmmaker producing a documentary about that night. The fact the world is still fascinated with something that happened more than 60 years ago is a testament to the power of rock and roll. Feb. 3 has always been referred to as the day the music died, etched in our musical memories by Don McLean’s American Pie in 1971. The release of that song stirred the emotions back up in LaVille. “That is the day the music died,” Laville said. “Music did change. After that The Twist came out, then the Beatles, then psychedelic music.” LaVille incorporated American Pie into his American Lit classes on poetry, using it to show students the historical significance of all the nuggets buried in the lyrics. “It matched my life,” said LaVille, who spent a year in Vietnam and taught for 33 years. “That was me.” LaVille was privy to see a Top 40 of rock and roll stars cross that stage, including Jan and Dean, Leslie Gore, Freddy “Boom Boom” Cannon of Palisades Park fame, and



This snapshot by Mary Gerber, taken at the Surf Ballroom, is considered the last photograph of Buddy Holly. Photo courtesy The Buddy Holly Center

all three Bobbys-Vee, Rydell, and Vinton. “You could see virtually anyone in that era perform there—all the one-hit wonders,” he said. “It was not an expensive outing. It cost one dollar to get in, and I had a job that paid 50 cents an hour, so it was only two hours of work.” LaVille shared some of his specific memories of the evening: **The Weather** — “When we drove there, it was winter in Iowa, of course, but decent. When we left, the wind had whipped up and started blowing snow around. But it wasn’t slippery on the highway.” **The Crowd** — “One of the misconceptions was that the floor was really crowded. The

dance parties were common, so this night was no more or less special than all of the others we went to. During the performance of each of the stars people would move in and out of the front. The front was only about 10 feet deep, the rest of the floor was taken up with people dancing. I really liked dancing so I checked out Dion and Buddy Holly, but was on the dance floor for most of the other performers. Even with Dion and Buddy I watched a song or two then when back to dancing.” **The Surf Ballroom** — “In a lot of films, it pictures the concert in an auditorium with people sitting in seats. The reality was it was shaped like a horseshoe, with people sit-

ting in elevated booths around the sides, and in the gap of the horseshoe was the stage with the dance floor in the middle. There were maybe three or four rows of people standing in front of the stage, but everyone else was dancing. You went to the Surf to dance and meet girls.” **The Performers** — “Richie Valens was a kid. It was interesting to see he was about the same age as we were. The Bopper looked to be in his late 20s. Buddy Holly had one of those faces where he could be 25 or 45.” **The Phone** — “The Big Bopper came out with a little tin toy phone. Backstage, someone rang a telephone and he sang into the phone. That just got me.” Regrettably, LaVille has no memorabilia to commemorate that he was there that night. “Concerts were different then. They didn’t have merchandise to sell. A lot of the stars would come out from backstage to get something at the concession stand, and you could just go up and talk to them.” However profound the later memories were, LaVille still remembers the actual experience as a typical Teen Winter Dance Party. “I wish I could say it changed my life,” he said. “Sure, I was sad. But I kept going to con-

certs at the Surf Ballroom, just to have a good time.” Rock and roll survived.

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Super Crossword Puzzle (answers on page 6)

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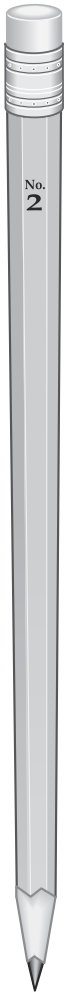
- ACROSS
- 1 Ill will
- 7 Accepted blame humbly
- 14 Creatures
- 20 Mafia code of silence
- 21 Person of the hour
- 22 Bill Clinton's #2
- 23 Formalwear imparting a pleasantly optimistic feeling?
- 25 Flier Earhart
- 26 Tricky rascal
- 27 Some pipe shapes
- 28 Model of iPod
- 30 Weasel's kin
- 31 Room, in Spanish
- 32 G-men, e.g.
- 33 Appropriate underwear in a law court?
- 35 Gemini, e.g.
- 37 Unwanted plant growth
- 38 "Oh, sure!"
- 39 Neckwear making people unable to move?
- 44 ICU tubes
- 45 Burnt residue
- 48 Yellow hue

- 49 With 72-Across, 1920s-'30s design style
- 50 Royal flush card
- 51 A Marx brother
- 53 — Zedong
- 54 Ukraine city
- 57 Toadstool-shaped headwear?
- 60 Kilt wearer
- 62 Stew sphere
- 63 Moral errors
- 64 Actress Perlman
- 65 Women's wear encircling a magazine?
- 71 Tooth filler
- 72 See 49-Across
- 73 Abbr. of fair hiring
- 74 Go bonkers
- 76 Beach where everyone dons athletic wear?
- 80 Do a tally of
- 82 Abbr. in personal ads
- 83 Sir Andrew — Webber
- 84 "— Day Will Come"
- 85 Be in debt to
- 86 Writer Joyce Carol —

- 88 Frequently, to a poet
- 89 Pull sharply
- 90 Waist wear inscribed with images of sun-orbiting bodies?
- 94 Castle trench
- 96 ERA or RBI
- 97 Sit as a model
- 98 Outerwear with huge pockets to hold LPs?
- 102 Verbal gems
- 104 9-to-5er's relieved cry
- 108 Telegraphic code creator
- 109 Slave away
- 110 Inside info
- 111 Pro at taking dictation
- 112 Frozen spike
- 114 Summer wear depicting cartoon scenes?
- 117 Weasels' kin
- 118 Looked scornfully
- 119 Messenger of the gods
- 120 Rains cold pellets
- 121 Mean rulers
- 122 Rin hother

- DOWN
- 1 Boulders
- 2 Oven brand
- 3 Sherpa land
- 4 Deep fissure
- 5 An Amerind
- 6 Brit. mil. fliers
- 7 Get — of (obtain)
- 8 Implements
- 9 Closing parts
- 10 Homer
- 11 Rusty color
- 12 Avenged
- 13 Singer — Marie
- 14 Sheep's call
- 15 "Rum Punch" novelist Leonard
- 16 "Yeah, makes sense"
- 17 Nick of film
- 18 Heartache
- 19 Scorches deeply
- 24 "Angie" star Davis
- 29 "Tommy" actor
- 32 E-I linkup
- 33 Royal flush card
- 34 They're shot from air rifles
- 36 Modest reply to kudos
- 37 Comical sort
- 39 Scots' toppers
- 40 Many Annes

- 41 Paperless novel, e.g.
- 42 Turkic language
- 43 Bit of lifting lingerie
- 44 I, to Freud
- 45 Curved line
- 46 Mani offerer
- 47 Quick trip
- 50 Helper: Abbr.
- 51 Gardening implements
- 52 Stock up on
- 55 As is fitting
- 56 Grabs the attention of suddenly
- 57 Cut to bits
- 58 Counteract
- 59 Buckeye State sch.
- 61 A bit drunk
- 63 Plaintiff
- 66 Regretted
- 67 Lysol target
- 68 Jon who played Napoleon Dynamite
- 69 Join together
- 70 Studio prop
- 75 Earring part
- 76 "I'm Real" singer's nickname
- 77 Pixie
- 78 Deteriorate
- 79 Kiss go-with, often
- 80 Stupefy
- 81 Seal schools
- 85 Mel who wore #4
- 87 Helpers in crime
- 89 — Mahal
- 90 Painter's studio
- 91 Used a sofa
- 92 Elected (to)
- 93 Platform for Apple devices
- 94 Biceps, e.g.
- 95 Brunch dish
- 96 Thin
- 98 Slightly off
- 99 Regional
- 100 Hush money
- 101 Slide on a sled, say
- 102 Polyphonic choral piece
- 103 Opinion pieces
- 105 Lysol target
- 106 It's gathered in recon
- 107 "Pippin" director Bob
- 110 Mend, as socks
- 111 Mets' former stadium
- 113 Ending for lion or seer
- 115 — culpa
- 116 "7in it!"



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Venues in Fredericksburg	Wednesday, Jan. 27	Thursday, Jan. 28	Friday, Jan. 29	Saturday, Jan. 30	Sunday, Jan. 31	Monday, Feb. 1	Tuesday, Feb. 2
Altdorf Biergarten 301 W. Main St., 830-997-7865			Wake Eastman & Cliff Miller 6 p.m.	Colleen Miller, Noon Justin Langston, 6 p.m.	Cliff & Dan Noon		
The Club at Barons CreekSide 316 Goehmann Lane, 830-992-3421		Blues Jam w/ Graham Warwick, 7 p.m.	Dirty Rotten Swing Band, 7 p.m.	Mike Kasberg Jazz Band, 7 p.m.			
Crossroads 305 W. Main, 830-992-3288	Rebecca Creek Music Series 6 p.m.	Selfless Lovers 7 p.m.	Ransom Brothers 8 p.m.	Groove Knight, 8:30 p.m., \$10 cover			
Cultures 318 E. Main St, 830-992-3288		Gustavo Rodriguez Band, 7 p.m.					
El Milagro 212 249 E. Main, 830-307-3051		Jimmy Lee Suarage & Shelly Drumshell Rogers, 6 p.m.	Jimmy Lee & Shelly, Noon The Time Bandits, 6 p.m.	Bryan Maldonado, Noon Gavin Eckert Band, 6 p.m.	Jimmy Lee Suarage & Shelly Drumshell Rogers, Noon		
Hitchin' Post 105 S. Llano, 830-992-3777			Saguaro Duo, 7 p.m.	Jeff Wood, 7 p.m.	Ted & Jen Frumkin, 5 p.m.		
Hondo's on Main 312 W. Main, 830-997-1633		Dan West 7 p.m.			Bryan Maldonado, 12:30 p.m.		
Lost Draw Cellars 113 E. Park, 830-992-3251			The Limestoners, 1 p.m.	Jake Martin, 1 p.m.	Audio Detectives 1 p.m.		
Mac's BBQ 204 E. Main, 830-307-1005			Ruben Pacheco 6 p.m.	Chuck Wimer 6 p.m.			
Martini's Seafood House 107 N. Adams, 830-383-1030		Diego San Martino 6:30 p.m.	Mr Downtown 6:30 p.m.	Noelle Goforth 7 p.m.	Rob Mahoney 11:45 a.m.		
Pioneer Bar 212 E. Main, 830-992-3733			Hotel Diplomats 8:30 p.m.	Saxy 8:30 p.m.	Davis Harris 10 a.m.		
Silver Creek 310 E. Main, 830-990-4949			Donnie Blanz, Noon	David Harris, Noon Tracie Lynn, 6 p.m.	Jeff Wood Open Mic 6 p.m.	Blues Monday 6 p.m.	
Texas Heritage Vineyards 3245 E. U.S. Hwy 290, 830-992-3323					Duke Davis 1:30 p.m.		
Western Edge Cellars 228 W. Main, 830-992-3157	Stephen K. Morris 7 p.m.		Winston James 7 p.m.	Midnight River Choir 7 p.m.			Mike Blakely 7 p.m.
Out of Town Venues							
4.0 Cellars 10354 E. U.S. Hwy 290, 830-997-7470				Steven Curd 1 p.m.			
Ab Astris Winery 320 Klein Road, 830-644-8369				American Dreamer 2 p.m.			
Albert, Texas Dancehall 5435 S. Ranch Road 1623, 830-644-2042	Paul Eason 6 p.m.	Braydonn Zink 6 p.m.	Texas Heavy 6 p.m.	Johnny McGowan, 2 p.m. Trace of Gold, 6 p.m.			
Altstadt Brewery 6120 E. U.S. Hwy 290, 830-304-2337				Off the Grid, Noon Southern Comfort Band, 4 p.m.	Almost Patsy Cline Band, Noon		
Bankersmith Texas 7905 Old San Antonio Rd	Pickers Circle w/ Peter Tory 6 p.m.	Pickers Circle w/ Chad Boyd 6 p.m.	Chris Meacham 6 p.m.	Danny White, 2 p.m. Rodney Joe Smith, 6 p.m.	Pickers Circle w/ Rodney Joe Smith, 3:30 p.m.		
Barons Creek Vineyard 5865 E. U.S. 290, 830-304-3000				David Selbo 1 p.m.			
Fiesta Winery 6260 E. US 290, 830-997-4466				Fallon Franklin 3 p.m.			
Full Moon Inn 3234 Luckenbach Rd., 830-997-2205				T-Roy & Candace Miller 7 p.m.			
Hilltop Café 10661 N US Hwy 87, 830-997-8922		Acoustic Evenings w/ David Lee, 7 p.m., \$10 cover			Gospel Sunday Brunch, 11 a.m., \$10 per person		
Hilmy Cellars 12346 E US Hwy 290, 830-644-2482				Forrest Weiss 1 p.m.			
Lone Star Bar & Grill 4174 W. U.S. Hwy 290, 830-456-2514	Dan West 6 p.m.	Jake Martin and Jake McLain, 6 p.m.	Banjoy, 4 p.m. Sam Whiskey Band, 7 p.m.	Ted & Jen Frumkin, 4 p.m. Bryan Maldonado, 7 p.m.	Mike & Annie Blakely 5 p.m.		
Longhorn Cellars 315 Ranch Road 1376, 830-456-2514				Peregrino Noon			
Luckenbach, Texas 412 Luckenbach Town Loop, 830-997-3224	Pickers Circle, 1 p.m. Pickers Circle w/ Jim Hale, 5 p.m.	Pickers Circle, 1 p.m. Pickers Circle w/ The Frumkins, 5 p.m.	John Bardy, 1 p.m. ShAnnie, 6 p.m.	Ben Beckendorf Trio, 1 p.m. Jake Worthington, 8 p.m. \$15 per person	Chris Saucedo, 1 p.m. Jake Martin Picker's Circle, 5 p.m.	Pickers Circle w/ Jimmy Lee Jones, 1 p.m. Pickers Circle w/ Kathy & Michael, 5 p.m.	Pickers Circle w/ Jimmy Lee Jones, 1 p.m. Pickers Circle w/ David Harris, 5 p.m.
The Ridge Marketplace 13439 S. Ranch Road 783, 830-896-0420			Ken Raba 6 p.m.	Kevin McCormick 6 p.m.			

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possible. However, there is a learning curve that comes with dealing with an entirely new situation, and the staff and directors are still figuring out which processes work best for our community and for them.

What some people seem to forget is that our hospital is not run by robots — it's run by human beings. The emotional toll that this situation has taken on the staff is not minute, nor is it unimportant.

When my family and I were answering the phones, the workers would not let us answer the angry calls. Instead, they would take the phone and sit in their offices while the caller let loose on them. If you were one of the folks who had the audacity to take time out of your day to call the hospital and yell at a worker because you couldn't get your vaccine this week, then: Shame. On. You.

The hospital staff is work-


ing overtime to try to help our community get through this pandemic, and the anger and hatred they are receiving for their efforts is unacceptable.

If you are interested in helping the hospital, please visit HCM's website to look at volunteering opportunities. To those who have volunteered or are planning to volunteer, thank you for doing your part in helping our community get through this difficult time.

And finally, if you can't vol-

unteer, then do your part to support your local hospital workers and volunteers by wearing your mask.

Eidson is a senior at Fredericksburg High School and will attend Trinity University in the fall. She is the daughter of Todd and Caroline Eidson.



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Philanthropy

Giving of one's time, talent or treasure for the common good.

COVID Project: Save a Zoo!

In March of 2020, California's Oakland Zoo had to close its gates to _____ because of the coronavirus. By July, the zoo was still closed and it was in trouble.

A Castro Valley six-year-old named Andy learned that the Oakland Zoo was running out of _____ and might have to shut its doors forever. It made Andy sad, but it also made her think. An idea came to her.

How a little girl raised big bucks to help save her favorite zoo.

"My brain just told it to me," said Andy. "I thought I could make and give bead bracelets to people who _____ \$25 or more. My goal was to raise \$200."

Andy and her mother, Kelly, sent messages to friends and family who quickly donated and asked for bracelets.

Big Idea Gets Bigger

Their friends and family did more than donate. They _____ Andy's project information to their friends and families. Those people sent the message to their friends and families. And so on, and so on until more than 4,000 people sent in donations.

In six short weeks, more than 4,000 people from all over the _____ made donations. About 900 of them wanted bracelets.

Fortunately, Andy's friends wanted to help. Andy made 500 bracelets and her friends made another 700.

How much did Andy's project raise? It raised a whopping \$226,558!!!

Extra! Extra!

A Letter is a Gift

Look through the newspaper for people who are working hard to care for others in your community. Write a letter to the editor thanking them.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple, written directions.

Kid Scoop regularly features topics related to money and financial literacy. Financial literacy means knowing how to spend, invest and save your money carefully. It also includes donating your time and treasure to make your community a better place. This is called philanthropy.

Read the article about a six-year old girl who became a philanthropist and helped her local zoo!

Replace the missing words in this article.

DONATED PAINT SALES BOTTLE PRIVATE MONEY PAINT FORWARDED VISITORS COUNTRY

According to the Oakland Zoo, Andy's fundraiser helped feed and care for the animals. Because the Zoo was closed from mid-March through the end of July, there were no ticket _____ or other ways to raise money. The animals still needed food and care, so Andy's fundraiser was VERY helpful.

The Oakland Zoo and the animals wanted to show their appreciation. Andy was given a _____ tour of the Zoo.

Big Thanks

Andy got to see a new baby giraffe named Kijji and a huge tortoise. She got to pick out _____ for a grizzly bear to make a painting, just for her. She also got to _____

feed a tiger a _____ of goat milk!

Andy was also interviewed by Kelly Clarkson for her TV show!

What is Andy's advice for other kids who want to help? "All you need to do is have an idea and just start helping!"

Andy and her family enjoying a bird's-eye view aboard the Oakland Zoo's gondola ride.

News Quiz

- What is the name of the zoo helped by Andy's money?
- In which city does Andy live?
- What did Andy charge for her bracelets?
- How did the zoo use the money Andy raised?
- What kind of animal did Andy feed with a bottle of goat milk?

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Can you find the tiger that's different?



Double Double Word Search

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

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Find a Philanthropist

Look through the newspaper for three people who help others. Cut out and glue the articles onto a piece of paper. Under each, write what they gave and tell whether it was time, talent, treasure or more.

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

Write On!

Start a New Business

If you could start a business, what would it be? How do you know if people need what your business offers? Explain why you would start this business.

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Kid Scoop Together: I'm a Philanthropist!

Are there ways you can help in your community? Work with a family member to complete the following:

My Time

I have time during the week when I could do something kind for another person or help out the community. Check the boxes to show when you might have time to help.

- ☐ Recess
- ☐ Before School
- ☐ After School
- ☐ Saturday Mornings
- ☐ Saturday Afternoons
- ☐ Sunday Mornings
- ☐ Sunday Afternoons

My Talent

What is your talent? Can you play a musical instrument? Can you sing or dance? Paint? Do you enjoy talking to people? There are many kinds of talents that help others. Make a list of your talents.

My Treasure

Treasure isn't only money. You might have some toys, books or clothing you have that are in good condition and that you don't want anymore. Someone else may really treasure those! Make a list of items that you can donate.

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Club taking scholarship applications

The Gillespie County A&M Club is now accepting applications for high school seniors who are graduating in the spring of 2021.

Deadline to submit applications is March 15, by mail to the address posted on the scholarship application.

The scholarship is given to qualifying students who attend school in Gillespie County and who are accepted as students at Texas A&M University in the fall of 2021.

Scholarship applications can be found by visiting the Gillespie County A&M Club's website <http://gillespieaggies.com>.

For more information, email gillespieaggies@gmail.com.

Scots group Zooming

Scots of the Texas Hill Country will host a Zoom meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11 with a lecture from the Great Course Plus series.

Anyone may participate but must contact Anna Giron at burnsdinner-sothc@gmail.com for the link to the meeting.

The topic will be Edinburgh and Glasgow. This lecture looks at notable sites in Scotland's capital, Edinburgh, and another important city, Glasgow.

Sites discussed include: Edinburgh's Royal Mile, high points in the city of Edinburgh, along with its museums and galleries, plus general sites and museums in Glasgow.

The course is presented by Patrick N. Allitt, Ph.D., Cahoon Family Professor of American History, Emory University.

By Samuel Sutton
Standard-Radio Post reporter

Over the past year, the Harper Future Farmers of America (FFA) team has been "flipping" old furniture to benefit those in need.

The team was donated three trailers' worth of furniture by two Harper natives, who knew their students needed more resources to build projects.

"That's kind of what started the idea. And then I watch 'Flea Market Flip' all the time and a lot of our kids do, so we put two and two together and decided we were going to have a contest to flip them," said Felice Marek, Ag Science instructor and FFA advisor. She added that it started as something the students would do in class, but it snowballed into this big project.

FFA advisor Jason Marek said once they finished several projects, they decided to turn it into a community service project.

"Teachers in the school wanted to know if they were for sale, and once that took over and we allowed them to purchase a project for donation, that's when the money started getting collected for a charity," said Jason.

Since this began, the students have flipped over \$2,000 worth of projects. They've worked on fire pits, antique benches, and even projects as big as old RVs. All of the proceeds will go to the Gillespie County Christian Women's Job Corps, Fe-

To learn more, watch 'Flipping furniture for a cause' on the Fredericksburg Standard Youtube page at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2ckMBuEUIS-bnY7r9bjVlww>.

lice said.

Harper High School senior Joel Helfrich welds an old propane tank, which the Harper FFA team is converting into a barbecue pit, on Friday, Jan. 29. The team has been flipping antique furniture for the past year and reselling it as way to benefit a local nonprofit. Below: Harper seniors Jenny Ganis, Kelan Bode and Julianna White take wood out of an old RV they're restoring. — Standard-Radio Post/Samuel Sutton

"We're proud of them," Jason said. "They take a lot of pride in it. When they finish a project, they're wanting to know what the next project is so they can start on it."

Felice said the work is not only enjoyable, but it's also beneficial for their cognitive development and critical thinking skills.

"But the funny thing is, they don't even know they're working. They think they're playing," she said. "It teaches them to be creative and think outside the box."

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Texans should ‘pipe up’ on redistricting needs

Texas stands to gain federal representation; let’s use it fairly, effectively

The state will redraw political boundaries, and citizens need to let lawmakers know what they want and need in their districts. If left to their own devices, our politicians seem to draw boundaries with one thought in mind — their own re-election. So, constituents need to speak up for fair representation without the obvious gerrymandering that makes up so many districts. We have a chance to do just that and our State Senator Dawn Buckingham (R-Lakeway) has invited us to comment, as a member of the Senate Special Committee on Redistricting. Buckingham invites all to take part in these virtual regional meetings to provide virtual testimony and give comments. Constituents are invited to log on and sign up by clicking one of the “Hearing Notices” that corresponds with the date on which they would like to participate. (Since these are being held statewide, we only included the ones close to our area though Buckingham said comments are welcomed from anywhere at every hearing.) Log on at the address below. Instructions for registered witnesses are provided in each “Hearing Notice” as well as via email after registering. Texas stands to benefit from the new census count, potentially adding representation in Congress thanks to its growing population.

QUOTABLE

“ Today’s mighty oak is just yesterday’s nut that held its ground.” — David Icke

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Texas lawmakers, however, may be delayed in coming up with a redistricting plan. That’s because states won’t get their final population information from the Census Bureau until April 30, about a month after its original intended date of April 1. After a shortened and chaotic census count during the pandemic, the bureau needs more time to tally up. That will give the Texas legislature just one month to finish its redistricting work, along with all the other legislative action, by its May 31 deadline. Of course, special sessions have been called during the summers to address redistricting work before. We thank Sen. Buckingham for reminding us that we all have a voice in this process. Texas continues to lead the nation in many ways, and our representation needs to reflect both our growth and our diversified population. So log on and pipe up. — K.E.C.

LOG-ON AND COMMENT

https://capitol.texas.gov/Committees/MeetingsByCmte.aspx?Leg=87&Chamber=S&CmteCode=C625

Anyone wishing to comment must register at least 24 hours in advance of each regional hearing. Those who do not wish to testify virtually may send written comments and attachments are welcomed at any time.

To submit written comments and attachments via the public-input portal, visit the committee’s website at https://senate.texas.gov/cmte.php?c=625

Area regional hearings:

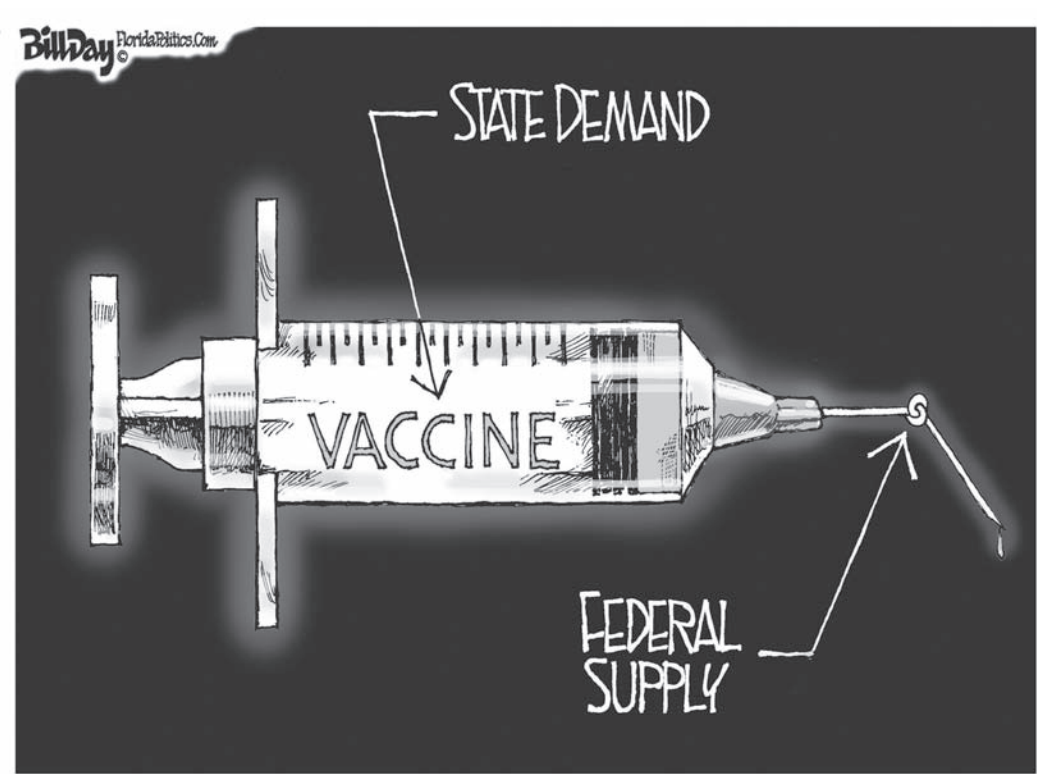
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- Feb. 26, 9 a.m. - Austin
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Apple CEO calls out Facebook practices

Apple and Facebook. These are two ubiquitous presences in our digital lives. But after Apple started improving privacy settings on its devices, Facebook kicked back because it can no longer have unlimited “snooping” across all other apps, location points, and other ways it constantly “tracks” us to sell advertising. Apple sells phones and computers. Facebook sells our information to all comers, even some unseemly ones that have proliferated in recent years. Apple CEO Tim Cook called out the company for its lack of control over rampant disinformation and conspiracy theories, that are “juiced by algorithms.” In short, he reminded us that “all engagement is not good engagement.” Inc. Magazine, a business publication, published some comments from Cook that need some mulling from every thoughtful citizen: “Technology does not need vast troves of personal data stitched together across dozens of websites and apps in order to succeed. Advertising existed and thrived for decades without it, and we’re here today because the path of least resistance is rarely the path of wisdom. “If a business is built on misleading

users on data exploitation, on choices that are no choices at all, then it does not deserve our praise. It deserves reform. “Too many are still asking the question ‘How much can we get away with?’ when they need to be asking ‘What are the consequences?’ “What are the consequences of prioritizing conspiracy theories and violent incitement simply because of the high rates of engagement? What are the consequences of not just tolerating but rewarding content that undermines public trust in life-saving vaccinations? “What are the consequences of seeing thousands of users joining extremist groups and then perpetuating an algorithm that recommends even more? It is long past time to stop pretending that this approach doesn’t come with a cost. A polarization of lost trust, and yes, of violence.” Inc. Magazine asked: “Do I want a business that serves my customers? Or one that takes advantage of customers to serve my business?” As Cook noted: “The path of least resistance is rarely the path of wisdom.”

Read the article at inc.com.



Rep.’s ‘Clown Act’ already grows thin

The elections concluded only last November, so it would normally be premature to review the performance of a newly re-elected state representative. However, in the wake of the prolific performance and early achievements of Representative Kyle Biedermann of Fredericksburg, it’s only fair to make an exception to that rule. First, Biedermann apparently decided it would be smart strategy to gratuitously antagonize the new Speaker of the House, Dade Phelan. One might think it appropriate to at least “wait and see,” and perhaps give a new Speaker some time to set the structure of his staff and the new House before judging him and making critical public statements? Not our boy. On Dec. 18, he co-authored a public letter implicitly criticizing Phelan’s handling of committee chairs — before Phelan even had officially selected them. Very shrewd move. As everyone knows, a meaningful measure of a representative’s influence is in his committee assignments. The Speaker handles the assignments, of course. No

GUEST COLUMN

Michael Porter

ship on everything — literally from the Alamo to the pandemic. He has also publicly aligned with Allen West, the somewhat bizarre party chair who likes to hold protests in front of the Governor’s mansion. But now the Texas Legislature is in session, and our boy should really have a platform. Not one to waste time, he has already filed a bill to facilitate secession. It has received national media attention (which he no doubt craved) but also turned him into a national laughingstock (which perhaps he didn’t see coming). As Justice Scalia (not exactly a left-winger) noted, the legality of secession was resolved in 1865. So now we can only sit back, wait and watch the Biedermann circus clown act and his downward spiral into the ultimate political oblivion that he richly deserves. Unfortunately, while his buffoonery can occasionally be comical, we’re stuck with the reality (and embarrassment) of his representation for the next two years.

Porter is the co-founder of the Texans for Responsible Government General Purpose Committee.

Vaccine pace picks up slowly

The rate of COVID-19 vaccine administration is slowly increasing in Texas as we enter the second full month of shots going into arms. The Texas Department of State Health Services last weekend reported that about 1.6 million Texans — overwhelmingly frontline health workers, people over 65 or those with chronic health conditions — have received the first dose. Just over 400,000 are fully vaccinated. The state has received 3.16 million doses so far; nearly half remain to be administered. Texas ranks near the bottom in per-capita doses administered when compared to other states, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Meanwhile, the U.S. Department of Defense sent 80 medical military personnel last week to Abilene, Lufkin and Eagle Pass to assist in administering the vaccine in those cities. “The medical personnel deployed to our communities will provide much-needed support to our front-line healthcare workers,” Gov. Greg Abbott said in a news release. The state surpassed two million COVID-19 cases with nearly 36,000 fatalities as January came to a close. A total of 11,473 COVID-19 patients are in Texas hospitals as of Jan. 31, according

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By Gary Borders

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Pandemic impact The Texas Lyceum, a non-partisan group of movers and shakers in Austin, released its annual survey. It painted a fairly negative picture of the state’s economy as a result of the pandemic and illustrated the widespread impact of the coronavirus on Texans. Responding to the pandemic is the most important issue facing the state, according to 37 percent of respondents. The 2021 poll presented the most negative views of the state’s and nation’s economies since the Great Recession of 2008. Four in five respondents said they knew someone who had contracted COVID-19, while half knew someone who had died from it. On the somewhat brighter side, nearly three-fourths were either “very hopeful” or “somewhat hopeful” that the nation would get the pandemic under control in the next six months. The complete poll results can be found at texaslyceum.org.

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LOOKING BACK AT ...

KBC moved people across Hill Country

As soon as the army forced the Plains Indians to the reservation, the movers and shakers of the Texas Hill Country focused their energy, their money and the power of their imaginations on the problem of transportation.

Now that the Indian wars were over, the difficulty of moving passengers and freight from point A to point B over miles of rough territory was the single biggest obstacle to progress. No one who crossed the Hill Country in the early 20th century took the subject lightly.

The railroad came to Kerrville in 1887 and to Fredericksburg in 1913, and while trains did a fair job hauling freight, the passenger service was not all it was cracked up to be. Train travel was slow and uncertain. There were frequent interruptions in service.

By 1920, travelers demanded more certainty and more flexibility than trains could provide. It was the horseless carriage that would have the greatest impact on Hill Country transportation.

Hal (Boss) Peterson was one of the first businessmen in this part of Texas to recognize the need for reliable passenger service. Boss and his brother, Charlie, owned Peterson Garage and Auto Company in Kerrville.

After World War I, a growing number of Kerr County residents wanted access to medical services and shops in San Antonio, 65 miles away. Few people had cars back then, so Boss Peterson bought three sedans and began transporting passengers to and from the

Hindsights

Michael Barr



Alamo City.

Demand grew, and in 1924 Boss and Charlie bought five buses, formed Kerrville Bus Company (KBC) and began the first scheduled bus service in the Hill Country.

At that time, the road from Kerrville to San Antonio was paved for the first eight miles out of Kerrville and the last 19 miles into San Antonio. On a good day, Lord willing, a bus could cover the distance in 2½ hours. It was possible for Kerrville passengers to travel to San Antonio by bus, see a doctor or do some shopping, have lunch and be back in Kerrville the same day.

As time passed, the company expanded. By 1930, KBC buses stopped in Fredericksburg on the way to and from Junction and points west.

The Nimitz Hotel was the Fredericksburg terminal. The hotel remodeled the west wing of the ground floor to accommodate passengers and baggage. A Fredericksburg passenger could now make easy connections to San Antonio, Houston and Abilene.

That same year, KBC purchased the Winn Bus Company operating between Austin and Houston. Financing was hard to find, so Boss Peterson got creative. He traded an 1,800-acre farm near Kerrville for the company and equipment.

Then the Great Depression hit. The financial crisis crushed



Photo of Kerrville Bus Company courtesy of the Hal and Charlie Peterson Foundation.

the economy, but it also created opportunity. There were bargains everywhere.

When the profits of the two other Hill Country bus lines plummeted, Boss and Charlie bought them out at bargain prices. Now the Petersons controlled all bus service in the region.

Boss Peterson's practice was to use a bus for several years; then sell it in Mexico. Schreiner Bank of Kerrville financed the sale of old buses to Mexican companies even though the transactions were risky because there was no way to collect if the companies didn't pay. But the companies always paid. KBC and Schreiner Bank never lost a dime on sales to Mexico.

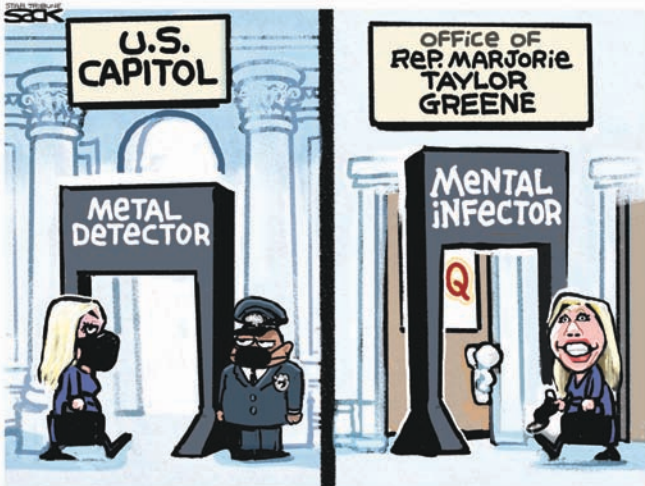
When the Depression ended, KBC had little debt and a good route structure and was positioned to churn out some spectacular profits. During World War II, the number of riders soared as thousands of soldiers traveled by bus — often at government expense. Many KBC buses left the terminal with

double the number of passengers the buses were designed to carry.

The transportation industry changed fast after WWII. KBC began using air-conditioned buses in 1948. In the early '50s, the company fleet included 37-passenger deck and a half buses with diesel engines, restrooms, aqua mohair reclining seats and egg-shell headrests. By 1960, Kerrville Bus Company linked Abilene, Pecos, Big Spring and Fort Stockton on the northwest with San Antonio, Austin, Houston and Victoria on the southeast with connections, via Greyhound, to anywhere in the continental United States.

Source: "Hal and Charlie Peterson: The Texas Peterson Brothers Who Risked a Fortune for a Hill Country Foundation," by Vicki J. Audette and J. Tom Graham.

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50 YEARS AGO in the Standard

FEBRUARY 3, 1971

Fredericksburg Volunteer Fire Department installed new officers at its annual membership banquet Saturday evening.

Firefighting officers include: Louis Durst, captain; W.C. Hannemann, lieutenant; Allen Oestreich, fire chief; and Max Danz, assistant fire chief.

Business officers include: Lee Moldenhauer, president; Leroy Crenwelge, vice president; Louis Loth, secretary; and Otto Hahn Jr., treasurer.

The value of tourism to a community and means of expanding the tourist trade were outlined to members and guests at the Stonewall Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting Monday night at St. Thomas Hall.

Sales of 1971 license plates began Monday morning at the office of Milton Durst, Gillespie County Tax Assessor-Collector who reported that over 300 plates were sold the first day.

Over 4,700 telephone directories with listings for Fredericksburg, Stonewall, Willow City and Doss are being distributed this week by General Telephone.

The number of Crenwelges in the Fredericksburg section numbers 35, while the number of Schmidts ranks second with 34. Only seven listings begin with the letter Y, and S shows the greatest number of

listings with 376.

Cub Scout Pack 135 had its annual Pinewood Derby Tuesday evening. Brad Bernhard was the winner of the championship race, while Daron Deike was second. Other winners included Mike Moffett, most unusual racer; Loran St. Clair, most original design; Joe Beckendorf, prettiest, and Douglas Stein, wildest.

Dog and cat owners were reminded of the city's annual rabies vaccination clinics the next two Saturdays at the fire station. Shots for dogs will cost \$1.75 each, and cats, \$1.50. City license tags for dogs are \$1.

Two babies were born in local hospitals during the past week. A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Grona, Jan. 28, while a boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Seferino Rios, Comfort, Feb. 1.

Jet Jenkins was named Football Sweetheart and Keith Neffendorf, Pep Squad Hero, at the annual football banquet hosted by the Fredericksburg High School Pep Squad on Saturday evening at the FHS Cafeteria.

Members of the St. Mary's Indians football team received their new letter jackets at the Indians' annual football banquet Friday night. Guest speaker was Dick Hoerster who stressed that "football teaches a player the three D's of life," including determination, discipline and dedication.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wishing for normal

Earlier in January, Jeryl Hoover crafted an excellent, very moving letter to the *Standard-Radio Post*, expressing his wishes for 2021. I am in total agreement, and I could not have phrased it any better.

I also wish for local establishments to be fully opened, churches and places of worship to be well-attended in person, and for people to mingle freely with each other without fear. I want to hug and shake hands with people, I want to laugh with them, I want to travel to play somewhere without having to be tested or quarantined.

Finally, I hope all the problems we face regarding the vaccines can be quickly straightened out without somebody having to drive me hither and yon in search of a center where I can get those shots.

I wish for all of us a much brighter, much more sane, much better 2021!

I also read with interest your concerns about the print edition of this weekly. An e-edition is well and good for those of us who have computers or other devices on which they can read same. But what about those whose computer skills are a bit lacking or, worse, have no such device?

As one who happens to be blind and who serves on the board of Hill Country Recording for the Handicapped (HCRH), I get the paper each week on a digital cartridge. Each month, a different person reads each weekly for those of us who cannot read standard print and who have limited or no vision.

I enjoy the paper, especially "Full House." I am not against an electronic edition, but I hope we can continue to keep making the paper available to computerless readers, as well as to those who have it read to them on digital cartridge by an excellent group of narrators.

Duncan Holmes
Fredericksburg

(Editor's note: As stated in last week's editorial, we have no plans to discontinue our print edition. Moving to an e-edition-only is just an option for those who may be frustrated by slow mail deliv-

ery. Thanks for being a subscriber!)

'Republic' questions

As I prepare for our new life in The New Republic of Texas (Hail Bevo!), I have questions for the future New Republic of Texas Governor, Kyle Biedermann, about our transition to Republichood.

1. Do I need to file my taxes this year or can I send them directly to the hardware store?

2. Since I have worked in Texas my entire life, will The New Republic of Texas be responsible for my Social Security check? I know The New Republic of Texas wants nothing to do with Medicare. Will The New Republic of Texas force the Feds to give me my money back for one or both?

3. My dad is a veteran. Will The New Republic of Texas honor his pension payments, or call him a traitor for working for a foreign military?

4. Will The New Republic of Texas establish a postal service? Or do we drop our mail at the hardware store? How much will postage go up since the costs won't be spread across our former nation?

5. Will The New Republic of Texas allow us to shop on Amazon? Will The New Republic of Texas allow UPS and FedEx (foreign-owned companies) to deliver? Will I have to pay tariffs?

6. Finally, will The New Republic of Texas force me to surrender my U.S. citizenship in violation of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution? Will you be personally driving door to door to collect our contraband Federal IDs, or will we drop them off at the hardware store? Can I get my New Republic of Texas passport at the hardware store, or will you drop it off when you take my U.S. passport?

Jeff Holt
Fredericksburg

No secession

Leave it to Biedermann to present this half-baked idea to the Texas Legislature.

He sounds like his mentor, Donald Trump, when he states that he has talked to MANY people who are in favor of that.

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Of course, he did not look past the end of his nose.

By his Trump-like behavior, he may be a member of the Fredericksburg Tea Party, but I do not believe he can be a Gillespie County Republican. If my memory is correct, he lost his home county to his opponent by 800 votes in his first election.

Since I was not one of the MANY people he talked to about this subject, this represents my opinion, in case he is interested.

Helmut Loth
Fredericksburg

Time for 'Big Truth'

It's way past time to put the Big Lie to bed and replace it with the Big Truth. And that simple, straightforward truth is Joe Biden won the 2020 election by more than seven million votes. Period. Full stop.

For Donald Trump and his followers to continue propagating this fantasy of the election being stolen has the same level of rabbit-hole absurdity as believing the earth is flat and man never set foot on the moon.

Trump's frivolous lawsuits went forward and had their day in court. They were dismissed and thrown out 60 out of 61 times. Many of these cases were overseen by judges appointed by Trump, including the U.S. Supreme Court.

Ken Paxton's absurd lawsuit to try and overturn the legal votes in four states was akin to having the State Attorney General of California trying to overturn Texas for voting for Trump. Imagine how outraged the folks living in this state would have been had that occurred!

Despite all the facts pointing to this truth, and despite Trump's lawsuits to contest any abnormalities, 60 courts

followed the path of truth. Any accusations of voter fraud are just that, accusations without any merit.

Before we choose lies over facts, it is time to stop the Big Lie and support a more just and reality-based administration. This Big Lie has now led the Republican Party down the path of sedition, insurrection, violence, and yes, even murder.

The rabbit hole has become a very dark and dangerous place to live and I sincerely hope this country can choose to find its way back into the sunlight.

Tom Zeiher
Fredericksburg

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Jacoby

Jimmie Lee Jacoby, 85, of Fredericksburg, died Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021, at St. David's Hospital in Austin. Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, in the chapel of Schaetter Funeral Home with the Rev. David Priem officiating. Visitation was held beforehand. After the funeral, the body was cremated. Jacoby was born July 20, 1935 in Albert, the son of Eric Jacoby and Adela Beck Jacoby.



Smith

Rosabel Hiatt Smith, 102, of Fredericksburg, died Monday, Jan. 25, 2021. Graveside services and interment were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Kerrville. A celebration of her life is planned at a later date. Arrangements were under the direction of Fredericks-

burg Funeral Home. He married Helen Everett on Sept. 11, 1955, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Stonewall, and she survives. In addition to his wife, Jacoby is survived by a daughter, Kim Jost, and a son and daughter-in-law, Danny and Esther Jacoby, all of Fredericksburg. Survivors also include six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by one brother, Herbert Jacoby of Ules, and four sisters-in-law, including Sue Jacoby of Bandera, Christine Jacoby of Sour Lake, Barbara Neal of Marble Falls and Esther Everett of Bandera. Jacoby was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, Denise Fields, three siblings, Lindy Jacoby, Allen Jacoby and Agnes Johnson. Memorials may be made to Holy Ghost Lutheran Church or to the charity of choice.



Gartrell

James Walcott Gartrell Jr., 83, of Harper, died Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021. Private services will be held at the Falls Chapel, followed by graveside services at the adjoining Falls Cemetery on the Falls Ranch at Harper. Arrangements are under the direction of Fredericksburg Funeral Home. Gartrell was born Feb. 1, 1937, the son of James W. Gartrell Sr. and Meredith Wagner Gartrell. He graduated from Bay City High School in 1954, and from Texas A&M in 1958 with a degree in civil engineering. He was a member of the Texas Aggie Band. A United States Air Force

veteran, Gartrell served 33 years' active duty and reserve duty. He progressed from the rank of airman basic to the rank of colonel and was awarded the Legion of Merit for his service by the Secretary of the Air Force. Over the years, Gartrell worked for the Texas Department of Transportation, City of La Marque (10 years), Galveston County surveyor (16 years), Galveston County Drainage District No. 1 (10 years), Galveston County Drainage District No. 2 (20 years), and Friendswood Drainage District (10 years). He was the owner of Gulf Coast Engineering and Surveying since 1965, as a registered professional engineer and registered professional land surveyor. Gartrell is survived by his wife, Dixie Quisenberry Gartrell; three sons, Mark Gartrell, John Gartrell and Charles Nagel III; and two daughters, Penny Featherston and Anastasia Gartrell Stewart-Coker. Survivors also include 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Castillo

Pedro (Pete) Castillo, 74, of Dallas, died Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Duncanville. Graveside services and interment were held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 29, at the Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas. Arrangements were under the direction of Jaynes Memorial Chapel of Duncanville. Castillo was born on March 20, 1946 in Kerrville, the son of John and Epifania Castillo.

He joined the military and became a sergeant E5 in the U.S. Army. After the military, he moved to Dallas. He worked for LTV aerospace in Grand Prairie where he retired after 30 years. Castillo is survived by his wife, Sandra, of 44 years; son, Casey Castillo, and daughter, Stephanie Castillo. He is also survived by his siblings and spouses: Olivia and Victor Rivera, Sara and Curtis Allerkamp, Sally and David Tatsch, Janie and Lucio Borjas, Judy and Everett Dean, Julie Garcia, Janey and J.R. Gonzalez, Maggie Vondrasek, Josie Castillo, Esther Castillo, Sophie Rios, Ernest Castillo, Domingo (Deno) and Celia Castillo, and Ricardo and Lydia Castillo. In addition to his parents, Castillo was preceded in death by a brother, Albert Castillo, and a sister, Mary Castillo. Memorials may be made to the Fredericksburg Food Pantry or the SPCA.

Miller

Mrs. Don R. Miller, 83, nee Mary Elva Kelly of Fredericksburg, died Friday, Jan. 29, 2021. Graveside services and interment at Greenwood Cem-

etry is planned at a later date. Memorials be made to Fredericksburg United Methodist Church or to the charity of choice. Arrangements are under the direction of Schaetter Funeral Home.

Brian Crenwelge

November 17, 1964 - January 26, 2021

Brian Crenwelge of Harper, Texas passed away at his home on Jan. 26, 2021, at the age of 56 years. Brian was born on Nov. 17, 1964 in Fredericksburg, Texas to Nolan and Charlene Crenwelge. Brian was raised in Fredericksburg and graduated from Fredericksburg High School in 1983 and earned his bachelor's degree from Southwest Texas State University in 1993. Brian went on to work for the City of Kerrville where he was the Director of Parks and Recreation and then the City Project Manager before retiring in 2014. Brian was a very ambitious person and he built, owned and operated Longhorn Storage in Harper and later started his own pest control company. Brian was a member of the Chamber of Commerce in Harper and also a member of the American Cutting Horse Association. Brian loved animals and the country life. He enjoyed competing in rodeos in his younger days and also competing in cutting horse competitions. He loved living on his place in Harper where he enjoyed gardening and raising lots of animals. Brian also enjoyed fishing and hunting and also opened his land and his heart to the foster kids' camp in Mason, Texas, allowing kids to come hunt and enjoy the outdoors every year and teach them everything he knew about it. Brian is preceded in death by his father, Nolan Crenwlege of Harper, and is survived by his mother, Charlene Crenwelge of Harper; his sister, Lorie Hill and husband, Jeff Hill, of Midland; his nephew, Colten Hill, also of Midland, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. He will be greatly missed. Graveside services and interment were held on Monday, Feb. 1, at 10 a.m. in Der Stadt Friedhof Cemetery with Rev. Scott Hofmann officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the charity of one's choice. Arrangements under the direction of Schaetter Funeral Home. Expressions of sympathy may be sent at www.schaetter.com.



Kluttz

Mrs. Raymond M. Kluttz Jr., 82, nee Dorothy Ann Lang of Fredericksburg, died Monday, Feb. 1, 2021. Graveside services and interment will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, at Greenwood Cemetery. Face coverings and social distancing will be manda-

tory. Memorials may be made to the Golden Hub Community Center, Hill Country Memorial Hospice or the charity of choice. Arrangements are under the direction of Schaetter Funeral Home. A complete obituary will follow.

William Edward 'Sonny' Wright

November 8, 1938 - January 26, 2021

William Edward "Sonny" Wright, 82, passed away on January 26, 2021. A graveside service was held on Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021 at Lakeland Hills Memorial Park, Burnet, Texas. Sonny was born on Nov. 8, 1938 to Clyde and Willie Lee Wright in Anson, Texas. He loved vacationing with his wife, Kirby, the beach and fishing, and spending time with his grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Kirby Owens Wright, and his parents, Clyde Thomas and Willie Lee Wright. Sonny is survived by his daughter, Crystal Wright; son, Denzal Wright, and his wife, Kristi; grandsons, Kasey Wright and Kolby Wright; granddaughter, Madison Wright; sister, Melba Jean Varner; and niece, Teresa Derickson. Arrangements under the care of Jenkins Funeral Home, Burnet, Texas.



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Maria Nilda Rosa

December 16, 1941 - January 28, 2021

Maria Nilda Peña Rosa, 79, passed away from this life the morning of January 28, 2021, peacefully at her home in Fredericksburg. She was born on December 16, 1941 in Miguel Alemán Tamaulipas, Mexico to the late Enrique and Amanda Garza Peña. Nilda grew up in Mexico then immigrated to Fredericksburg in 1971 when she married Amando Rosa. She was a hard worker and raised seven girls. Even though Nilda didn't have much to give, she was a very giving person. She gave her time and enjoyed the company of many friends who she would simply sit down to chat with or invited them to enjoy her delicious cooking. Las puertas de su humilde casa siempre estaban abiertas a su familia y las muchas amistades que formo durante todo los años. Doña Nilda siempre estaba lista para ayudar a otros con un gran consejo o una comidita deliciosa. Todos los que la conocian sabian que ella siempre era franca y decia lo que pensaba. Nilda is survived by her husband, Amando Rosa; daughters and their spouses: Mona Peña & Roberto Salazar, Maria & Raymond Cantu, Emma Scripps, Luz & Eduardo Castro, Patricia & Leon Rivera, Marisa Rosa & Angel Blanco, Melissa & Nissy Rosa; 16 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; sisters Elva Martinez of Laredo, Texas and Lourdes Peña of Roma, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Rogelio Peña; sisters, Nolidia Treviño and Gilma Barerra and a son-in-law, Robert P. Scripps, Jr. A private family Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers and to honor Nilda's memory, be kind to others, smile more, and perform a random act of kindness. En lugar de flores y para honrar la memoria de Doña Nilda, sé amable con todos, sonríe más y realiza un acto de bondad. Expressions of sympathy for the family can be made at www.wrightsfuneralparlor.net. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Wright's Funeral Parlor, Kerrville.



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You say unity?

The 2020 election concluded under a cloud of suspicion and questionable election irregularities. Nevertheless, Mr. Biden was elected the President and we wish him well in his attempt to serve the American people and to bring us together under his inaugural message of “unity.”

Unfortunately, Mr. Biden and his party speak from both sides of their mouths. While he speaks of “unity,” his executive orders and his party’s behavior are completely divisive leaving no room for debate or dissent. What is the unity, when the members of his party call for impeachment, removal, and banning of the Republican elected officials and supporters? And what is unity, when his executive orders are pandering to his radical left base rather than delivering for all Americans?

It is simply astonishing that any president would take unilateral actions to kill jobs, reduces our energy independence, increase taxes, open our borders, and appease to globalists against the interest of America. None of it makes sense while the nation is struggling with pandemic, high unemployment, immigration issue and staggering national debt.

And Texas’s economy, being one of the largest petrochemical states in the world, undoubtedly will carry much of its wrath. So, say hello to higher taxes, higher consumer prices and the “misery Index” of the Dems’ past. This is not only anti-unity — it is not even sound policy for our nation and certainly not for Texas.

Mr. Biden’s unity message made for a great speech, but his actions tell a different story. If Mr. Biden were truly interested in healing divisions, he would seek to find common ground, focusing on issues with mutual interest between left and right, and take steps to address problems of deep concern to all Americans. Sadly, he is just another hypocrite Dem politician that cannot be trusted.

Mo Saiidi

Chair, Gillespie County
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Eligible folks first

My wife and I “tag teamed” HCM’s COVID vaccine program once notified of the date and time scheduling was available. I attempted to get on the portal by hitting the link every 10 seconds, while my wife tried to call every 10 seconds or so.

I was successful getting on the portal twice, only to get kicked off when trying to schedule a time. My wife got nothing but busy signals.

I am sure HCM had, and has, the best of intentions; however, I do not look forward to the next mad dash for limited supplies that will surely be the *modus operandi* for months to come.

A reasonable suggestion would be for all eligible folks

to submit their information, and create a lottery system that puts us all on a level playing field. That would, I believe, eliminate a great deal of stress and wasted time for those awaiting the vaccines.

The current system may seem fair, but for the vast majority, simply wastes their time and leads to disappointment.

David Saenz
Fredericksburg

Grateful

I am so very grateful to Hill Country Memorial Hospital for going to all the trouble to apply to become a distribution site for the COVID-19 vaccine.

I am sure there is a steep learning curve as they enter into this process, searching for the best way possible to get the vaccine out to as many people as possible.

I was very impressed with the way HCM has things set up at the Hill Country University Center. The process was seamless, professional, and it felt safe, efficient and thorough.

HCM has worked hard to get all this up and going, and I want to thank all the staff and volunteers for the long hours they are working to get these vaccinations given out.

Boy, am I glad I don’t have to go to San Antonio or Austin and try to figure out how and when and where to go for a vaccination.

So glad I live in this community with this hospital. Thank you, Hill Country Memorial!

Joanie Harris
Fredericksburg

Database needed

The COVID virus is too serious to make getting a vaccine into a contest. It shouldn’t be so difficult to take registrations for the vaccine on an ongoing basis and put them into a data base.

From there, sort through by age and/or infirmity. When there are more vaccines available, take the people from the top of the list. That way, you are getting the vaccine to the people who need it most.

Peggy Burdett
Fredericksburg

Vaccinations

Why is it proving so difficult for my wife to obtain a vaccination for COVID-19 in Gillespie County? Some of the reasons are:

1. Incorrect information provided by Hill Country Memorial and the *Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post* (incorrect website names, incorrect information as to who was eligible, incorrect information as to Primary Care Providers giving the vaccinations).

2. Failure of HCM to accept that it is their responsibility

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OBITUARIES



Moritz

Joyce Ann Grona Moritz, 82, of Fredericksburg, died Sunday, Jan. 24, 2021.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, in the chapel of Fredericksburg Funeral Home. Visitation was held beforehand in the funeral chapel.

Interment followed at Greenwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Moritz was born Oct. 20, 1938, in Fredericksburg, the daughter of Elmon Grona and Olivia Klein Grona. She married Ned Moritz on June

3, 1961 at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, and he survives.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Moritz is survived by two sons, one daughter and spouses, Russell and Lori Moritz of Austin, Shannon and Melissa Moritz of San Antonio, and Stacy and Neil Graff of Dripping Springs.

Survivors also include five grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and a brother and sister-in-law, Kermit and Audrey Grona of Fredericksburg.

Mrs. Moritz was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Delbert Grona, and one sister, Vernell Scott.

Pallbearers included Glen Grona, Brenda Beaty, Bryan Grona, David Moritz, Will Tipps and Neil Graff.

Honorary pallbearers were Amanda Tipps, Sarah Graff, Rebekah Graff and Megan Moritz.

Memorials may be made to the Parkinson’s Foundation or the charity of choice.

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Alfred Alois Weinzierl

October 27, 1936 - January 22, 2021



On Friday, Jan. 22, 2021, Alfred Alois Weinzierl passed away unexpectedly at the age of 84 in Harper, Texas.

Al was born Oct. 27, 1936 in Houston to parents John F. and Mary Marrs Weinzierl. He spent his childhood in Riverside, Texas, where he grew up proudly speaking German with his family for his entire life.

He graduated from Huntsville High School in 1955 and attended the University of Texas at Austin, was stationed in Korea

during his time in the Army, and graduated from Sam Houston State University.

While working in Houston he met and married Janet L. Fritz on Dec. 28, 1963 and they raised two children, Joanne and John, in the Spring Branch area.

His career in commercial insurance claims spanned almost 30 years. In Houston, he also spent many hours volunteering for the Lions Club, P.T.A. and local civic organizations. He and Janet still have friends in the Houston area, and many have remained close over many decades. He also kept firm ties to East Texas, his parents and brother Frederick, who continues to live there.

Al spent the second part of his life in Harper, Texas where he renewed his love of the outdoors. He continued his dedication to volunteering with many hours of service devoted to the Gillespie County Farm Bureau, LCRA, St. Anthony’s Catholic Church and Meals on Wheels. He was a loyal family man, a good neighbor and happily a friend to all.

Al is survived by his wife, Janet; brother Frederick Weinzierl; his children and their spouses, Joanne and husband, Herman Mayer, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania; and John and Kelli Weinzierl, of Houston; and three grandchildren, Nora and Josephine Mayer and Luke Weinzierl.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at St. Anthony’s Catholic Church in Harper, Texas with burial at the Fritz Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers included Larry Meier, Luke Weinzierl, Cleburne Fritz, Steve Clayburn, Will Krebs and Michael Kuhlmann.

Donations may be made to the Harper Volunteer Fire Department, St. Anthony’s Catholic Church or charity of your choice.

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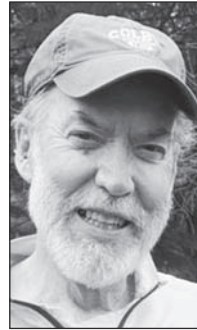
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Desmond Craig Patzwald Smith Jr.

March 10, 1947 – January 20, 2021

Desmond Craig Patzwald Smith Jr., of Minocqua, Wisconsin, infamous for his dry humor and strong handshake, died on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021.

Des, the older brother to the great Uncle Dean, was



born in Milwaukee on March 10, 1947 to parents Desmond and Eleanore (Patzwald) Smith. He grew up in Wauwatosa at the tail-end of the “Leave it to Beaver” generation, surrounded by a strong community with many good and healthy ways to keep busy.

During his college years at UW-Stevens Point, Des played football, joined the Sig Eps fraternity, and later played guitar in a band, The Chosen Few.

In life, Des wore many hats, figuratively, but also literally to hide his bald head. Highlights include co-owning the Altdorf Biergarten in Fredericksburg, working on tour for Willie Nelson for a few years, visiting Telluride often, and later becoming a beloved substitute staff member at the Lac Du Flambeau School in Wisconsin.

His personality did not sit well with a 9-to-5. His longest tenured role was as a wholesale jeweler, although he spent more time behind a camcorder at his children’s events during those years.

Des is survived by five children, whom he considered to be the foundation of his life. When reflecting, he called raising them the greatest privilege he had. Jennifer (Kelly), Jessica (Kerry), Des the Third, Desiree, and Danielle all knew his quirks, mainly his capability to tell long-winded stories or share unsolicited advice. They loved him dearly. Des cherished his role as a grandfather to Katherine, Jaelyn, Kenzie, and Parker.

Des is also survived by an incredible number of close friends, who cannot be named for fear of missing somebody. Most of them also loved him dearly.

Des was not afraid to die. He was thrilled with the life he had and is excited for the adventure ahead. He fought like a rabid dog to get more life. But in the end, he took one punch too many. His wish to his family and friends is simple – take your time and enjoy the rest of your ride before joining him in the journey ahead.

His family is overwhelmed by the support that they have received. He did not want any of his friends to join him yet, which is why his celebration will be held virtually for an hour on Friday, Feb. 5, at 5 p.m. CT. Please contact desecpsmith@gmail.com if interested in attending or speaking.

In lieu of flowers, he asks that you do something nice for somebody else unexpectedly, and without explanation.

Above all, Des was gentle and kind. He will be missed by his family and friends.

We love you, Dad.

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Glenn Charles Beyer

January 18, 1944 - January 27, 2021



Glenn Charles Beyer was born on Jan. 18, 1944 in San Antonio, Texas to Louis Henry and Erna Welgehausen Beyer. Glenn passed away on Jan. 27, 2021, at the age of 77 years.

Glenn spent most of his youth in San Antonio and attended Breckenridge High School. At the age of 14, Glenn went to work for the former grocery store chain, Handy Andy, where he quickly moved up the ranks from shelf stocker to meat department manager.

When he wasn’t working, Glenn would visit family in Cherry Spring and Fredericksburg; during these outings to the Hill Country, Glenn met the love of his life, Kathryn Dearing Beyer. Glenn and Kathy were married on May 18, 1964 in Christ Lutheran Church at Cherry Spring.

During their first years of marriage, they resided in San Antonio and Glenn served in the Army National Guard, while working full time at Handy Andy. His management role led Glenn and Kathy to move to Kerrville, where he managed the Handy Andy store for a number of years.

An opportunity for management at Opa’s Smoked Meats moved the couple back to Fredericksburg. There, they built their forever home and eventually they took a risk and established Dutchman’s Market in November 1986. Glenn took great pride in his work as a custom butcher, and strived to provide excellent customer service with the highest quality product.

During his free time, Glenn, along with Kathy, spent numerous hours at band contests and other events for their sons, Barry and Brett. Glenn also dedicated many hours as an adult leader for the Luther (youth) League and Zion Lutheran Church. Glenn was a friend, mentor and role model for his two sons, his employees, the youth he led, and so many others.

After his retirement from Dutchman’s Market in the early 2000s, Glenn enjoyed being the family handy man, working on his hot rods, watching his grandkid’s sporting and stock show events, as well as spending time at the lake with family and friends.

Glenn is survived by two sons and spouses, Barry and Heather Beyer and Brett and Kristy Knaupp-Beyer, all of Fredericksburg; seven grandchildren, Lance (Rachel) Beyer, Lauren, Layton, Landon, Lainey, Brody and Kaden Beyer; two sisters, Josephine Ferguson and Donna (Mike) Powers, all of San Antonio; and a sister-in-law, Patricia, Mrs. Perry Louis Beyer Sr. of San Antonio.

Glenn was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and brother, Perry Louis Beyer, Sr.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be given in his memory to the St. Mary’s Adopt-A-Student, Zion Lutheran Church, Christ Lutheran Church Cemetery Fund or the charity of your choice.

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Luke 1:14

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Lawn & Garden

Elizabeth McMahon

Late-winter care of roses

Get your clippers and hand saws ready, because Valentine's Day is coming up, which is pruning time for your roses. Don't put that rose to the sawmill just yet though. Not all roses are pruned the same.

That said, all roses should have dead and diseased canes removed, as well as rubbing limbs. All pruning cuts should be made at a 30-degree angle, a little above an outward facing bud. If the rose only blooms once a year, prune after bloom. This is where the pruning similarities end.

Hybrid teas are a commonly planted rose type. They bloom on long stems continuously throughout the growing season. A height of three feet or more is normal for them.

Grandiflora-type roses are similar to hybrid teas, except they get taller and supposedly have more flushes of blooms. They can have single blooms or clusters of blooms.

To prune both of these types, remove branches that grow toward the middle of the bush, and lop off one half to one third of the total height. When making your pruning cuts, prune back to a bud that hasn't leafed out yet.

Floribundas are smaller, about two to three feet in height. Flowers are borne in clusters. Because they are smaller, only remove about a one-fourth to one-third of the total growth.

Shrub roses should have no more than one-third pruned from their total growth. Focus first on thinning the branches on the inside of the canopy and old dead twigs, then cut off height.

Climbing roses come in two forms, everbloomers and ramblers/once bloomers.

For any climber, avoid heavy pruning for the first two to three years after planting. Dead and weak rose stems (canes) as well as spent blooms can still be removed. Unlike the other roses, climbers are usually not top pruned unless they are getting out of hand. Pruning for these mainly consists of shortening lateral branches and reinvigorating the rose canes.

Ramblers and once-a-year bloomers should have only four to five canes per plant. Prune back their lateral branches to four or five sets of leaves after bloom. For everblooming climbing varieties, cut the lateral branches back to two leaf buds if they bloomed last year. Keep three to four canes per plant.

After you prune your roses, make sure to fertilize them. Vari-

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Axis deer have negatively affected the native habitat around the Hill Country. — Photo by Matt Buchholz

Partners launch Axis control effort

Project looks to learn about invasive species, which is affecting native habitat

The Hill Country Alliance, Texas Tech University's Department of Natural Resources Management, and partners have launched the 2021 Axis Deer Control Project and are encouraging landowners and hunters to participate.

Axis deer are an exotic species that were introduced from India to the Texas Hill Country in the 1930s. Since their introduction, this species has proliferated in several portions of the Hill Country, adversely impacting agricultural production, native wildlife, and riparian, or creek-side, habitat.

The goals of the Axis Deer Control Project are to raise awareness about the impacts of free-ranging Axis deer, recognize land stewards for their efforts to control this exotic species, and support research that will improve control efforts.

"There are certainly landowners that are managing Axis and other exotic species on their properties in a thoughtful, sustainable manner that doesn't impact their neighbors, which is great," said Daniel Oppenheimer, Hill Country Alliance Land Program Manager. "This project is intended to spark conversations about another scenario, where landowners with low-fences are seeing large herds of free-ranging Axis deer hinder their agricultural and stewardship goals."

Participants will be entered into a drawing for prizes from local businesses. In order to participate, hunters and trappers are encouraged to bring a frozen, complete lower jawbone from each harvested Axis deer to one of the scheduled drop-off points.

The first set of drop-off dates is as follows:

- Feb. 9 at Stonewall Smokehouse in Stonewall, 5-6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 10 at Gillespie County AgriLife Extension Office, 38 Business Court, in Fredericksburg, 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m.
- Feb. 12 at Bandera County River Authority in Bandera, 1-3 p.m.
- Feb. 18-19 at Blanco County AgriLife Extension Office in Johnson City, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Feb. 19 at Bandera County River Authority in Bandera, 1-3 p.m.
- Feb. 22-23 at the Texas Tech University Llano River Field Station, Administration Building in Junction, 9 a.m.-noon.

Complete jawbones with teeth included are required for scientific analysis, to be completed by a graduate student at Texas Tech University. This research will enhance the understanding of the Axis deer population growth and dynamics in the Hill Country.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will support research by providing logistical support for collecting samples.

Lower jaw bones should be brought uncleaned (i.e. gum tissue intact and remaining muscle tissue still attached) and frozen in a bag labeled with the GPS coordinates, sex and date harvested. If GPS coordinates are not known, the submitter should include the name of the nearest town and public road intersection, Oppenheimer said.

Unlike native white-tailed deer, which have a set hunting season, exotic Axis deer may be hunted year-round with a hunting license; they may also be trapped. (Note, the project partners are unable to provide hunters with information about where they may hunt Axis deer and may not have the capacity to respond to such inquiries.)

Axis project collaborators

Hill Country Alliance, Texas Tech University's Department of Natural Resources Management, Gillespie and Blanco County AgriLife Extension Offices, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Llano River Watershed Alliance, Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District, and Cibolo Center for Conservation.

Hill Country Alliance is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to raise public awareness and build community support around the need to preserve the natural resources and heritage of the Central Texas Hill Country.

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Harper senior Gray Porter sands down an old rolling tool box, which is being converted into a wine fridge.

FLIPPING

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Student reaction
Several students also said it's been an exciting project. Senior Casen Thompson said he's enjoyed using his talents to benefit others.
"It's a good feeling," Thompson said. "People are actually benefitting from the work. It's not like we're doing the work for nothing."
Sophomore Kenna Tatsch said she's also enjoyed doing something for the community.
"Even as a community, it benefits us because we can do something that's so little to us but it helps other people so much," Tatsch said.
Senior Kelan Bode said she liked the community service opportunity, which is hard to

find in the Harper area.
"We knew when we had to start applying for scholarships this year and we needed more stuff, community service-wise," Bode said. "When we had these people donating all this furniture, we thought that we could flip it, sell it and give back to the community."
What's next
The Mareks said they don't have a date set for the next flea market, but they will advertise it once they know.
"We just started our last batch, actually," Felice said. "We'll probably work on it, and probably sometime toward the end of the school year, we'll run our last sale."

DOSS NEWS

By Shirley Lange

Great sunshine but cold winds hit our area over the weekend, and feeding livestock was high on the chore list. Whitetail deer at this time of the year are roaming everywhere looking for food. This reporter saw a field surrounded with a deerproof fence and saw 12 deer grazing on green foliage, which tells you how bad the ranchers' pastures are.
Installation of officers and new committee members at St. Peter Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, Feb. 7, during the 9 a.m. worship services.
St. Peter Lutheran Church council includes Max Hartmann, president; Lou Bloxom, vice president; Kandice Wadsworth, secretary, and Royce Herbort, treasurer.
Altar Guild ladies who were elected were Karen Herbort, directress; Franny Hartmann, vicedirectress; Karen Herbort, secretary; Berta Boyce, treasurer; Franny Hartmann,

memorial secretary. Members are Phyllis Mixon, Lyle Myrta Bratton, Lou Bloxom and Shā Thomas.
Our prayers are with so many neighbors and friends.
Ash Wednesday is quite early this year. There will be combined services at St. Peter Lutheran Church on Wednesday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m. Members of Christ Lutheran at Cherry Spring will be worshipping with us. Friends and neighbors are also invited. Rev. Bill Mosley will bring us the message and Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes.
Happy birthday to our February honorees, including Feb. 2, Phyllis Mixon; Feb. 5, Stephen Stengel; Feb. 6, Nathan Kott; Feb. 9, Lyle Myrta Bratton; Feb. 11, Denver Mixon; Feb. 16, Warren Hahn; Feb. 19, Debi Carlisle and Trudy Hartmann; Feb. 23, Leann Harwell; Feb. 26, Bethany Sieckmann; and Feb. 27, Stanley Paul Sauer, Doris Eckert and Eileen Brodbeck.
Happy Anniversary to only one couple on my list — Best wishes to Jim and Lois Mathis, Feb. 2.

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eties that only bloom once a year should only be fertilized once, in early spring. Otherwise fertilize after pruning when the plants are just beginning to leaf out, and repeat fertilizer applications after flushes of blooms until six weeks before the first frost. There are a variety of commercial organic and non-organic fertilizers available. Follow the instructions for roses on the package.
Roses shouldn't be expected to last forever unless they are an antique type. Modern hybrid roses typically only live six to 10 years. You can help extend the lifespan of your rose bush by controlling diseases.
Black spot is a common rose disease in the area that can weaken a rose bush and eventually help kill it. It is easy to recognize. Look for black spots on the leaves. Sometimes there are cankers on the stems.
To prevent damage to your roses from black spot, alternate spraying with two fungicides, including: propiconazole (examples include Fertilome Systemic Spray 2 and Honor Guard) mancozeb (Bonide Mancozeb Flowable with Zinc), copper fungicides or chlorothalonil (Fung-onil or Garden Tech Daconil).
Check the labels for application instructions, but in moist weather in the spring you may be spraying every 7 to 14 days. Also remove fallen dead leaves, as that these can harbor disease spores.
One disease that thankfully hasn't been reported here yet is rose rosette. This is a viral disease spread by tiny mites. It causes excessive reddish shoots that have a crazy amount of thorns. It's common around the Dallas/Fort Worth area. While no infected plants have been reported in Gillespie County, one plant has been reported in Llano.
Once a plant has the rose rosette disease, it will likely die. If you suspect your roses are afflicted with this disease, rip them out and burn them or put them in a sealed trash bag and dispose of them. Make certain it's rose rosette first. Watch your other roses to make sure that the virus has not spread to them.
Roses in our area generally do not have many insect problems. Leaf cutter bees

will cut out odd half-moon shapes out of the leaves, but normally do not seriously harm the plant. Aphids may suck juices away from the flower buds, but these can be rubbed off or treated with an oil spray.
Also control for ants around the rose bushes. Chili thrips will cause bad-looking foliar and flower damage. These should be treated with a spinosad insecticide or an oil spray, and the roses fertilized less, when you see the damage. Organic and non-organic spray options are available.
If you'd rather not grow your own roses, the roses around Marktplatz and the Gillespie County Courthouse usually look lovely in the spring. This is the way I like my roses best – when someone else does the work of growing them.

If you have any questions about roses or other plants, email me at Elizabeth.mcmahon@ag.tamu.edu or call the Gillespie County Extension Office at 830-997-3452.

LETTERS

Cont. from D5

bility to schedule people for the vaccine and instead requiring us to register on a website — which was almost impossible to do and which was taken down after 30 minutes or so, or giving us a telephone number which rang 18 times and was finally answered by a recording — until it was disconnected.
This is a paragraph of an email I received from the Veterans Administration:
"Please wait for us to contact you about getting a COVID-19 vaccine. You don't need to call us or come to a VA health facility to reserve or request a vaccine. Our staff will only provide vaccines to veterans and caregivers who are currently eligible for one based on VA and CDC risk criteria. We'll contact you when you're eligible."
I realize that HCM doesn't have a list of all possible recipients as does the VA, but HCM could request that everyone who wants the vaccine send them a text or email with their name, age, underlying health conditions, etc. HCM could then prioritize the list as appropriate and notify potential recipients when they were scheduled.
If a shipment of the vaccine was then delayed, HCM could notify the people scheduled

for that date and that HCM would notify them when they were rescheduled.
Jerry Oliver
Fredericksburg

(Editor's note: HCM has instituted a text number to inform those who sign up – text HCMCOVID to 830-283-4555. Both the hospital and the newspaper are striving to provide timely and accurate information. The biggest issues are very limited supply and unprecedented demand.)

was quiet, calm and efficient. We were treated with respect, courtesy and, above all, competency. It was a reassuring day for seniors like us.
We would like to publicly thank all of these dedicated workers who are making the world a safer place. It was a proud moment to be a Central Texan.
Kahren Arbitman
Austin

System not working
Hill Country Memorial Hospital, which currently is a hub for distributing COVID-19 vaccinations, has a website which conveys information for individuals in specific groups eligible to receive vaccinations within the given criteria. The website also says a text message will be sent to anyone who supplies a cell phone number, indicating when the vaccination registration will begin.
Having a text message sent would be the closest to being able to register for a vaccination. Registering on the HCM website or calling the published telephone number on their website is the only valid registration. I have listed cell phone numbers for both my husband and I and have never received a message about

when registration would take place.
The website claims they are trying to identify people who are eligible for Group 1A or 1B through doctor's offices. Instead of putting the responsibility of having medical offices identify their patients, why not have individuals who are in the appropriate group and wish to receive a vaccination call to place their name on a list giving a phone number and age to verify their status.
On Jan. 25, my husband and I attempted to 1) register by cell phone and 2) register on the internet at the indicated time of 12 noon with no success. Last week's *Standard-Radio Post* reported that 7,000 attempts to register crashed the portals for registration. This system clearly is not working! Time to revise the system!
The paper also stated there were many calling from within Gillespie County. By the time the hospital makes a determination that they have vaccinated all of Group 1B, they will open up the registration to the other groups, which would mean the ability to register will become even more difficult to accomplish.
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TIMELESS ELEGANCE describes this stunning mid-century modern home. Entertainer's dream both inside & out. The home was extensively remodeled with additional abundance of natural light, a wonderful open concept living space with soaring ceilings, seamless connection to outdoor living through walls of glass. Modern, warm finishes throughout. **\$1,525,000 Call Sharon for a private showing.**
BEST COMMERCIAL LOCATION in Fredericksburg! This vacant lot is 1.5+/- acres & zoned C-2 with high visibility on South Adams. Lot offers over 250 feet of highway frontage, plenty of room for parking, and includes shared access with the Walgreens and bank locations. **\$1,895,000 Call Mike**

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF OLIVER W. SCHNEIDER as Independent Executor of the Estate of DONNA ANN SCHNEIDER, Deceased. Pending in the County Court, Gillespie County, Texas, Cause No. 10833 TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ABOVE ESTATE: WHEREAS, on the 21st day of January, 2021, in the County Court, Gillespie County, Texas, the undersigned duly qualified as the Independent Executor of the Estate of Donna Ann Schneider, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that Original Letters Testamentary on this estate were granted and this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the undersigned within the time prescribed by law. Any person indebted to said estate is hereby notified to pay same to the undersigned: Oliver W. Schneider, Independent Executor of the Estate of Donna Ann Schneider, Deceased. Address: c/o Granstaff, Gaedke & Edgmon, P.C., Attorneys, Attn: Edward J. Harpole, 5535 Fredericksburg Road, Suite 110, San Antonio, Texas 78229. Dated at San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, January 27, 2021.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of EVANGELINE HUIE, Deceased, were issued on January 26, 2021, in Cause No. 108363, pending in the County Court, Gillespie County, Texas, to: JOHN EDDIE HUIE JR. Claims may be presented to JOHN EDDIE HUIE JR., as follows:

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

Dated this 27th day of January, 2021

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LEGAL NOTICE
Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Winery Permit by Slate Theory, LLC d/b/a Slate Theory located at 10915 E US 290, Fredericksburg, Gillespie County, Texas 78624. RC Siete Family Limited Partnership – managing member; Carroll Jones and Randall Jones – limited partners of RC Siete Family Limited Partnership.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for Proposals for Auditing Services

The Gillespie Central Appraisal District is requesting proposals from qualified public accounting firms to obtain independent audit services for performance of the district's annual financial audit for the 2020 fiscal year. This audit is to be performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. To be considered the accounting firm must meet the qualifications and satisfy the requirements set forth in the RFP. Completed proposals must be received at the address listed below by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 11, 2021. The Request for Proposals Document is located on the district's webpage: www.gillespiecad.org/index.php/Audit. Delivery Address: Gillespie CAD, Attn: Scott Fair (Audit), 1159 S Milam St., Fredericksburg, TX 78624. All inquiries concerning proposals must be made to Scott Fair at above address or telephone 830-997-9807. Proposals should be returned in a sealed envelope clearly bearing the name and address of the respondent and "Proposal for Gillespie CAD Auditing Services."

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG "OWNER" will receive sealed BIDS for the **Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course Bunker Renovation & Lining Project** until 2:00pm local time on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at the City of Fredericksburg City Hall, 126 W. Main Street, Fredericksburg, Texas 78624. The BIDS shall be sealed and addressed to:

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City of Fredericksburg
Attn: Evan Williamson, P.E.
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Bids will be received at the above address until 2:00 pm Central Standard Time, and shortly thereafter the bids will be opened publicly and read aloud in front of City Hall.

The LBJ Golf Course Bunker Renovation & Lining Project generally includes the complete renovation of all the bunkers at LBJ Golf Course in accordance with the specifications and details set forth in the bid documents. The construction of these items shall include labor, material, traffic control (if necessary), equipment and any other necessary incidentals needed to complete the construction.

Bidding and contract documents may be examined or obtained electronically starting on Friday January 29, 2021 at www.civcas-tusa.com (Project ID = "Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course Bunker Renovation & Lining Project") or for viewing only at the City of Fredericksburg City Hall, 126 W. Main St., Fredericksburg, TX 78624.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by bid security in the amount of five percent of the Bidder's maximum bid price, as described in Section 00100 - Instructions to Bidders. The successful BIDDER will be required to furnish Performance and Payment Bonds as described in Section 00700 - General Conditions.

A voluntary pre-bid conference will be held at 10:30am on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 on site at Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course. The meeting will convene at the club house parking lot, 341 Golfers Loop, Fredericksburg, TX 78624.

The Contract Time is defined in Section 00700 – General Conditions and specified in Section 00500 – Agreement. Requirements concerning the qualifications of BIDDERS are described in Section 00100 – Instructions to Bidders.

The City of Fredericksburg reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject bids. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the prices in any BID, the OWNER reserves the right to determine which BIDS are the lowest and/or best, and to award the contract on this basis.

Questions by potential bidders shall be submitted via the CivCast website after the pre-bid conference and no later than 1:00pm on Monday, February 15, 2021.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE/ GARAGE SALE: Of property to satisfy landlord's liens. Sale is 8a.m., February 12, 2021, at 272 Jack Nixon Rd., Fredericksburg, TX. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. Clean up and removal deposit may be required. Seller reserves right to withdraw property from sale. Property includes contents of spaces of following tenants: JULIO CORDOVA-misc items, RICHARD HAAS household misc./tools. Contact Sharon Moose, 830-889-3200 or Attic Storage, PO Box 169, Fredericksburg, TX 78624.

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