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Couple's dream realized with historic-property restoration

ZACHARY-TAYLOR WRIGHT

Managing Editor

BOERNE - Sam and Kristen McGee didn't mind tackling a renovation project years in the making, especially if divine providence played a hand, they say.

Thanks to the local entrepreneurs' efforts, the Boerne Area Historical Preservation Society recently enshrined its first preservation award in more than a decade on the front porch of Crestmont Private Wealth at

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Members of the Dienger family on the front porch of their once home restored by Sam and Kristen McGee of Crestmont Private Wealth.

In 1970, a group of women concerned about the demolition of a historic home along Main Street banded together to form the Boerne Area Historical Preservation Society.

At the time, the city had no measures in place to protect historic buildings from the wrecking ball. The society's founders feared the city's history would be lost to the concept of progress.

The group continues to operate out of the Kuhlmann-King House, perched on a hill behind the for-

mer Boerne City Hall on East Blanco Road. "Within the three buildings, we have over 2,000

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Judge denies Batchelor's change of venue

ZACHARY-TAYLOR WRIGHT

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Despite a motion filed by her defense attorney, the daughter of a luxury auto dealer will face a jury of Kendall County residents.

Louis Martinez, the attorney representing Kendall Batchelor.

23, sought to the move

out of Kendall County.

Batchelor intoxicated manslaughter trial

Batchelor is facing intoxicated manslaughter charges - a second- degree felony after she was arrested June 6 on a warrant signed by Kendall County Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Debby Hudson.

She is accused of driving a car

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Rhoden wins Fair Oaks Council seat

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Fair Oaks Ranch- After the May 6 election results rolled in last Saturday, it became clear Keith Rhoden would be the Place 2 City Councilman.

With less than 1,000 votes cast in the city's single-seat ballot, Rhdoen took more than half the votes -58.72% – avoiding a runoff election with one of the three candidates and officially

taking his spot at the dais.

Rhoden has lived in the Hill Country buffer city for six years with experience as a certified public accountant, which he predicts will help him in his new civic role.

"I believe I bring a lot of skills to the table. I bring a deep well of experience that I think could help the council and help move them further along," Rhoden said. "I am also a listener,

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Keith Rhoden during the election forum hosted by The Star with Boerne Radio 103.9 FM

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Patricia "Pat" Thompson Reynolds

January 5, 1937 - April 14, 2023

"Pat" Patricia Thompson Reynlovingly olds, known by most as "Gee," passed away on April 14, 2023, at the age of 86, surrounded by friends and fam-

ily. She was born an only child to John Joseph "Jay" and Lena Lloyd Thompson in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on January 5, 1937. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Marshall James Reynolds.

Pat is survived by daughters, Jill, her husband Mark Fondren and their children, Mallory, Max and



Reynolds

Marshall; and Sally, her husband Preston Parker and their children, Payton, Hudson and Sadie. She adored all 6 of her grandchildren and loved to talk about them to any-

one who would listen. In high school, Pat met the love of her life, Marshall, and they married on August 6, 1955. They were married 61 years at the time of his death. Both attended LSU and they moved to Lake Jackson, TX after Marshall obtained his master's degree.

They struggled with infertility for 17 years but

He was a veteran

of the USAF during

the Korean Con-

flict and married

Mary Sue Camp-

bell December 22,

1956, in Las Cru-

were finally blessed with a baby girl and two years later, another baby girl. Pat was very involved with the girls and never missed a sporting or school event. Her home was the gathering place for all of her kids' friends. There were always extra girls having a sleepover, swimming or staying late to eat. In recent years, she carried on this tradition by cooking for her grandchildren and their friends. Pat loved every minute of those times and had a gift for making everyone feel welcome.

Pat's interests included art, reading, interior design and gardening. She loved to travel and was able to go to many amazing places which provided her with so many incredible stories to tell. All of her life, she was an avid sports fan. When she was young, she loved watching her husband play football and baseball and later loved watching him coach their girls. She always loved her LSU Tigers and Houston Astros.

Pat was a loyal volunteer and believed strongly that to those whom much is given, much must be given back. She lived in Lake Jackson for 50 years and served her community well. Pat volunteered in public schools and spent over twenty years volunteering at the local hospital where she had more than 3,000 service hours. She was also the coordinator for Meals on Wheels in Lake Jackson for over ten vears. After moving to Boerne, she continued volunteer work for Meals on Wheels with her daughter Sally and did so for the past 7 years.

Pat never met a stranger. Her smile lit up a room and her laughter was contagious. She loved God, believed in the love and forgiveness of Jesus and just wanted to be a good steward of the gifts He gave her.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Ebensberger Fisher Funeral Home on Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. A Reception will follow at Chuck and Brandi Egli's residence at 145 Ranch Drive, Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas 78015. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, your local Meals on Wheels program, or a charity of your choice.



David Dee Richardson

Jun 1, 1937 - May 7, 2023

David Dee Richardson passed from this earthly home on May 7, 2023, in Comfort, Texas, due to complications of Dementia

and congestive heart failure. David was born June 1, 1937, in Belen, New Mexico to Mabry D. Richardson and Angeline May Kindrick.



ces, NM. He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years in 2010, and his parents, two brothers, two sisters, and one grandson, James. He is survived by his three sons: Gary of Oracle, AZ, Steve of Elko, NM, and Bryan (Lori) of Boerne, TX; five grandchildren: Keisha, David (Ana), Landry (Matt), Zach (Morgan), Avery; and two great-grandchildren, Liam and Jameson.

David was a longtime resident of Alamogordo, High Rolls, and La Luz until dementia forced him to move to Texas for care. He most recently resided at the Texas House and Comfort Nursing Home. He spent the majority of his life as a carpenter. He became an ordained minister in 1979 in Mammoth, AZ then went back to construction in 1980. He was an active member of Bethel Baptist in Alamogordo until he moved to Texas.

David's final wish was to be with his wife and at a future date their ashes will be spread in the New Mexico Mountains they loved so much.

Much thanks to the nurses of Embrace and Comfort Nursing Home for taking care of our Dad in his final days and a special thanks to Chris Papacek of Texan House for keeping tabs on Dad to keep him from "fixing" things.

To leave condolences for the family, please visit www.ebensberger-fisher. com. Arrangements with Ebensberger-Fisher Funeral Home of Boerne.



Louise Davis

October 19, 1938 – May 6, 2023

Louise Davis was a caring wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She left this world peacefully on May 6, 2023, at the age of 84, surrounded

by her loving family. She was born to Fred Gremmel and Georgia Lue Gremmel on Oct. 19, 1938, in Houston, TX. After graduating from Boerne High School with the class of 1956. Louise attended The

University of Texas in



Texas, Austin, graduating with a Business Administration degree in 1960. She married her high school sweetheart, Allen Davis of Boerne Texas, married for

63 years, and together they had two sons Scott and Craig.

Louise used her degree working briefly for the Dallas County Auditor's Office and later keeping the books and helping run the family's real estate businesses. She served in many community activities, but her favorites were serving as Treasurer for the Boerne Historical Society for nearly 20 years and organizing the class reunions for the Boerne High School Classes of the 1950s. Louise loved computers but is probably best known for bragging about her children and grandson Hunter, who she was very proud of.

She is survived by her husband Allen, her sons Scott and Craig, her daughter in-law Cheryl, and her grandson Hunter.

A graveside funeral service is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 10 a.m. at Boerne cemetery.

To leave condolences for the family, please visit www.ebensberger-fisher. com. Arrangements with Ebensberger Fisher Funeral Home of Boerne.









Jackie "Jack" Dean Duncan

October 14, 1939 – May 7, 2023

Jackie "Jack" Dean Duncan, 83 years old, passed away peacefully on May 7, 2023, in Ft. Worth, Texas. He was born on October 14, 1939, in

Wichita Falls, TX to A&P Mechanic at Kelly Irene and Curtis Duncan. He was a proud resident of Boerne for 44 years and moved to Ft. Worth in 2022.

He married Alice Duncan on May 28, 1977, in Boerne, TX. He lived a



Duncan

served in Vietnam, was a top-notch entrepreneur with his own business in Boerne, Duncan's Hairstyling, and also worked as an Air Force Base.

Jack was extremely caring and considerate, selfless and generous. He was always present for his family and friends and showed his dedica-

very full life as a of others in the way he Navy Veteran who lived every day.

He is survived by his wife, Alice; daughter, Kimberlee (husband Courtney); son, Scott (wife Dawn); son, Doug (wife Rebecca); 19 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Viewing will be held at Ebensberger Fisher Funeral Home on Friday, May 12th, 2023, from 5:00 to 7:00pm and Funeral Services will commence at 9:30am on Saturday, May 13th at

Oaks Hills Church West Auditorium followed by the burial at Boerne Cemetery to reminisce, honor and celebrate the life of Jack. To leave condolences for the family, please visit www. ebensberger-fisher.com. Arrangements Ebensberger-Fisher Funeral Home of Boerne.



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LAW ENFORCEMENT

The following is a brief, partial recap of incidents reported by the Boerne Police Department and the Kendall County Sheriff's Office. General locations are listed rather than specific addresses. An arrest should not imply guilt or innocence, which will be decided in court at a later date. Anyone with information about any of these incidents is asked to call the Boerne Police at 830-249-8645, the Kendall County Sheriff's Office at 830-249-9721 or Kendall County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-348-LEAD (5323) or c-crimestoppers.com



BOERNE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MAY 03

3:11 a.m., 700 Blk River — A concerned caller reported a large van that was driving around the area slowly. The caller told dispatch that when the driver had spotted the vehide, the van drove off. However, it had been sitting in the parking lot for "a while" prior to seeing the caller.

8:15 a.m., 100 Blk Old San Antonio — A caller from out of the area reported that his ex-girlfriend, who was from Boerne, was harassing him. The caller told dispatch that the ex-girlfriend had filed a false theft report against him.

10:25 a.m., 200 Blk Parkview Terrace

— Continuing the relationship saga,
the ex-girlfriend called in to report her
ex-boyfriend was harassing her.

12:17 p.m., Adler/Serenity — Two males and a female got out of their respective vehicles and began screaming at each other on the side of the road. One of the males had a large stick in his hand. Law enforcement arrived at the scene and intervened.

1:43 p.m., 1500 Blk S Main — A caller reported a male who was stumbling around and seemed confused. The caller initially suspected the male was on drugs but then suspected heat stroke. The caller walked to a medical

10:15 p.m., 100 Blk Wickersham – A caller reported a male going through trash cans along the road. The male had on a headlamp – he was committed. The caller was unsure what the caller was looking for, or if it was even okay. Law enforcement arrived at the scene and intervened.

MAY 04

11:09 a.m., 33000 Blk W I-10 — A resident wanted to report that someone had taken possession of his CPS account and had opened a new account with the caller's information.

1:48 p.m., Main/Herff — A caller reported they were involved in an accident. Both of the vehicles pulled over to the side of the road and no injuries resulted.

2:13 p.m., 1400 Blk River — A caller reported the theft of items that belonged to the building's residents.

2:18 p.m., 400 Blk W Bandera — A caller reported shoplifting in progress. The caller confronted the shoplifter outside the store and the shoplifter relinquished the items he had taken. The caller brought the items back inside

the store

7:52 p.m., 541 MM W I-10 — A single-vehicle accident occurred. Two callers reported the accident, one of them stating the vehicle did not look drivable. Despite the airbags being deployed, the driver was attempting to get out of the vehicle. EMS was called to the scene for the occupants of the vehicle. The fire department was called to the scene for traffic control.

11:37 p.m., 1300 Blk S Main — An employee reported that while she was closing the store, she thought sha had heard a male talking. The employee was concerned someone was hiding in the store. Law enforcement searched the store and did not locate anyone.

MAY 05

5:27 a.m., 31000 Blk W I-10 — A security company contacted law enforcement after seeing a female pulling on car handles at the car wash. After further investigation it was found that that female was an employee, and no illegal activity was occurring.

5:40 a.m., 800 Blk Adler — A caller reported a male asleep at a picnic table at the park. The caller noted the male's bike was parked in the parking lot.

10:54 a.m., 1000 Blk River — A realtor reported that a male had walked in during a property and provided a different type of showing — taking off his pants. The realtor asked the male to leave, he did, and the realtor proceeded to contact law enforcement.

11:37 a.m., 100 Blk Telford — A concerned caller reported a vehicle that was driving around the neighborhood and stopping.

12:23 p.m., 200 Blk E Highland — A mother reported someone had hacked into her child's phone and was attempting to extort him for money.

9:05 p.m., 100 Blk Old San Antonio — A store manager reported that about eight teenagers had been kicked out of the move theater were hanging out in the parking lot and would not leave.

MAY 06

9:49 a.m., 536 MM E I-10 — A caller reported a vehicle in the center median of the interstate. A two-vehicle accident had occurred. The caller reported that it appeared no injuries resulted.

12:13 p.m., 100 Blk City Park — An individual with the Parks Department reported that sinks had been broken in the park's bathrooms.

2:01 p.m., 100 Blk Crosspoint — A employee reported an individual on the premises who was not supposed to be there. The employee was requesting that law enforcement remove the individual. Law enforcement came to the location but could not locate the individual.

4:38 p.m., Main Plaza, A very disgruntled caller reported that a dog was off leash at the Man Plaza Park. The caller went as far as to say he could no longer go to the park because of the dog-situation.

7:44 p.m., Morningside/Dawn Ridge — A caller reported hearing gunshots fired in the area. The caller informed dispatch that there was a vacant lot across the road, and they suspected the gunshots may be coming from there. Law enforcement investigated the matter and did not suspect any gunshots had been fired.

10:51 p.m., 100 Blk Gallant Fox — A resident had read about other vehicles in his area getting broken into. The resident checked out his vehicle and found the lock on the driver's side had been popped.

MAY 07

4:15 a.m., 100 Blk Shade Tree — Bexar County law enforcement requested assistance with locating suspects involved in a shooting. Boerne law enforcement was able to locate a vehide registered in one of the suspect's names.

1:10 p.m., 500 Blk Fabra — A resident wanted to speak with law enforcement regarding her neighbor harassing her.

5:38 p.m., 300 Blk S Main — An event DJ reported that as he was packing up, a customer came over and complained about the volume and type of the music the DJ played. The customer made the situation physical when he smacked the DJ's hand and chest.

6:04 p.m., 540 MM W I-10 — A truck was reported to be passing vehicles on the shoulder of the road, at an excessive speed. A second caller reported the vehicle and estimated the vehicle was going over 100 MPH and had sideswiped another vehicle.



KENDALL COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

MAY 0

7:40 a.m., 100 Blk Spring Creek Rd — A disgruntled caller reported a neighbor putting trash in his dumpster. The caller was asking what legal recourse was available to him.

10:16 a.m., 200 Blk Third — A caller reported an instance of credit card fraud. The caller noticed a \$540 charge on their statement that they had not made. The address for the purchase was to a location in San Antonio.

10:48 a.m., 500 Blk N Pleasant Valley Dr — A suspicious caller reported an older vehicle that was slowly driving from mailbox to mailbox. He informed dispatch that he suspected the driver was a young male.

6:29 p.m., 200 Blk Acker Rd — A caller reported two calves having an afternoon escapade, making their way around the area!

8:20 p.m., Third Street/Cemetery Street – A wild hog was reported to be running around the cemetery, headed towards the main roads. The caller was concerned about it attacking someone. The hog ended up running off into a field.

MAY 04

6:31 a.m., 100 Blk Bluebonnet Dr — A caller reported their truck had been stolen. The caller told dispatch that the last time they had seen their vehicle was the prior afternoon.

7:10 a.m., FM 1621/I-10 W — A caller reported that he had parked his antique fire truck on the side of the road and the vehicle had been stolen. After law enforcement investigated the matter, they discovered the vehicle had been involved in an accident with DPS and they were handling the situation.

12:49 p.m., 10000 Blk North Creek Rd — A neighbor reported someone was burning tires, resulting in toxic, black smoke. Comfort FD was contacted and came to the scene. They found the individual was burning furniture, not tires.

niture, not tires.
4:49 p.m., 500 Blk W Hwy 46 — A caller reported a driver pointing a gun at the caller after the driver was tailgating him. The caller reported where the vehicle was driving and then handed the matter over to law enforcement.

6:45 p.m., 200 Blk Wengenroth – A caller reported trespassing issues

occurring on his property. Specifically, the caller reported someone messing with the blinds on his trailer. The caller noted to dispatch that other objects on his property had been messed with, implying this was additional evidence of trespassing.

7:41 p.m., 2600 Blk FM 473 – A single-vehicle accident occurred when a vehicle ran into a tree. The driver remained in the car. One of the callers reported the wheels were off the vehicle and the airbags had been deployed. A caller noted to dispatch that the driver smelled like alcohol. Medical assistance was called to the scene and transported the driver to jail.

MAY 05

6:57 a.m., Rust Road — A resident reported a vehicle that had come onto their property and left without speaking to the resident. The resident explained how they were concerned because it was private property.

8:58 a.m., 100 Blk Kreutzberg Rd — A caller reported that one of his horses, which was worth half a million dollars, had a succumbed to a suspicious death. Animal Control investigated the matter and found the horse's death was most likely an accident.

12:17 p.m., 400 Blk Edge Falls Rd — A caller reported their property line had been spray painted with property markers, without the caller's knowledge.

1:21 p.m., 200 Blk N Hwy 87 – A woman reported that her ex-boy-friend was burning her stuff. Law enforcement came to the scene and intervened.

1:42 p.m., 100 Blk N FM 3351 – A two-vehicle accident occurred. One of the vehicles involved rolled over. One of the occupants of the vehicle experienced a head injury and was significantly bleeding. Medical assistance was provided.

1:56 p.m., 30000 Blk W I-10 — An employee reported that their boss and a customer had a verbal dispute in which the customer threatened to bring people in to fight. Law enforcement contacted the boss and advised him of what to do if a disturbance occurred.

9:07 p.m., 100 Blk Walnut Way – A concerned caller reported a woman walking around the neighborhood's mailboxes, yelling "bad words" at her dog.

MAY 06

5:29 a.m., 100 Blk Idlewilde Blvd – A caller initially reported hearing a screaming and sawing noise. While

speaking with dispatch, the caller noted that they no longer heard the screaming. Law enforcement investigated the matter and did not find anything criminal occurring, only a couple chickens disagreeing.

7:50 a.m., Olivia Circle — A caller reported they had caged a fox and requested Animal Control assistance in handling the matter.

8:45 a.m., 524 MMW I-10 — A caller reported a vehicle in a ditch on the side of the interstate. The caller noted that the driver had been weaving through traffic, and the caller suspected they were drunk. The caller also told dispatch they believed the driver was attempting to flee the scene.

3:39 p.m., 100 Blk Waring-Welfare

– Five cows were out in the road by
the river, debating whether or not
they should go for a swim.

7:14 p.m., 100 Blk Walnut Way – A caller reported two teenage boys who were racing dirt bikes in the subdivision. The caller estimated they were going double the speed limit. The caller was also unsure if the boys even lived in the area.

11:46 p.m., Hwy

11:46 p.m., Hwy 87/FM 473 — A caller reported witnessing a driver drinking a beer as they were headed for the interstate. The caller was concerned the driver was driving under the influence.

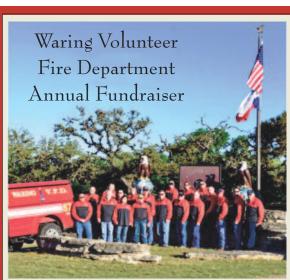
MAY 07

8:06 a.m., Kreutzberg Rd — A caller reported an injured raccoon who needed medical assistance.

11:38 a.m., 100 Blk Wollschlaeger Dr — A caller requested assistance with a trapped raccoon.

1:48 p.m., 800 Blk FM 289 — A caller reported a male, who was not on the lease, but kept showing up at the property and staying there. The caller was advised of the eviction process.

5:12 p.m., 200 Blk Scarlet Ridge Dr — A resident reported hearing ten gunshots in the minutes leading up to her phone call. The resident told dispatch she was unsure where the shots were coming from. While she was on the phone with dispatch, the gunshots ceased.



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Thank you for being loyal readers of The Boerne Star.

Boerne police chief reminds of National Police Week

Our society enjoys giving recognition, and with good reason. From teachers and healthcare professionals to librarians, there is no shortage of days and months set aside to appreciate those who make our communities

Last week we honored May as Mental Health awareness month, and I just recently read how May is also Motorcycle Awareness Month. But did you also know next week is National Police Week?



In 1962, President John F. Kennedy declared May 15 as Peace Officer Memorial Day and the week in which that day falls as National Police Week. Many communities across our country take this time to honor and reflect on the memories of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, and Boerne is no different.

The Kendall County Sheriff's Office will host this year's Law Enforcement Memorial at their office on May 17, 2023, at 10 a.m. During this event we remember our fellow partners and all they did for us and the community they served. Their families are invited and the names of the fallen are read out loud. Our honor guards will unite and pay homage to our law enforcement officers and their families. There have been six law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty in Kendall County:

Sheriff Sidney F. Edge

Sheriff Douglas Kuebel

Deputy Larry Kolb Trooper Kurt Knapp Deputy Carlos Ramirez

Community Supervision Officer Rusty Salazar

So, while there are many important topics to be aware of this month, I believe we should take the time to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our community. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God," - Mathew 5:9. God bless you!

Boerne presents awards for National Tavel and Tourism Week

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Special to The Star

In honor of National Travel and Tourism Week (May 7-13, 2023), Visit Boerne is excited to announce the selection and presentation of this year's Hospitality Hero Award to two Texas travel industry advocates and leaders.

They have both not only served the Boerne community by consistently going above and beyond to tell the Boerne story to their audiences but have also stepped up and become leaders themselves within the industry.

At a luncheon on explores entertainment,

Wednesday, May 10, at The Bevy Hotel members of the Visit Boerne team bestowed a Hospitality Hero Award plaque each to YOLO TX and My Curly Adventures in appreciation for their ongoing relationship and partnership in promoting Boerne, Texas, as an elevated Hill Country experience for all travelers to enjoy. "Their continued support has substantially aided in putting Boerne, TX, on the map as an exciting travel destination for visitors across the globe," Visit Boerne Director Larry Woods said.

YOLO TX is an award-winning, weekly traveling show that



Photo courtesy of the city of Boerne.

food, and things to do across the great state of Texas. The program has highlighted favorite Boerne eateries and breweries like Peggy's on the Green and Bear Moon Bakery, craft beer hot spots including the Dodging Duck and Free Roam Brewing Company. Other favorite episodes include lodging establishments like the historic Kendall Hotel and The William, as well as attractions like the Cave Without a Name and the Hill Country Mile. In attendance representing YOLO TX and Quarter

Moon Productions were VP of Marketing and Programming, Erika Grimm; Producer, Jackie Delgado; Show Host, Aerin Carreno; and Videographer, Jason Roberts.

Jessica Serna is the creative mind, blogger, writer, photographer, and face of My Curly Adventures, a Texas-based travel brand. She and her husband, Ismail Mpiana, inspire and encourage people to find the magic in the everyday adventures that can be found throughout Texas and beyond. They have shared the Boerne experience with their audience over multiple visits to the award-winning Hill Country Mile, Boerne City Lake Park, and the Cibolo Center for Conservation, as well as numerous meals and drinks at eateries and breweries like Tusculum Brewing Co., Richter Tavern, The Creek Restaurant, and Boerne Taco House. Both Jessica and Ismail attended Wednesday's awards luncheon.

For the last 40 years, National Travel and Tourism Week has been celebrated during the first week in May as a reminder of the role that the U.S. travel industry plays in stimulating economic growth, elevating the quality of life, cultivating vibrant communities, and creating quality job opportunities across the nation. Visit Boerne is excited to honor these two tourism advocates for their contributions to Boerne and the industry

VIEWPOINTS

"Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."

-Ephesians 6:4

"I stopped believing in Santa Claus when my mother took me to see him in a department store, and he asked for my autograph."

-Shirley Temple

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Divorced or estranged?

Did you see the results of the recent Boerne municipal election? I continue to be amazed, if not just disappointed that so many citizens (~85 percent of registered voters) didn't vote. They seem to take for granted the development of our republic and the constitution that upholds

When I began my military career, and again years later when I joined State Department as a civil servant for duty in Iraq, I took an oath of office to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America. The least we can do, should do, as citizens of this republic in supporting and defending our constitution and the life it grants us, is to vote; i.e. vote for who represents us.

The results of the recent municipal election aren't interestingly different than our countywide election results last year or most other elections. While the clear majority of the citizens in Kendall County who do get out to vote are registered Republicans, the overall turnout is dismal. The underlying question is why.

While canvassing door-to-door for our newest Kendall County Commissioner Andra Wisian, we heard people say they didn't know her. But having introduced her by face-to-face personal testimonials, they were favorably impressed. That helped considerably to raise the voter count in her favor.

On average, generally, 85% of our registered Kendall County voters are either divorced or estranged; no, not from a spouse, but from the process to elect fellow citizens to represent them in our democratic society; a right and responsibility given in our U.S. Constitution.

Why, I continue to ask. This isn't new. The problem is pervasive, and it has been over the WRITE OF CENTER

ARTHUR HUMPHRIES

Pew Research conducted a survey years ago that found (if not validated) what we've continued to experience at the polls. The survey revealed that non-voters are politically estranged: They are the least interested in local politics and the most likely to think that voting doesn't change things. They also are five times more likely to say they're too busy to vote compared to regular

voters (43% versus 8%). Americans who are not registered to vote, Pew reported, also are more socially isolated from other people: They're less likely to know people in their neighborhood. They also are more likely to be relatively recent arrivals in their current neighborhoods more than one-in-five (23%) said they have lived in their neighborhood less than a year. People who are not registered to vote also are generally mistrustful of others; just 27% told Pew that

most people can be trusted. What we see today as invented (read, politically invented) structural factors stand between some of these Americans and the ballot booth. Pew reported at the time that thirty percent of adults who are not registered to vote said it is difficult for them to get to the polls. Where do they get that idea! It seems to me that effective "psyops" is at work. Regardless, according to Pew Research, this compared with 19% among those who vote rarely, and just 8% each among intermittent and regular voters. This suggests even with recent reforms in voter registration laws that there are still barriers to voting for some Americans but does not say what are those barriers. Still, 70% of those who are not registered told Pew it is not difficult for them to vote. Now there's a conundrum.

So why aren't they registered? When asked to answer that question in their own words, no single dominant reason emerged. About one-in-five (19%) said they had not had time to register. Nearly as many said they had recently moved. One-inseven (14%) said they don't care about politics. About as many expressed little confidence in the government.

Feelings of political alienation and apathy about voting are widespread among non-voters. A more recent study by the Medill School of Journalism (Northwestern University) /Ipsos/NPR validated that non-voters feel a general apathy or disconnect toward politics. This poll showed the main reason non-voters do not engage in the process is

because they don't think it matters. A majority of respondents to Medill who did not vote in the last presidential election expressed a feeling that voting has little impact on their lives, or that it will change how the country is run. According to the study, more voters demonstrated broad agreement with these statements regardless of income or educa-

tional attainment level. In summary, I say this God-given republic is ours to keep; or to lose. At the rate we're going, at least in voter turnout, we are well on a path of losing it. Each one of us truly can make a difference IF we commit to ourselves, our families, our friends, our neighbors, and to God to support and defend this amazing gift we have; one that is ours to hold dear.

So, I ask -- What are you willing to do to defend our republic! At the very least, vote. As importantly, take the advice an Army general gave me when en route to service down range in Iraq – pray hard!

Art Humphries is a committee member for the local Republican party.



Summer break and true happiness

Editor's note: We're looking for a variety of young voices to contribute to "Hits Different." If you'd like to write a commentary, send it to Managing Editor Zachary-Taylor Wright at zachary.wright@boernestar.com.

Summer break, the long-awaited respite, is almost here. With yearbooks being signed, the grade book almost finalized and goodbyes to our friends nearly said and done, high schoolers will be let off on a holiday filled with anticipation. The grind of homework, Advanced Placement exams and busy sched-



ules will have finally ended, and now it will be time to let go and have

So why do I feel nervous and why do I lack a sense of direction about walking out on the last day of school? I met my friend for lunch and shopping the other day, and we both agreed the end of the year seems underwhelming and slightly disappointing.

I realize that such is true with much in life. We have been using the prospect of summer to encourage each other and hype each other up through even the most arduous of final exams and projects. Once we're on summer break, we think, life will be perfect. We'll do something new every day.

There will never be a dull moment.

The final weeks of school are jam-packed with tests and assignments, seemingly never letting up. Until they eventually will. When the last day inevitably comes, we will be done. Summer stretches before us, daunting and long. For how challenging the year is, it

seems to be fizzling out, rather than ending with a

I wish I could enjoy these few final weeks of school. I wish I could bask more in the finality of it all. Such is how much of our expectations unfold.

Have you ever caught yourself thinking, "Once I get this job, I'll be happy," or "Once I lose this weight, I'll be happy," or "Once I go on this vacation, I'll be happy" (and on and on and on...).

it's been "Once this school year ends, we'll be happy.'

For me and my friend,

However, in think-

ing this way, we end up neglecting the beauty of the here and now. It's important to recognize that our goalposts continue to move even after we've reached our goal.

Once we get our "dream" job, we want better pay, then we'll be happy. Once we buy that one thing, we want something better, then we'll be happy. And the endless cycle continues, with true happiness never being achieved.

The reality is, happiness isn't found in material, tangible, earthly things.

It's primarily found in your faith, if you're a religious person, and secondly in your relationships with others. The COVID-19 lockdowns taught us a lot about the importance of human connections and caring for others.

This summer, I'm challenging myself to be fully content with my present circumstances, rather than wishing for something more. I'm hoping to strengthen my faith as well as my bonds with my family and friends through shared experiences and fun memories.

For me, that's how true happiness and contentment is realized.

Dannah Novick, 17, is a high school senior.

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MAY 13

Farmers Market at Herff Farm, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. You can buy products directly from local growers, ranchers, and crafters on a beautiful historic German farmstead in the Texas Hill Country. Explore our fenced gardens, pollinator meadow, and trails, and see the historic limestone Herff House. More information available at www. cibolo.org

Art in Conservation: Watercolor Class, Herff Farm, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Join artist Rebecca Burritt in watercolor class where you learn to paint with the practice of the basic techniques; glazing, wet-in-wet, dry brush and more. Registration is preferred, beginners are welcome and recommended age is 12 and up. Registration and more information are available at www.cibolo.org

Second Saturday Teaching Garden Volunteering, Herff Farm, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Learn about organic gardening while helping us maintain our demonstration gardens at our Teaching Garden at the Herff Farm. Help us weed, water, use garden tools, and all the wonderful things that are needed to help maintain a beautiful organic garden. No experience is required. Register at www. cibolo.ora

Reminder: Cibolo Nature Center and Trails will be CLOSED to the public from Wednesday, May 10th, and will reopen Sunday, May 14th. The volunteer community scientists will be surveying and examining our plants and wildlife.

11th Annual Headwaters for Heroes Combat Veterans & Gold Star Families Benefit, Headwaters Saloon in Harper, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Bring the kids to the 11th Annual Headwaters for Heroes Combat Veterans & Gold Star Families Benefit! Sporting Clay Shoot with 10 stations, Open Car Show, Motorcycle Rally, Kids Carnival, Live Auction, Live Music All Day with Josh Peak, Justin Heflin, & The Jason Allen Band, BBQ Dinner, Dance after Auction, Vendors: Food, Guns, Knives, Arts, and more!

Genealogical Society of Kendall County Garage Sale, 114 E Blanco, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Join the Genealogical Society of Kendall County for a garage sale benefitting the Family History Place! The community is welcome to donate items to GSKC to be added to the sale. Please contact Karla Abbott for more information. (813) 503-1647.

Boerne Market Days, Boerne Main Plaza, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Spend a day browsing the market and visiting the many downtown boutiques, galleries and restaurants for a unique Hill Country experience. There are a variety of bargains to be found such as jewelry, plants, art, handcrafts, collectibles, antiques, and more!

Boerne Art Waddle, Downtown Boerne, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The 11th Annual Boerne Art Waddle will be located along the Cibolo Creek Trail. This is a relaxed, fun event with the attributes of a major fine art event. Additional details to come. More information can be found at eventsoffmain. com

Boerne Handmade Market, The Cana Ballroom, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Boerne Handmade Market is the largest market of its kind in South Texas. It is a two-day event featuring 75+ handmade-only vendors,

including jewelry, apparel, leather goods, toys, home décor, and art, handmade candles, food, drink, and more. Kids under 12 are free and tickets can be purchased at the door.

Old Jail Museum Tours, The Old Jail Museum, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tour the Old Jail Museum and enjoy its unique exhibits! Tickets are \$5 for adults, and children under 10, veterans and law enforcement are free!

Kuhlmann-King Museum Tours, Kuhlmann-King Historical Complex, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Take a tour around the Kuhlmann- King property to step back in time!

Bluegrass Jam at The AgriCultural Museum, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every second and fourth Saturdays of the month, bring your instrument and play along, or just come to listen to the Bluegrass Jam at The AgriCultural! (Formerly the Agricultural Heritage Museum) This event is free and open to the public.

Boerne Radio Classics with Miss Constance, Boerne Radio (KBRN FM 103.9 and AM 1500), 7:45 a.m. to 8 a.m. They're bringing back the radio serials of the past as each week we share a part of a children's classic book. Humor, drama, and suspense as each week you await the next installment!

The Bookshop Under the Windmill, next to PHPL Library, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Bookshop Under the Windmill is open Wed - Sat from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Find some great books, magazines, and movies... all at great prices! The Bookshop is run by the Friends of the Boerne Public Library. Funds raised through the shop go back to the PHPL!

Second Saturday Author Signing, PHPL, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sci-Fi/Fantasy author Joseph A. Schiller will be in our Library on Saturday, May 13th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. He'll be signing copies of his novel "Upon the Arrival of Dawn." Please stop by to meet the author, and take a look at his book!

MAY 14

Boerne Market Days, Boerne Main Plaza, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Spend a day browsing the market and visiting the many downtown boutiques, galleries and restaurants for a unique hill country experience. There are a variety of bargains to be found such as jewelry, plants, art, handcrafts, collectibles, antiques, and more.

MAY 15

Herff Farm Bird Survey, Herff Farm, 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Volunteers will help identify and count bird species in the riparian, savannah and human structure habitats of Herff Farm and submit findings to eBird (on online database administered by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology). There will be several miles of walking on generally flat ground. All levels of birding experience are welcome! This will be a good opportunity to practice and expand birding skills. Please register at www.cibolo.org

Boerne Chamber Golf Classic, Fair Oaks Ranch Golf and Country Club, 9 a.m. Enjoy a day of golf, networking, awesome player perks and delicious food and drinks at the Boerne Chamber Annual Golf Classic, presented by Cavender Chevrolet! An awards ceremony and happy hour will be held after the tournament.

Christian Job Corps Prepped for Life, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Women, join Prepped For Life, a life-changing program. Do something for you, find space for grace, learn your gifts, build confidence, learn healthy behaviors, destress anxiety, polish communications, find God's purpose for you, apply for jobs or volunteer. Registration is FREE at www.cjcboerne.org/programs

Savvy with Samsa, PHPL Lobby, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Oemuer is out in the lobby most Monday mornings to help answer your technology related ques-

Food for Thought Book Discussion Group, PHPL, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. The Food for Thought Book Discussion Group will meet on Monday. May 15, 2023, to discuss the book "Klara and the Sun" by Kazuo Ishiguro. Please note, this is a special date!

MAY 16

BOND (Boerne Open Neighborhood Discussion) Meeting, Zoom, 5:30 p.m. Join the City of Boerne's Planning Department on Zoom for a 'Boerne Open Neighborhood Discussion' regarding proposed rezoning and a special use permit. The Zoom link can be found at www.ci.boerne.tx.us

Special Called City Council Meeting, Boerne City Hall, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Canvass Election Results

Teacup Techie, PHPL Lobby, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Alicia is out in the lobby most Tuesday mornings to help answer your technology-related questions.

MAY 17

Art in Conservation: Drawing from Nature, Herff Farm, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Observing the natural world with a pencil allows you to explore your environments, as you carefully follow the shapes, textures, and interplay of light and shadow. With the practice of basic skills; of sighting, proportion, value, line quality and detail, we learn to draw what we see through our interpretation. Registration and more information are available at www.cibolo.org

Economic Real Estate Forecast, Prime Capital Investment Advisors, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Join u for a private event where the following things will be discussed: current financial market and environment update; understanding private equity and the essentials of private markets; and real estate updates and forecast. RSVP: aleerhoff@pciaweath.com or 830-816-5131

The Bookshop Under the Windmill, next to PHPL Library, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Bookshop Under the Windmill is open Wed - Sat from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Find some great books, magazines, and movies... all at great prices! The Bookshop is run by the Friends of the Boerne Public Library. Funds raised through the shop go back to the PHPL!

"Ask Alison" Tech Hour, PHPL Lobby, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Meet with Alison Topper for technical assistance in the library's main lobby.

Anime Wednesdays, PHPL The HUB, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Teens 11 - 17 are invited to meet in the HUB's game room for anime, games, crafts, and discussions! If you love anime, this is a can't miss program at the library! During this program, Xboxes will be unavailable. Please contact Alex Pena, the young adult coordinator, if you have any questions about this program: pena@boernelibrary.org

MAY 18

Boerne Chamber Board of Directors Meeting, Boerne Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information please contact: sandieford1950@gmail.com

Ribbon Cutting for Swing Strong Inc., Tapatio Springs Hill Country Resort, 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Swing Strong Inc. is a -profit organization formed to raise money and awareness of Parkinson's disease through the Michael J Fox Foundation, by hosting various charitable events in the local community. This ribbon cutting will be on the event lawn behind the Tapatio Clubhouse, between hole 9 and 18 on the golf course.

Men's Night at Free Roam Brewery, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The brewery is inviting men out to the beer garden once a month for some brews and inspirational speeches from a variety of quest speakers. This open invitation is for gentlemen aged 13 and up and is designed to provide a sense of community and camaraderie in a safe space where 'quys can just be quys.' Guests to the event can also enjoy a myriad of tasty food options provided by local food trucks as well as the brewery's own libations throughout the evening.

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Drawing Club, PHPL Conference Room, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Drawing Club meets in the library's conference room each Thursday at 1:30 p.m. This is not a drawing class, but a group of people that get together to hone their own drawing skills.

Carlos.com, PHPL First Floor Lobby, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Carlos is out in the lobby most Thursday afternoons to help answer your technology-related questions.

MAY 19

Family Night Hike, Cibolo Nature Center, 7:45 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Enjoy the Cibolo at night! Join the trails at sunset and discover the various living organisms that call the Cibolo home. Family Night Hikes are great ways to explore the Cibolo and for children to see what lives in the park in the dark! This hike is suitable for families with small children. Contact nlawrence@cibolo. org for any questions.

Kendall County Nonprofit Monthly Lunch Bunch Meeting, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. A social forum for Non-Profit Boerne Chamber of Commerce members has been created. The purpose of our group is to make sure that every Kendall County nonprofit leader is aware of what is happening in the community, reduce any silos of information and to create peer mentorship/collaboration. Lunch is provided, so please RSVP to holly@boerne.ora

Ribbon Cutting at Crestmont Private Wealth, 1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. Crestmont Private Wealth is dedicated to providing independent and proactive financial advice to their clients. This includes financial planning, investment management, risk management, and generational planning. Crestmont devotes themselves and their resources to building meaningful, long-term relationships with their clients. Crestmont will be awarded one of the first awards from the Boerne Historical Society since 2009, along with a Native Plant Pollinator recognition.

Movie in the Park: Sonic the Hedgehog 2, Main Plaza Park, 7 p.m. Boerne Parks and Recreation hosts Movies in the Park during the spring and summer months. These free, family friendly screenings are a great time for everyone. Movie start at sundown, but come out early for some pre-movie fun starting at 7 p.m. Bring your blankets, chairs, and snacks as you enjoy some free entertainment before the movie.

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Active Movement, PHPL Community Room, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Join LaVada Smith as she guides you through the ancient meditative, easy movement practice of Qi gong, each Friday morning at 10 a.m. in the community room. Dress comfortably, no special equipment or mats needed. This program is part of our Silver Library Initiative.

Friday Fight Club, PHPL The Hub, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Are you a gamer? Teens who are 11-17 are invited to join in on the fun in the HUB on Fridays as we throw down on Smash Bros, Mario Kart, and Mario Party on the Projector. For more information about this program, please contact Alex Pena: pena@boernelibrary.org

Aquifer Watch

Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District

Current Drought Stage		3	Water Level as of 4/27/23
April Average		3.95"	1187.56
Rainfall		0.55	1107.50
Historical April		2 0011	
Average Rainfall		3.08"	0.471
Guadalupe Flow			0.17'
Comfort	5/4/23	19.7 cfs	from
Historical Median Flow	·	134 cfs	Apr.
Guadalupe Flow		44 - 6	
Spring Branch	5/4/23	11.5 cfs	13
Historical Median Flow		196 cfs	~

Average water level is 20.34' BELOW the April average For more information, visit us at www.ccgcd.org



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WEEKLY LUNCH MENU

MONDAY- 5/15

Pork Tips w/ Gravy, Egg Noodles, Spinach, Puntas de Puercco y Salsa, Fideos, Espinaca

TUESDAY- 5/16

Baked Chicken -Rosemary, Mashed Yams, Brussels Sprouts, Pollo al Horno-Romero, Pure de Batatas, Coles de Bruselas

Mike's Meatloaf, Whipped Potato, Broccoli/Cauliflower Medley, Mike's Pastel de Carne, Pure de Papa, Brocoli y

WEDNESDAY-5/17

THURSDAY- 5/18 Chili Dog, Mac & Cheese, Greens, Hot Dog con Chile,

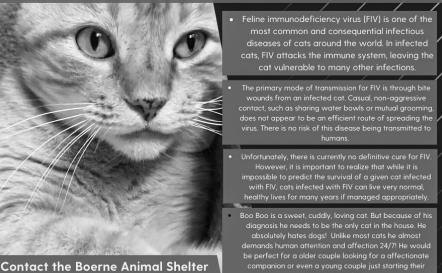
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*The top 5 nominees are in alphabetical order.

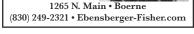


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Mexican Food: Boerne Taco House El Rio Mexican Restaurant Las Guitarras Mexican Restaurant Las Palapas - Boerne Mague's Café

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Respectfully submitted,

AND HEATHER KELLER

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Boerne Independent School District is seeking Request for Proposals:

#22-046 for Medicaid Billing Services- SHARS

Details may be obtained from Eddie Ashley in the BISD Business Office at 235 Johns Rd., Boerne, Texas 78006, by calling 830-357-2026, or online at www.boerneisd.net, under Purchasing in the Business and Financial Services Departments link. The RFP response should be submitted electronically online, or RFP response should be mailed/hand delivered to the BISD Business Office at 235 Johns Rd., Boerne, Texas 78006 no later than 10:00 a.m. CST on Wednesday, June 21, 2023. Electronic proposal submission link can be found at the BISD Purchasing web page https://www.boerneisd.net/Page/3074. Late or faxed proposals will not be considered. The District reserves the right to reject any and/or all responses and waive any and/or all formalities.

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MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS

(OAKS OF BANDERA/TRAILS AT RIVER ROAD APARTMENTS)

SERIES 2023

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> To obtain a copy of the bid invitation, please visit the Kendall County website at https://www.co.kendall.tx.us/page/Open.Bids

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the ESTATE OF MILDRED C. DOSS, DECEASED, were issued on May 2, 2023, under Docket No. 23-059-PR, pending in the County Court of Kendall County, Texas, to Steven Morris Doss.

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Representative, Estate of Mildred C. Doss, Deceased c/o David L. Morris 8023 Vantage Dr., Ste. 590 San Antonio, TX 78230

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 May 4, 2023.

Gately & Morris, P.C.

By: David L. Morris Attorney for Independent Executor

REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL SEALED PROPOSAL

The Boerne Independent School District is seeking Request for Proposals:

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Boerne ISD is accepting Sealed Proposals for the Boerne ISD Van Raub ES Outdoor Canopy project until 2:00 pm on June 6, 2023., hand delivered only @ Boerne ISD Central Office, 235 Johns Road, Boerne, TX 78006. To obtain construction documents on or after 5/15/2023 contact Hollie Sanchez with Studio S Architekts through email hollie@studiosarchitekts, or by calling (830) 333-1443, or at the office located at 908 S Main St, Boerne, TX 78006. Project requires bid bond. All proposals must be delivered to Boerne ISD Central Office on or before the date and time set above to receive proposals. Contractors are responsible for reviewing project specifications for proper proposal submission. All questions or need for clarification should be directed to Hollie Sanchez with Studio S Architekts and not with officials at

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c/o: Larry A. Bruner, Law Office of Larry A. Bruner, PC 8118 Datapoint Dr. San Antonio, Texas 78229

DATED the 8th of May, 2023.

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Four ways to use cash wisely |

There has been a lot of talk about a "cashless" society, but it's not here yet. In fact, cash can still be a valuable element of your overall financial picture – if you employ it wisely. But how?

Consider these four key uses of cash:

Everyday spending – Of course, you need sufficient cash on hand to pay for your cost of living - mortgage, debt payments, utilities, groceries, etc. You'll likely rely on your savings or checking accounts to pay for these needs.

Unexpected expenses and emergen*cies* – It's never a bad idea to establish a monthly budget. But, as you know, life is unpredictable – and sometimes you may encounter "budget-busting" expenses, such as a major home repair or a large medical bill. If you haven't planned for these costs, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments, such as your IRA and 401(k), which can result in taxes, penalties and less money for your retirement. A better alternative is to prepare in advance by building an emergency fund containing up to six months' worth of living expenses in cash, or at least in a highly liquid account, held separately from your regular checking or savings account so you won't inadvertently spend the money.

Short-term savings goal - When you are investing for a long-term goal especially retirement – you will likely need to own a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented vehicles, such as stocks and stock-based mutual funds. The value of these investments will fluctuate, so, if it's possible, vou'll want to avoid selling them when their price is down – which may make them unsuitable for shortterm goals. But if you're aiming for a goal that you want to achieve in a year or so - a wedding, a long vacation, and so on - you'll want to be sure a specific amount of money is there for you when you need it. Consequently, you'll want to put away cash for this type of

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goal, possibly in a short-term savings or investment vehicle that might pay somewhat higher interest than a regular checking/savings account.

Source of investment - In regard to your longer-term investment strategy, cash can play two important roles. First, it can serve as its own asset class, alongside other classes, such as stocks and fixed-income vehicles. Unlike these other classes – especially stocks and stock-based mutual funds - cash won't fluctuate in value, so it can potentially help lessen the impact of market volatility on your portfolio. And second, having the cash available in your portfolio gives you the opportunity to quickly take advantage of other investment opportunities that may occur. And you may be able to use your existing investments to help replenish the cash in your portfolio. For example, if you choose to take stock dividends in cash, these dividends can be "swept" into your brokerage account and held there until you're ready to invest them. (However, depending on your comprehensive financial strategy, it may be a good move to simply reinvest the dividends into the same stocks or stock funds.) Keep in mind that you won't want your investment accounts to contain too much cash, as its purchasing power can erode due to inflation.

By managing your cash efficiently, and putting it to work in different ways, you can gain some key benefits - and you'll help yourself to keep moving toward your short- and long-term goals.

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Tips to ensure family harmony over your estate plan

When your children were small, you no doubt suffered the challenge of keeping peace in the family. We see this same scenario play out time after time among adult siblings when a messy estate causes family rifts. Here are 10 tips to help prevent your children from fighting over your estate:

Talk to children about your estate plan. It may be a difficult discussion to have, but you need to have it. If you find it too difficult, enlist the help of your estate planning attorney to go over the details of your estate plan with your children and answer their questions. You don't have to tell them what they get exactly, but who will be the executor or trustee and why you have chosen them. This discussion is most important to have concerning your health care and what treatment or non-treatments you want during serious illness or end of life situations. Make it well known to all of your children. Preferably in a group setting, so they all hear the same message.

Write your children a letter. If you can't face a face-to-face discussion, put it in writing with as much detail as you are comfortable providing to your children. You can frame the discussion in general terms and ask for their input. I like letters, this eliminates interruptions of your thoughts or protests while you are conveying this important message.

Email your children your estate plan summary. Your estate planning attorney will usually provide you with a

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summary of your estate plan that doesn't disclose actual dollar amounts. Ask your estate planning attorney to copy your children on an email with the summary and ask for their input.

For complex estates, consider a mediator. If you have a complicated estate that may include valuable collections or a family business, consider engaging the services of a professional mediator who can meet with you and your children separately to identify any potential issues and then meet with you together to iron out those issues.

Use equal treatment. If possible, leave your children an equal inheritance outright; most family fights result from children being treated unequally. If the inheritance is not equal, tell them why – in the Will, Trust, a letter or in a meeting. Try not to leave hard feelings and the potential for conflict.

If you establish a trust for children, name each child as a co-trustee of their own trust at a certain age. Choose a reasonable age for when you feel a child will be able to participate in managing their own trust so they can learn about handling an inheritance with the help of the main trustee.

Consider staggered distributions from a trust. To help a child learn how to manage a substantial inheritance, estate planning experts often advise staggering distributions over a period of time (i.e., age 25, 30, etc.).

Provide children with the option to remove or replace the main trustee. Similar to arranged marriages, you never know if children and trustees will make a go of the relationship. Give children limited power to remove and replace a trustee with another qualified

Allow children to name their own co-trustee. If your children are competent adults, give them the power to name the independent co-trustee of their trust.

Include mediation instructions or no contest clause in your estate plan. Your estate planning attorney can add mediation or no contest language so that if a dispute arises, your children will not be tied up in emotionally and financially draining litigation but must follow your rules or potentially lose their inheritance.

Sharing our final wishes with our children can be hard, sometimes we are private about what we have and sometimes it is just not the most fun, lighthearted conversation. But letting your family know what you want to happen at the point where health issues become serious or at your death is important. It is always better to be prepared; it is much easier to face any challenge with a plan.

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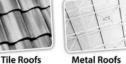
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to people's needs and hear what they think and take their ideas and see where they might fit or how we

might develop them."

The newly elected city dweller will replace Roy Elizondo who has served two terms as the Place 2 City Councilman.

During the Boerne Star's candidate forum cohosted by Boerne Radio 10.3 FM, Rhoden spoke on his experience with regulatory measures which he said will help him best serve the community.

"The big thing with cities that we see is cities are involved with a lot of regulations and regulatory criteria, and in my background in the supply chain and negotiating agreements and also being part of a reg-

"I want to thank everyone who came out and voted for me in the recent Fair Oaks Ranch City Council election. The overwhelming support I received is truly heartwarming. It is an honor to represent the citizens of Fair Oaks Ranch and to be a councilman who listens to your concerns. Being entrusted with your vote, I endeavor to work hard to address the issues that come before the council. Fair Oaks Ranch is important to me. You, my neighbors, are important to me. Let's continue to work together making the Ranch a great place to live. Again, thank you for allowing me to serve.

-- Keith Rhoden

ulated industry, we deal a lot with regulatory situations," Rhoden said. "So those skills, I believe, bring a lot to the table that I believe would help council."

While this is his first time running for office in the town, the CPA has served in many executive roles in the finance world and has volunteered with the San Antonio Food Bank, summer youth camps, his homeowners association and more.

Rhoden campaigned on a desire to maintain the city's small-town charm and more rural sensibilities despite increasing growth and development. "As the city continue to grow, I want to ensure the lifestyle and attraction of Fair Oaks Ranch continues to be a safe place to live and play and is beneficial to the residents," he said.

The city, which is an entry point to the Hill Country, is seeing a large-scale development at Lemon Creek Ranch - a live, work and play development going up along Interstate 10 and Dietz-Elkhorn Road — and City Council recently approved plans for a more dense development with commercial property.

City officials and staff have overseen several major projects over the past few years, including a water and wastewater utility rate study which resulted in no changes to the rates despite an effort to stop the wastewater utility from subsidizing the water utility.

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Rhoden said it's a tricky situation due to the varying places residents receive these services rather than one centralized source, but he hoped to see an equitable solution developed.

"Water I think is everyone's problem right now,
and I think in Fair Oaks
Ranch ... we have some
of our own," Rhoden said,
noting there are residents
with public utilities, some
on private wells and others getting outside water
and wastewater services.
"So, it is a tough situation
to figure out exactly what
we need to do to make sure
everybody is addressed in
our city because it's not just

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that claimed the life of motorist David John Belter on June 2.

Martinez claimed a Facebook page titled 'Boerne Area Informed Citizens' left nearly half the county prejudiced against Batchelor.

However, when tasked with proving the posts on the social forum had tainted the potential jury pool, Kendall County Assistant District Attorney Bob Lipo noted the defense failed to procure one example during the hearing.

'Martinez claims all kinds of people know about this case but failed to bring a single one of them in,' Lipo said in his closing statements to 451st state District Court Judge Kirsten Cohoon.

Martinez called one witness to the stand during the change of venue hearing: His own investigator, Stan Ramos.

Ramos testified he was the person who discovered the Facebook page in question, bringing it to Martinez's attention.

However, when questioned by Lipo as to whether the investigator verified the residency of any of the roughly 10,500 members of the community forum or whether any of the users

were eligible to vote in Kendall County, Ramos confirmed he had done no such investigation.

Ramos also claimed there were about a dozen Kendall County residents originally willing to sign affidavits stating a fair trial for Batchelor was impossible with a Kendall County jury pool.

However, the investigator – who said he had roughly 40 years of experience in law enforcement and 10 to 15 years as an investigator for attorneys – said all but two of those witnesses backed out as time to ink the statements neared.

He claimed the witnesses backed out because they had

been threatened and coerced. No witnesses were called to testify about these supposed threats.

By the time the motion was filed by the defense attorney, two witnesses had signed their names on an affidavit supporting the change of venue.

However, Lipo noted the two were mother and daughter. He also questioned whether the daughter was a resident of Kendall County, as sworn to in the court document, because she attends school in College Station.

Martinez argued that any potential jurors who saw articles published about Batchelor's case could be tainted because some of the information in the arrest warrant may be excluded from evidence.

The June warrant which resulted in Batchelor's arrest cited a .166 blood-alcohol level – more than twice the legal limit – but Martinez argued a later blood draw showed significantly lower levels.

The arrest warrant also states Batchelor's blood tested positive for amphetamines and THC. However, Martinez said the blood test he favored showed results which came back so low 'they couldn't be measured.'

Toward the end of the hour-long hearing, Lipo cited

Murphy v. Florida, a supreme court decision he also referenced in his response to Martinez's motion.

one common system.

Lipo said a jury does not have to be ignorant of the facts in a cases. He said publicity alone is not cause enough to change venues, stating publicity does not automatically equate to prejudice and that the jury-selection process would allow Martinez to weed out any tainted jurors in the pool.

'Mr. Martinez, it is a heavy burden (of proof) to bare. I don't think that you carried the burden, so I'm going to deny your motion to change the venue,' Cohoon said.

Trial begins Monday.

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604 S. Main St.

The once rundown and unassuming structure along Main Street nestled between West Hosack and Evergreen streets – plagued by fleas and lined with worn-out carpeting – caught the eye of the couple.

The painstaking restoration of the downtown site marked one of their many forays into community involvement since putting down roots in town. They own and operate Crest-

mont Private Wealth. "We moved to the Boerne area about two years ago and absolutely fell in love with the community," Sam McGee said during an interview for "The Boerne Brew" on Boerne Radio 103.9 FM, a partner with The Star. "Especially the historic Main Street, and we were really attracted to the idea of being downtown and kind of in the flow and the heartbeat of the town."

The pair originally wanted to lease a local property but were able to convince the owner to sell 604 S. Main, once a part of the Dienger family holdings.

The Diengers, one of the founding families of Boerne and Kendall County, owned several properties across town from the mid-19th century up to the late 1900s, including the two-story structure which now houses The Dienger Trad-

ing Co.

The McGee family had a dream of bringing a historic building back to life when they came to town, and they had their heart set on the Hill Country Mile.

For them, the 604 S. Main address represented a truly lucky find.

"That was really kind of our dream: Preserving a building and restoring a building, but it was a little bit of God's hand there because it's really hard to find anything on Main Street," Sam McGee said. "The house looked exactly like my grandmother's place in Norton, Kansas. And when I saw it, i just absolutely loved it."

While this was the kind of property they had longed for, with its front porch and quaint serenity, it took a lot of work to get the site to its current state.

A walk through the building now shows a freshly painted front porch, pristine hardwood floors running the length of the main structure and sleekly tiled countertops in the kitchen and bathroom with modern appliances.

However, McGee painted a very different picture of the building when the two took a chance on preservation.

"When we moved in, I thought, 'Well, this is fine," McGee said. "My wife said, 'Hey, we really ought to remodel this.' What actually did it was we had fleas. ... Finally, I threw in the towel, and we got the remodel."

McGee said the process took a village.

The Historical Landmark

Commission helped with ensuring the burgeoning business's signage fit Boerne's codes; Maples of Boerne planted several big tooth maples on the front lawn and The Native Plant Society of Boerne helped ensure the owners' front gardens were drought resistant and beneficial to local wildlife.

Research into the building by the McGees revealed the last inhabitant was Lewellen Dienger, who lived from 1899 to 1985.

The dive into local lore inspired the McGees to reach out to the local historical society to look into one of the preservation plaques they'd seen hanging on properties around town.

Little did they know, it had been some time since the nonprofit had handed out one of those honors. In fact, the original mold had been lost over the decade.

"Our mission is to preserve Boerne history. To promote. To teach," said Julie Gossell, society president. "These rewards were created for buildings that had been restored or renovated or repaired or preserved their historic character."

She added her organization has given about 70 honors since 1981, halting the citations in 2009 because board membership was on the wane.

However, the McGees' efforts to get a new mold reignited the program, so now Gossell said a second award is already up for consideration.



Sam McGee, owner of Crestmont Private Wealth, stands with the award given to him by the Boerne Area Historical Preservation Society for his preservation of a historical home at 604 S. Main St.

Photo by Zachary-Taylor Wright

New Bulk & Brush Collection Week for Boerne Residents

Effective June 1, Bulk and Brush
Collection Week will be the
SECOND FULL WEEK of each month.

Boerne's June Bulk and Brush Collection Week will begin on Monday, June 12.



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artifacts all from about 1885 to 1910," society President Julie Gossell said. The nonprofit is seek-

ing volunteers to raise funds, donate their time, help man the Kuhlmann-King Museum and put on events each year.

"Our group has gotten very small," Gossell said. "A lot of the women and men that started this group back in the 1970s are long gone or not able to be active. I would love to get some volunteers or people who are inter-

ested in the history of Boerne."

"We need volunteers at the museums to give tours," she added. "The museum needs a lot ... More than the amount of people we have volunteering. We'd love to have landscaping at the museum."

Volunteers willing to donate their time can call her at 210-275-8301. Monetary donations in the form of a check or cash can be mailed to P.O. Box 178,

Boerne, TX, 78006.

"We're a small group, but we're a fun group

– a dedicated group,"
Gossell said.

Kendall County Aggie Mom's Club - Golf Tournament Scholarship Fundraiser

The 28th Annual Hill Country Aggies and Kendall County Aggie Moms Club Golf Tournament Scholarship Fundraiser

will take place Friday May 19, 2023 at The Buckhorn Golf Course in Comfort, Texas. Check-in at 10am, Shotgun start at 12pm, and Dinner & drawings at 5pm. Please visit this site https://birdease.com/23185 or click on the QR code below to register on line.

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We will also have some amazing baskets with fun prizes like rounds of golf, wine tastings, and Aggie themed items.









Adams finds silver lining at state meet

KERRY BARBOZA

Sports Editor

AUSTIN - For the second straight season, Boerne High's Tori Adams has earned a silver medal at the 4A state track and field meet in the girls shot put.

Last year's meet and this year's competition were eerily similar with the same 1-2 finishers after Carlie Weiser of Giddings won gold for the second consecutive season and Adams placed second behind her.

Both throwers saved their best for last in Thursday's competition after the two seniors had their best distances on the final throws of their high school careers

Weiser threw a 48-0.75 on her sixth attempt and Adams tossed the shot put 43-4 on her sixth attempt on the University of Texas campus.

"I'm happy with it, even though I didn't PR, placing was the first goal said. "My coach told me, 'it's your last throw, go out with a bang,' so I went out with my best throw. As soon as I released it, I knew it was the farthest one, I could feel it."

Adams, a Texas Tech signee, gave credit to Weiser, a Texas A&M signee, for winning the event.

"She's fast and doesn't let anything distract her," she said. "She's

After the first three throws, Adams was seeded second going into the finals and was trying to top her PR of 45-6 that she threw at regionals and wasn't able to, but held onto second place.

"43 will work," Adams said.

Junior Kendall Lemm also competed at state in the high jump and entered at 5-2, but wasn't able to clear the bar on any of her three attempts. Still, she finished as the 8th best 4A high jumper in the state.



Boerne High's Tori Adams poses with the silver medal she won at the 4A state track and field meet on Thursday morning in Austin on the UT campus. It's her second straight silver medal.

Star photos by Kerry Barboza



BHS's Kendall Lemm competes in the 4A high jump at state on Thursday morning. Members of Boerne Champion competed on Friday.

Godoy earns gold at TAPPS state track meet

Geneva School of Boerne sent three track and field athletes to this year's TAPPS 4A State Track and Field Meet held in Waco May 5-6 and one of the Eagles was crowned state champ.

Isabella Godoy won the girls 800-meter race with a time of 2:17.69 to earn gold and Godoy also placed fifth in the 400 after running a time of 1:00.23.

On the boys side, Hayden Allen finished fourth in the 100 dash with a time of 11.23 and Brady Chandler placed sixth in the pole vault after he cleared 11-06 and was the only freshman vaulting in 4A.

All three Geneva athletes earned team points at the state meet.



Geneva's Isabella Godoy won gold in the 800 at the TAPPS 4A state meet held in

Submitted photo

BISD softball/baseball playoffs continue this weekend



Three Boerne ISD teams – Champion and Boerne baseball, along with BHS softball – continued in the playoffs this weekend. All three held Game 1s on Thursday and all three won the first game of their respective series. All the series' continued this weekend as the Chargers and Hounds look to close it out. Pictured: Members of the Champion team celebrate scoring a run during Thursday's game against Brackenridge.

Star photo by Kerry Barboza

Three BISD athletes play in all-star game



Champion's Addison Hankins (left) and Madyson Marquard (right), along with Boerne High's Jamie Ruede (middle) played in the recent all-star game.

Three Boerne ISD basketball players – two from Champion and one from Boerne High - played at the recent San Antonio Area Association of Basketball Coaches Girls All-Star

Game.

Chargers Madyson Marquard and Addison Hankins played for Team Agusi and Boerne High's Jamie Ruede played for Team Benavidez. The game was held at Our Lady of the Lake Univer-

Submitted photo sity and featured 24 seniors from 18 different high schools in the greater San Antonio area. Team Agusi won over Team Benavides, 93-88. The teams were named after their coaches.



Shawn George (8) gets ready to take a cut for the Eagles team that defeated Brentwood Christian and advanced to the TAPPS state tournament. George was also the winning pitcher in Tuesday's game with Brentwood.

Star photo by Kerry Barboza

Geneva baseball team advances to state tourney

The best baseball season in Geneva School of Boerne history continues after the Eagles defeated Brentwood Christian on Tuesday, 4-2, and advanced to the TAPPS DIII state tournament.

Geneva plays in the state semifinals in Arlington on Monday, May 15, against Cypress Christian School from Houston at 7 p.m. The winner of that contest plays the winner of the Fort Worth Lake Country Christian School and McKinney Christian Academy for the championship at 1 p.m. on Tuesday.

Geneva enters Monday's contest with a record of 28-3 and scored first in Tuesday's contest. A couple of singles and then a double by Colton Lutz gave the Eagles a 2-0 lead in the second frame.

The Brentwood Bears tied it up in the third at 2-2 with a walk and two singles with no outs, but the Geneva defense buckled down and recorded three consecutive outs to limit the damage.

It stayed knotted up until the Eagles took the lead for good in the top of the fifth. Guy George started off the frame with a single and was safe at second on a sac bunt and then moved to third base. From there, he scored on a passed ball. Guy Kohler, who walked in the inning, stole second and scored after stealing home

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More than 40 BISD athletes in golf, baseball, softball and track named academic all-state

More than 40 Boerne High and Boerne Champion High School Student-Athletes have earned a spot on the Texas High School Coaches Association All-State Academic Team.

Student-athletes in golf, baseball, softball, as well as track and field, earned statewide recognition.

Since the start of the 2022-23 school year, more than 140 Greyhound and Charger student-athletes have been named to the Academic All-State Team.

The Academic All-State Team includes:

Boerne High School *Golf

Cole Gentry, 2nd Team Price Hill, 2nd Team Colton Hoegemeyer, 2nd Team

*Softball Isabella Renteria, 1st

Ava Nieto, 2nd Team Taryn Madlock, Honor-

Cameron Cooper, Hon-

able Mention

orable Mention

*Baseball Xander Cloudy, 1st

2nd Team Cager Van Stavern, 2nd Team

Landon LeStourgeon,

Riley Pechacek, 2nd Team Nolan Onofre, Honor-

able Mention

*Girls Track and Field Kayuki Warren, Elite Madison Morris, 1st

Allison Dement, 2nd

Team Katie Schickedanz,

Honorable Mention Samara Koeing, Honorable Mention

Tori Adams, Honorable Mention

Champion High School Turner Rey, 1st Team Savannah Dupre, 2nd

Hannah Lee, Honorable

Mention

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Baum named District 26-5A MVP

KERRY BARBOZA

Sports Editor

Six different Boerne Champion boys basketball players were recognized by the coaches from District 26-5A.

One of the players, senior Braden Baum, was named the 26-5A MVP, while two others were first-team selections and three were honorable mention

Senior Dakarai Hodge and junior Charlie Georgelos both landed on the second team.

Junior Quinn Grable, junior Mason Wyatt and sophomore Baeden Burdick were named honorable mention.

Also, Baum was named to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches All-State Team, while Baum and Georgelos were TABC All-Region and Baum is scheduled to play in the TABC State Game scheduled for next Friday at Taylor Field House in San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.

Champion finished the year with

Just hangin' around



Champion's Braden Baum dunks for the Chargers team in a game this past season. Baum was named the 26-5A MVP.

Star photo by Kerry Barboza

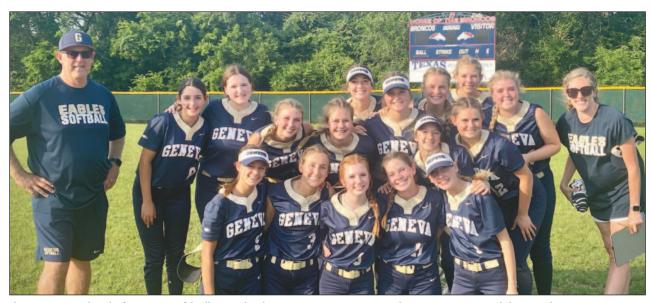
a record of 31-6 and went 10-4 in district for third place. The Chargers were the defending regional champs and almost made it back to state after they went four rounds this year.

In the first round, Champion defeated Leander on a Burdick buzzer beater, knocked off Harlandale in the second round, upset Alamo Heights in the third round and then was eliminated by Corpus Christi Veterans Memorial in the fourth round or regional semis.

All-Disrict 26-5A Boys Basketball 2022-23

District 26-5A MVP Quentin Vega Kerrville Tivy Senior Champion Senior Kevon Williams Seguin Senior Devin Matthews Seguin Senior Offensive MVP Gavin Londrie Smithson Valley Junior John Jackson Seguin SECOND TEAM De'von Speededge Veterans Memorial Senior Tyler Equia Veterans Memorial Tyler Cook Veterans Memorial Devin McCloud Veterans Memorial Junior Newcomer of the Year Kerrville Tivy Senior Jackson Johnson Kerrville Tivy Junior Mayson Thomas Mason Carlile Jakari Matthews Seguin Junior FIRSTS TEAM Carson Diamond Smithson Valley Junior Damarion Dennis Veterans Memorial Junior Donovan Besch Pieper Junior Chris Hemandez NB Canyon Soph Gervai Maeweathers Veterans Memorial Senior NB Canyon Senior Davonte Durst Wagner Senior Wagner Fresh Tre Clark Honorable Mention (Champion only) Jovanni Whittaker Wagner Soph

Champion Junior Quinn Grable Champion Junior Champion Senior Mason Wyatt Champion Junior Kerrville Tivy Senior Baeden Burdick Champion Soph



The Geneva School of Boerne softball team had a great season in 2023 that came to an end this week.

Submitted photo

Charlie Georgelos

Dakarai Hodge

Jaden Frausto

Geneva softball knocked from playoffs

The curtain came down on the Geneva School of Boerne softball season on Monday.

The Eagles took on Corpus Christi Incarnate Word and fell to the Angels 11-0 in five innings at Goliad.

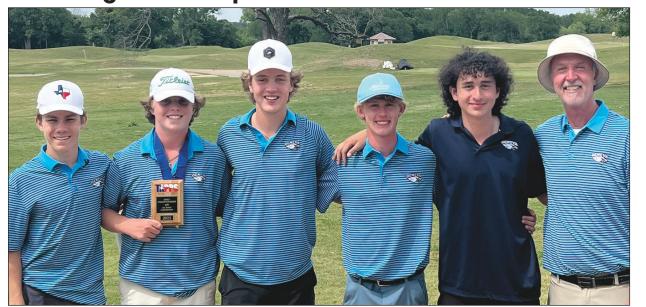
Geneva ends its best softball season in school history at 8-6 after they went a couple of rounds in the

The Eagles kept it close with the Angels in Monday's game and it was scoreless through three innings but CC Incarnate Word got its bats going in the fourth inning and plated 7 runs against starting pitcher Madeline

The Angels followed that up with 4

more runs in the top of the fifth and the Eagles needed to score at least two runs in the bottom half of the inning to keep the mercy rule from kicking in but couldn't push in any runs.

Geneva only finished with 1 hit in the game, while the Angels recorded 5 hits. CCIW had one error and the Eagles had two.



The Geneva boys and girls golf teams played at this year's TAPPS state tournament where the girls placed fourth and the boys were fifth, but the boys team had the individual champion in Jace Hulett. For a complete recap, see last week's issue of the Boerne Star. Pictured: Team members are Noah Lee, Jace Hulett, Jack Walker Harden, Mark Bannwolf, Jacob Goodman and Coach Riggs.

Submitted photo

Kendall Leininger a senior at Boerne Area Christian Homeschool, competed at Triathlon Nationals in April. Submitted photo

Leininger races at Triathlon Nationals

Kendall Leininger a senior at Boerne Area Christian Homeschool, competed at Triathlon Nationals held April 20-23. She was able to claim her spot on the 2024 USA Triathlon Team in two different individual events and the mixed team relay.

Leininger was also able to help her mixed team relay (two guys and two girls each doing a short triathlon and then tagging their teammate) win the bronze medal by moving them

up five spots during her leg of the triathlon.

Leininger is currently on the 2023 USA Triathlon Team and will be competing in Hamburg, Germany this summer representing the USA. She will also be attending Liberty University in the fall and competing for their triathlon team under Coach Heather Gollnick. Kim Clark, a junior elite coach in Ohio, is Leininger's current coach.

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for the 4-2 lead.

Brentwood was the home team, but couldn't do much in its last three at bats. The Eagles defense turned a double play in the bottom of the fifth and didn't give up a hit in the sixth or seventh frames.

Shawn George was the winning pitcher and scattered 3 hits, gave up no earned runs,

only walked 3 and struck out 8. Geneva outhit the Bears, 9-3, and were led by Cannon Menn, who recorded 2 hits and scored a run. Colton Lutz hit a double and drove in a run. Guv George and Guy Kohler both singled and scored, Grant Roberson and Sam Armstrong hit one single apiece, Shawn George helped his cause with a single and George Viña singled, scored and drove in a run.

Spurlock aces No. 7 at Tapatio Springs



Don Spurlock made a hole in one at Tapatio Springs on May 3, using a driver. The hole played against the wind at 174 yards.

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SIGNING DAY =

Garber signs with Southwestern University



Boerne Champion's Ben Garber recently signed a national letter of intent to play lacrosse at Southwestern University in Georgetown. Ben was joined by family and friends at the signing held in Charger Gym.

Kenney signs with Concordia University



Boerne Champion's Dylan Kenney recently signed a national letter of intent to play lacrosse at Concordia University in Chicago. Kenney was joined by family and friends at the signing held in Charger Gym.

Star photos by Kerry Barboza

Fallon signs with McMurry University



Boerne Champion's Erin Fallon recently signed a national letter of intent to compete in volleyball and track at McMurry University in Abilene. Erin was joined by family and friends at the signing held in Charger Gym.

Orloff signs with University of Kentucky



Boerne Champion's Griff Orloff recently signed a national letter of intent to swim at the University of Kentucky. Griff was joined by family and friends at the signing held in Charger Gym.

Serda signs with Texas A&M - San Antonio



Boerne Champion's Mya Serda recently signed a national letter of intent to play soccer at Texas A&M – San Antonio. Mya was joined by family and friends at the signing held in Charger Gym.

Alt signs with Midwestern State University



Boerne Champion's Regan Alt recently signed a national letter of intent to play soccer at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls. Regan was joined by family and friends at the signing held in Charger Gym.

Martinez-Galarza signs with McKendree University



Boerne Champion's Emiliano Martinez-Galarza recently signed a national letter of intent to play water polo at McKendree University in Lebanon, Illinois. Emi was joined by family and friends at the signing held in Charger Gym.

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*Softball Madison Hall, 2nd Team Ava Trevino, Honorable Mention Jackson Starr, Honorable Mention

*Baseball Wyatt Chandler, Elite Ethan Harrison, Elite Andrew Frei, 1st Team Rowdy Miller, 2nd Team

Jared Wingo, Honorable Mention

Nathan Mayo, Honorable Mention *Girls Track and Field Grace Flores, Elite Josey Whitaker, 1st

Team
Erin Fallon, 2nd Team
Kamryn Neer, 2nd Team

Larysa Green, 2nd Team

Talia Venner, 2nd Team Addison Hankins, Honorable Mention

*Boys Track and Field Brock Lewis, 1st Team Noah Shelby, 2nd Team Ranger Lewis, 2nd Team Arlis Adickes, Honorable Mention

Connor Warzecha, Honorable Mention

Benjamin Blomqvist, Honorable Mention.

Artists Brin and McMeans spotlighted at Gallery 195

Art Waddle postponed due to inclement weather.

Member Artists of Gallery 195 invite you to an artist spotlight reception, Saturday, May 27. Bring a friend and enjoy an evening of art and friends.

The crafted dulcimers of George Brin and complex textured paintings of Tim McMeans are featured. Artist George Brin creates beautiful stringed instruments using a variety of items for the sound boxes-- Shaker boxes and gourds; copper and brass bowls; antique vintage candy, cookie and biscuit tins. He then attaches these objects to shaped necks, fret boards, and sound boards that he constructs from beautiful hardwoods from all over the world.

Stick dulcimers are related to mountain dulcimers, longnecked lutes, and other old world folk instruments. They



are referred to as stick dulcimers due to the minimalist slender "stick" shaped body, that makes them a great light-weight travel companion. They are designed to provide a fun and easy playing style for all skill levels, from beginners to experts. Visit the gallery and view close-up the assortment of tins used to create his dulcimers. Brin loves that each of his instruments has its own unique sound character. Until he has strung his instrument and made that first strum, he never knows what that sound will be.



Tim McMeans, "Return to Me"; pen and ink, acrylic, smoke-stained paper mounted on wood; Gallery 195 of Boerne.

Equally interesting is McMeans' process, first assembling a panel from

low temperature solder, pure

copper sheet, and patina. The

textured finish results in a two-

tone embellishment as individ-

ual as the artist. A perfect way

to begin your journey in metal

Baltic birch plywood and pine strips. He applies several coats of acrylic paint to the panel, that is later sanded down to reveal the layers of colors. He creates pieces of smoke-stained paper by placing them over an open flame and captures the smoke. The paper is then arranged and attached to the wood panel using archival glue. Each piece is completed by drawing or painting directly onto the collaged paper using metal quill pens, brushes, and acrylic ink. The final step in the process is to seal the work with a gloss varnish.

Art and wine reception, Saturday, May 27, 2023, 4-7 p.m. Gallery 195 of Boerne,



George Brin, "Fluted Cuisine", vintage fluted copper bowl with olive wood neck and head stock, bloodwork accent veneer; Gallery 195 of Boerne.

195A S Main Street, Boerne. Refer to website for additional information about the Member/Artists, www. gallery195.com; or call 830-331-9904.

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HCCArts Calendar 05-14-2023

BOERNE ART WADDLE, RAIN DATE, SATURDAY, MAY 27, 405 River Road (Park), Bo-

Boerne Community Theatre (BCT), Murder Weapon, a thriller by Brian Clemens. Through

May 21; co-produced by Holt & Holt Funeral Home. Tickets \$18-24. Reservations online at www. boernetheatre.org, or call 830-249-9166. 907 E Blanco Road,

Hill Country Council for the Arts, Art AfterHours 2023;

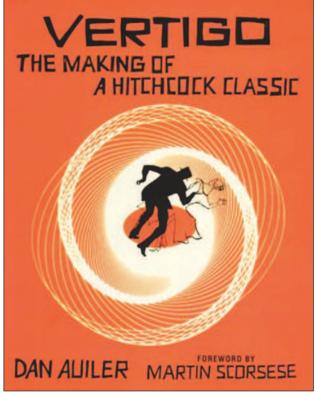
The Classroom at the AgriCultural Museum and Arts Center, 102 City Park Road, Boerne; 7:00--9:00pm; \$30 HCCArts Members, \$35 Non-members. Enjoy the creativity and camaraderie. Send inquiries to president@ hccarts.org. Register for AAH classes at www.hccarts.org.

Art AfterHours, last of Session 3

May 16 -- Soft Solder Impressions Adorn a copper pendant with an embossed solder technique. Use smithing. Session 4 Sneak Peak! May 30 -- Needle Punch Coast-

June 6, and June 13 --Sculpted Soap Holder (2-part) June 20 -- Posterize Portrait June 27 -- Airbrushing July 11 -- Embellished Glass Pen-

Books about Hollywood, for the Library's Summer Learning Theme



"Vertigo: The Making of a Hitchcock Classic" book cover

In case you haven't heard, our Summer Learning Odyssey theme for this year is "Hollywood." The official title is "A Reading Star is Born." I've been gearing up for this by reading books about Hollywood... more specifically old Hollywood. I love watching classic movies, so when I think of Hollywood it's the "Golden Era" my mind turns to.

I recently read the novel "Goodnight from Paris," by Jane Healey. For as many old movies that I've watched over the years, I never heard of the actress Drue Leyton prior to reading this book. The novel covers her war years in France.

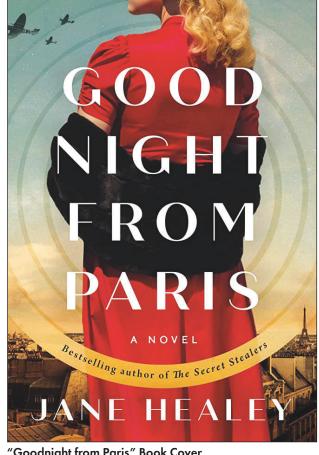
Drue Leyton was a Hollywood movie actress who married a French actor and found herself in France right at the outbreak of WWII in Europe. Instead of taking the easy way out, and going back to America to make another movie, she decided to stay in France. There she worked with the American Embassy and the French to broadcast via radio what was happening in Paris, at the beginning of the war. She risked her life many times, ended up in an internment camp, and still worked for the French Resistance afterward. I really loved this



book. Jane Healey wrote another book set in WWII, where John Wayne and Julia Child make appearances. Its title is "The Secret Stealers."

Another novel I recently read and enjoyed is "Miss del Rio," by Barbara Mujica. George Bernard Shaw once declared the two most beautiful things in the world were the Taj Mahal and Delores del Rio. Although this book does tell of the Hollywood life of the movie star, it also covers her family's struggle during the Mexican Revolution. The novel is told through the eyes of a fictional friend, who also fled the revolution, and strives for a simple life, and to uncover a mystery in her family's past. This book is another page turner I recommend. All three of the above books are in print and cataloged within the library.

If you prefer reading non-fiction books on Hollywood, here are some recommendations - "The Wild Bunch: Sam Peckinpah, Revolution in Hollywood, and the Making



"Goodnight from Paris" Book Cover

of Legendary Film," was well-researched and written by Austin author W.K. Stratton. The author became friends with several of the actors, through the writing of the book. Don Graham was J. Frank Dobie Regents Professor of English at the University of Texas at Austin and the author of many books including "Giant: Elizabeth Taylor, Rock Hudson, James Dean, Edna Ferber, and the Making of a Legendary American Film." Dan Auiler is a Boerne High School graduate and now an author and film historian. He wrote the book "Vertigo: The Making of a Hitchcock Classic," and it's a great read for Hitchcock fans. Alison Macor recently published through UT Press, "Making the Best Years of Our Lives: The Hollywood Classic that Inspired a Nation."

We'll be screening "Vertigo" in our Community Room on Wednesday, June 7th, at 6:00 p.m. On Thursday, June 8th, at 3:00 p.m. we'll be in conversation online with Dan Auiler about the making of "Vertigo." Through our partnership with The Center at Kronkosky Place, we'll be screening "The Best Years of Our Lives" there on Wednesday, July 12th, at 1:00 p.m. On Wednesday, July 19th, at 1:00 p.m., we will talk with author Alison Macor about the making of "The Best Years of Our Lives," also online. Please join us for the screenings – there will be popcorn at both events! For more information on our Summer Learning Odyssey please call the library or stop in and pick up a program!

CALENDAR: Upcoming Programs at the Saturday, May 13th, 11:00 a.m. - Houston author Joseph A. Schiller will sign copies of his Sci-Fi novel, 'Upon the Arrival of Dawn." Monday, May 15th, Noon The Food for Thought Book Discussion Group will meet. Tuesday, May 16th, 4:00 p.m. – Coloring Club for Teens ages 11 – 17. Thursday, May 18th, 1:30 p.m. – Drawing Club for Thursday, May 18th, 7:00 p.m. – 5th Annual Liars Contest at the Amphitheater. This is free and open to ev-

Curious about conservation easements?



Photo courtesy of the Cibolo Center for Conservation.

An Introductory Workshop will be presented at the Cibolo Nature Center's Auditorium 1 p.m. Friday, May 26.

A Conservation Easement is a tool that private landowners use to protect the legacy of their land. The land holder continues to own and control their property, and places restrictions on what kind of development will be permitted in the future.

The owner partners with a private land trust to ensure that their wishes are adhered to by their heirs or future buyers of the land in perpetuity. Such easements do not grant public access but do offer significant tax benefits to the landowner.

How did conservation easements originate? In the 1930s and 1940s, the National Park Service purchased land easements to protect views along a highway corridor but the term, "conservation easement" did not come into existence until the 1950s. Around 1979, the IRS made donations of conservation easements to the federal government eligible for tax deduction. In 1980 Congress made the deduction a permanent part of the Internal Revenue Code. The National Conservation Easement Database estimates that 40 million acres are protected under conservation easements in the United States. Most of the land trusts have been created since 1984.

Conservation easements are not only used to protect sensitive natural areas, viewsheds, agricultural pro-

duction and wildlife. They can also preserve a family's bond to the land and help keep family lands in family hands. And such projects also can protect a community from too much urban sprawl.

AT THE TRAIL

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City and county governments in the Hill Country are also looking into conservation easements to protect land-water contributions for current and future water supplies by capturing rainfall, reducing water runoff, and increasing groundwater recharge. Proposition A bond election in Kendall County allowed for conservation easements to protect water resource land.

The Introductory Workshop at the Cibolo Nature Center's Auditorium will be presented on Friday, May 26th, at 1 PM by attorney Kathryn Tancig. She will present the ins and outs of easements, describe the process of securing an easement, and explain the benefits to landowners. There will also be a panel discussion by local residents who have used this process, to provide a personal view of how this can work.

Workshop participants will learn about how conservation easements are developed, how they protect the interests of the landowners, and the costs involved. Tickets for this workshop are \$20 and are available at www.Cibolo.org/calendar.