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West Kerr subdivison proposed

By Irene Van Winkle West Kerr Current

Monday's meeting of Kerr County Commissioners Court addressed several items pertaining to West Kerr County including a proposed subdivision on the Divide, and renewal of a board position. Other business included approval of an assistant district attorney salary, non-profit funding, Memorial Day plans and awarding a construction contract for a wastewater service project. Two court members were absent — Pct. 1 Harley Belew and Pct. 4 Don Harris. Belew, it was noted, had fallen and

was injured over the weekend doing remodeling on his home. Belew is recovering after breaking several ribs, suffering a punctured lung and undergoing hip surgery. County Engineer Charlie Hastings proposed approval for a concept plan of a new subdivision in Precinct 4 on Hwy. 41. "The property, developed by David Wahrmund, consists of 145 acres which was designed to hold about 25 lots, the smallest slightly more than five acres," Hastings said. It is out of the floodplain,

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Photo by Vicki Van Pelt



Photo by Irene Van Winkle

A pair of Texas bluebirds sits feeding, keeping up their strength to fix up their nestbox. Vicki Van Pelt, at right, has been installing nestboxes for this species, and several others, at "Songbird Ranch" at Guadalupe Ranch Estates west of Hunt, where she lives with her husband, Jerry. She has invited her neighbors to join her with the Texas Bluebird Society, and create a bluebird trail.

Nest boxes draw bluebirds

By Irene Van Winkle West Kerr Current

Vicki Van Pelt is outside, eagerly checking her nest boxes, scouring through binoculars for flying blue flashes around her home outside Hunt. While she is familiar with dozens of species, the Texas bluebird is her favorite. Blooming redbud, the buzz of hummingbirds, and showers alternating with golden rays, this is the epic season when avian devotees like Van Pelt welcome feathered flocks. Vicki Van Pelt and husband Jerry Kollath, who got tired of the Austin scene, have been living at Guadalupe Ranch Estates for less than two years but have already established themselves as friendly neighbors to both humans and animals. Van Pelt described their first impressions of the Hill Country life in a recent Texas Bluebird Society newsletter. "In March of 2020, I was birdwatching from

my front porch, binoculars raised, watching our Golden-fronted Woodpecker move from tree to tree, the Summer Tanagers gobbling up their hot pepper suet bites and hoping to get a glimpse of a Scott's Oriole or two. "I noticed a bird sitting on that old wooden bluebird nestbox on the hill so I focused my binoculars onto the top of that nestbox. To my astonishment, there he was! The most beautiful male Eastern Bluebird I had ever seen in my life. Naturally, I ran into the house, grabbed my Nikon and yelled at my husband to hurry up and get out here to see this. "I was hooked. I now knew they were out here so we started setting up more nestboxes throughout our property. It also turns out that we discovered several other species of cavity nesting birds that might benefit from our help so we set up nestboxes specific to that species. "After my husband and I found our place in our new neighborhood, I asked him to mount

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CVB's Davis welcomed at First Thursday

By Kari Short West Kerr Current

First Thursday welcomed the new Kerrville Convention & Visitors Bureau CEO/President Julie Davis to its March meeting. Davis replaced the outgoing CEO/President Charlie Mellvain. Davis, who has been with the KCVB since 2002, said, "I'm a Tivy graduate, and my dad is from this side of the county. I moved away and came back, but we all miss it when we get away. "We have always sent people out this direction. We know a visitor doesn't see a city limits sign. We have always sent people out to the west part of the county, The Point Theatre, Stonehenge and Old Ingram Loop. Maybe me being part of this will help me (with those referrals)." David Summers, incoming West Kerr Chamber of Commerce president, explained the scope of First Thursday projects to Davis including lights on the Johnson Creek bridge, the paddling trails project with Texas Parks & Wildlife, benches for the walking trails and the beautification of the Ingram welcome signs. He also highlighted the West Kerr Chamber of Commerce annual event which will salute "Texans Helping Texans" at the Arcadia Theatre on April 8 at 6 p.m. He also mentioned the

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Chamber announces West Kerr honorees

By Kari Short West Kerr Current

On Thursday, the West Kerr County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors announced the 2020-21 honorees for its annual chamber membership event scheduled for Thursday, April 8 from 6-9 p.m. at The Arcadia Live Theatre. Themed Texans Helping Texans, WKCC proudly recognizes those businesses, organizations and individuals who best exemplify the theme: Business of the Year-The Creek Boutique; Citizen

of the Year-Brien Alexander; Community Impact Award-Divide, Hunt, Ingram and Mountain Home VFDs, Hunt ISD Teacher of the Year-Cindy Lambert; and Ingram ISD Teacher of the Year-Sarah Bay. Outgoing WKCC President Kathy Simmons also announced the creation of a new award titled the Arthur Baker Bell Presidential Award. "In the inaugural year for this award, it is only fitting that we honor someone who

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KACC historical exhibit

History is always a hit with items such as this impressive antique wagon belonging to historian and rancher, Julius Neunhoffer of Turtle Creek. The chuck box is from Julius Real family. Sponsored by the Kerr County Historical Commission, the large exhibit, Pieces of the Past, is now at the Kerr Arts and Cultural Center in downtown Kerrville until May 1.



Photo by Irene Van Winkle

City cancels mayoral election, hires prosecutor

By Clint Schroeder West Kerr Current

Ingram City Council last Tuesday canceled a special election for mayor, hired a municipal prosecutor and approved workers for the May 1 election. While the special election for the unexpired term of mayor was canceled because Mayor Kathy Rider was unopposed, the regular May 1 election of three council members was not. Five candidates have filed in the City of Ingram election for three council seats, Bridget Dale, Claud Jordan, Robert Kimbrough, Jimmy Lopez and Bill Warren. Election workers were approved for early voting, election day, early voting ballot board and central count station. Council approved hiring the Danford Law Firm to handle municipal prosecutions. In a proposal, Harold Danford said he or Thomas Hurt would handle all the prosecution in Municipal Court for \$175 per hour. They will replace Matthew Longoria, of Denton, Navarro, Rocha & Bernal law firm. It was noted that firm

charged \$190 per hour plus travel expenses. Council approved a full-time public works position and an associated budget amendment. Rider said funds for the position will come from another salary position they longer have. Salary for the 40-hour per week job was set at \$31,264, but the total cost to the city, including benefits, will be \$44,474. Rider said they don't have an answer yet from the leading candidate for the public works position. Council Member Claud Jordan suggested advertising for the position to "get somebody who knows roads." Council approved a 90-day period for a couple to reside in an RV while their home is being built at 218 Mineola St., requested by Lacey White. Council will review the request in three months to check on the progress of the house. Council advised homeowner David Lucas, who plans to build a garage at 102 Indian Creek Rd., to get the plans approved by an engineer to make sure they meet the requirements for building in a floodway.

IISD board cancels election, gets TAPR report

By Clint Schroeder West Kerr Current

The Ingram school board on Monday, March 22, canceled its May 1 election, took care of a host of routine business and received a presentation on 2019-20 Texas Academic Performance Reports. Due to the cancellation of spring 2020 State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the performance section of this year's report is not updated. All districts and campuses in the TAPR are labeled Not Rated: Declared State of Disaster for 2020. While a new rating isn't available, Ingram ISD achieved a 2019 district

overview Accountability Rating of "A." In a presentation prepared by Assistant Superintendent Mindy Curran, the new report shows 52 percent of 2018-19 ITM graduates are career and military ready, 69 percent college ready and 88 percent are college, career and military ready. All those numbers are an improvement over the previous year, and all are significantly higher than Region 20 and state averages. The report also shows increases in advanced dual-credit course completion in English, math, science and social studies, and an improvement of 80 percent in 2018-19 over 46 percent the previous year in Career & Technical Education certification courses. Ingram ISD TAPR reports are avail-

able on the Texas Education Agency website, the Ingram ISD website, the central office and the offices of all campuses. The board unanimously approved the district's School Health Advisory Council. The council assists the district in health education instruction, and plays a role in strengthening the connection between health and learning. Committee members appointed are Chairman, Beth Rumbo, IES parent; Vice Chairman, Selena Sheets; Secretary - Catherine Kern; IES Parents - Selena Sheets, Beth Rumbo, Lydia Nichols; Community Representatives — Amy

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Ingram police report



Saturday, March 13

11:58 p.m. — Loud music and people were reported in the 3300 block of Junction Hwy. The person in charge turned the music down and closed the doors.

Sunday, March 14

11:16 a.m. — An officer observed a traffic accident without injuries in the 200 block of Old Ingram Loop. Everyone involved was fine and one car was towed.

Time unavailable — A driver was arrested for an active warrant after a traffic stop in the 2700 block of Junction Hwy. The car was towed.

6:50 p.m. — An unattended death occurred at an apartment in the 600 block of Main St. The Justice of the Peace and the funeral home were notified. An investigation is pending.

Monday, March 15

12:05 p.m. — A reckless driver was reported in the 3000 block of Junction Hwy. An officer located the man's car parked and he did not have a license, insurance or legal tags for the car. He was advised that if he is seen driving again he will be stopped and his car could be impounded.

1:56 p.m. — A woman in the 100 block of Cooper St. was cited for an at-large dog after an officer observed two loose dogs at the intersection of 4th and Cooper St.

3:40 p.m. — A woman in the 100 block of 4th St. reported that his granddaughters were playing outside and

found a package in the culvert that had some kind of white material in it. An officer determined it was dry ice and took the package to destroy it.

Tuesday, March 16

7:29 a.m. — A business alarm was activated in the 3000 block of Junction Hwy. It turned out the owner's husband entered the wrong security code.

2 p.m. — A report was made that a dog in the 100 block of Morgan St. chewed the bumper of two cars. The person who owned the cars wanted a case report to file an insurance claim.

8:15 p.m. — A reckless driver was reported in the 100 block of Main St. The car was located by a Kerr County deputy.

Wednesday, March 17

9:46 a.m. — A report was made that someone in the 200 block of 1st St. was burning trash. An officer patrolled the area and did not find a fire.

2:25 p.m. — A report was made that a stray dog was loose on the roadway in the 100 block of Hwy. 39. A woman had caught the dog as a Good Samaritan upon the arrival of an officer. The officer transported the dog to Animal Control.

9 p.m. — Two 16-year-old kids were detained after a report of suspicious people at the Ingram City Park. One kid attempted run away and will be filed on with the Juvenile Court. The other was issued a citation for a minor in possession of tobacco and was released to his father.

Thursday, March 18

8:55 a.m. — An officer

Thursday, March 25

Warrior track — Meet in Center Point
West Kerr County Chamber of Commerce Mixer — Hosted by and Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting for Hill Country Luxury Living Real Estate; snacks, drinks, door prizes, 50/50 drawing and live music; \$5 entry fee, The Hunt Store, 5:15 p.m.

Friday, March 26

Warrior softball — vs. Lago Vista, here, JVV, 5/7 p.m.
Warrior baseball — District opener vs. Lago Vista, here, 6 p.m.
Covid-19 Community Update — Hosted by Kerr County and City of Kerrville; Eric Maloney, Kerrville Fire Department chief, will present; the event will be conducted via ZOOM and will be televised live on Spectrum Channel 2 or on the City's live stream at kerrvillex.gov/1328/Kerrville-City-Channel; 10 a.m.
Kerrville Farmers Market — Shop local; 529 Water St., Kerrville, 4-6 p.m.

Saturday, March 27

Texas Gun & Knife Show — Vendors include related items; food, drinks; Kerrville Expo Center, 9-5; also Sunday, 10-4.

euthanized an injured Axis deer in the 3200 block of Junction Hwy.

10:30 a.m. — A woman at the police department reported harassment.

11:10 a.m. — A suspicious person was reported in the 3100 block of Junction Hwy. The person was located and was fine.

8:20 p.m. — A man in the 100 block of McNeil St. was burning trash in the 100 block of McNeil St. The man was advised that he could not burn at night and put out the fire with a hose.

Friday, March 19

Time unavailable — A report was made that a registered sex offender in the 100 block of Donna Dr. failed to report a car registered in his name as the statute requires. The case is under investigation.

Time unavailable — A reckless driver was reported in the 300 block of Hwy. 39. An officer located the driver pulling into a yard on Terrell Street, determined that he was elderly, and that he did not have medical issues. The man stated that he was tired and was not going to drive anymore.

7:46 p.m. — An employee at a restaurant in the 100 block of Hwy. 39 reported that she had not received a check for three weeks. An officer explained to the woman that based on the information given she would have to go to civil court and file a complaint with the Justice of the Peace.

Saturday, March 20

7:30 a.m. — An officer noticed a suspicious car in the 100 block of Point Theatre Rd. The occupant was identified and a probable cause search was conducted. The officer recovered an unusable



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Alarms

3-17-21, 11:02 a.m., brush fire, 176 Bearskin Trail.
 3-22-21, 11:47 a.m., brush fire, 165 Shalako Rd.

West Kerr Community Calendar

Monday, March 29

Hill Country Youth Ranch Auxiliary — In-person luncheon with guest speaker Krystle Ramsey, executive director of HCYR giving the "State of the Ranch" update. Reservations required at hcyranet@stx.rr.com. \$17, The Kroc Center, Kerrville, 11 a.m.
Warrior softball — vs. Comfort, there, V, 6 p.m.
Warrior baseball — vs. Comfort, there, 6 p.m.

Thursday, April 1

Warrior softball — vs. Llano, here, V, 6 p.m.
Warrior baseball — vs. Llano, here, 6 p.m.

Monday, April 5

Warrior baseball — vs. Blanco, here, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, April 6

Warrior softball — vs. Blanco, here, JVV, 5/7 p.m.

West Kerr Weather

Rainfall

Source: Ingram observer for National Weather Service. Observations taken 8 a.m. to 8 a.m. at HCYR.

Tuesday, March 16 - Tuesday, March 23

Tuesday 3/16	0.00 in.	Saturday 3/20	0.00 in.
Wednesday 3/17	0.12 in.	Sunday 3/21	0.00 in.
Thursday 3/18	0.00 in.	Monday 3/22	0.02 in.
Friday 3/19	0.00 in.	Tuesday 3/23	0.31 in.

March 2021	0.52 in.	Total for 2015	37.27 in.
Total for 2021 (to date)	4.58 in.	Total for 2014	19.12 in.
Total for 2020	28.57 in.	Total for 2013	24.75 in.
Total for 2019	27.66 in.	Total for 2012	22.73 in.
Total for 2018	37.40 in.	Total for 2011	11.63 in.
Total for 2017	24.85 in.	Total for 2010	27.24 in.
Total for 2016	36.04 in.	Avg. annual rainfall	31.65 in.

Burn ban in effect in Pct. 4; lifted in Pcts. 1, 2, 3

Since conditions change frequently, for latest updates call Pct. 4 Commissioner Don Harris at 792-2215 or the sheriff's office at 896-1216. The Burn Ban Hotline is 315-BURN (2876).



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Rector, Angela Fiedler, County Extension Agent; Teresa Standage, Methodist HC Ministries and Alicia Napper, FNP, RN, Urgent Care; Health Services — Amber Chavira, LVN-IES Nurse, Catherine Kern, LVN-MS/ITM Nurse/Health Services Coordinator; Educators — Dr. Holly Lambert, Sp. Ed Director, Keely Vanacker, ITM, Karenrose Vela, MS and Coach Michelle Fairchild, IES; Advisory Capacity — Jenny Carpenter, Food Services Director, Kate Allen, MS Counselor, Lisa Arledge, ITM Counselor and Annie Jones, IES Counselor.

Board members approved an order cancel-

ing the May 1 election and certified unopposed candidates Jack Fairchild and Stephen Schulte, who will take their oaths of office in May. Longtime Board Member Vern Stehling did not seek re-election.

In more routine business, the board:
 — Approved a missed school days waiver;
 — Adopted the 2021-22 school calendar;
 — Engaged ABIP CPAs-Advisors as auditors for the 2021 fiscal year;
 — Approved a budget amendment related to funding the new police department and other funds;
 — Amended and adopted board policies related to creation of a police department.

Correction

A photo caption in last week's Current incorrectly identified an ITM baseball player celebrating a score: the correct identification is Nathaniel Ketcher. The Current regrets the error.

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ITM One Act Play one of top in state

Most people in Texas are familiar with the University Interscholastic League and the high school athletic competitions around the state.

UIL covers more than athletics. There are also music and academic competitions that are just as competitive. Most people have no idea that more theater is produced in the state of Texas in the month of March than anywhere on the planet.

Of the more than 1,700 high schools in the state that compete in UIL every year, each is represented in the UIL One Act Play contest.

Each of the six conferences (determined by student populace) has 230 - 270 plays produced for this competition.

Ingram Tom Moore HS is a participant in this academic contest. Creating a stage production is typically a complicated endeavor for any theatrical group. However, the past 12 months have been far from "typical."

We are all aware of the 'shut down' Covid is responsible for last March which stopped the OAP contest almost immediately after the first level of competition was completed. The contest year was never completed.

Coming into this school year, the question for theater departments across the state was, "What about One Act?" Ingram Tom Moore High School Theatre began production on this year's entry with auditions before Thanksgiving break.

After the company was posted, the students had the Christmas break to memorize their lines and prepare for the rehearsals beginning



Courtesy photo

Ingram Tom Moore High School On Act Play cast and crew.

Warrior Family Mickey Pelletier

in January.

There are nine members of the company: Riley Gordon - Stage Manager/Lights; Ellie Samford - Sound; Kadence Abel - Deck Crew; Abby Walker - Cast; Lorelei Antonioli - Cast; Samantha Sollers - Cast; Paige Cannon - Cast; Dustin Pillatzke - Cast; and William Lohmeyer - Cast.

The story is based on the real-life events in Ottawa, Ill. from 1922 to 1938 regarding the female employees poisoned by radium while working for the Radium Dial Company.

With a strong ensemble and beautiful storytelling, the production advanced in second place from the UIL District 25 OAP contest on March 4. The show placed third at the UIL Bi-District 25-26 OAP contest a week later on March 11.

The show is Alternate to the Regional Contest to be held in San Antonio on April 14, 2021.

At each level of competition, four of the six cast members received acting awards (66% of the cast — more than any other shows).

Additionally, being named Alternate to the Regional

Contest means the Ingram Tom Moore High School Theatre's production is one of the top 36 Conference 3A shows in the state out of 235 competing 3A schools in 2021, placing the production in the top 15 percent of competing schools.

This is quite an accomplishment for any standard year with the expected challenges. It is even more astonishing knowing these students navigated that and the continued Covid protocols and the immense freeze only days before the first level of competition.

Congratulations to this incredible group of students!

Micky Pelletier is Ingram ISD's One Act Play sponsor and an ITM educator.

Letter to the Editor

A hidden gem in Ingram

To the Editor:

I recently met Amber Wood, who owns Rustic Flowers in Ingram. My daughter and I went to her about a month ago to plan flowers for my daughter's wedding.

I cannot say enough about this sweet lady who directed, ordered, discouraged (in a kind way) the flowers we should order. Amber, our flower lady, would text me photos of the available flowers and encouraged me to rest, relax and enjoy. I, of

course, over ordered. Today, I returned her flower containers and all the "extra" greenery suggesting that she could donate to the funeral home orders, or a charity of her choice. I just didn't want it to go to waste.

A precious man was there picking up "unusable," but still beautiful flowers that she donates every Monday to hospice. So, we loaded him up.

Amber was so kind and simply a joy. She was the easiest, most helpful and honest person I have worked with in a long time — a true hidden gem in Ingram.

Julie A. Nagy
Kerrville

Hill Country Youth Ranch Auxiliary 'Spring Fling' April 8 at Thrift Shop

With spring upon us, it's time to refresh your wardrobe and the place to do that is at the Hill Country Youth Ranch Thrift Shop's annual "Spring Fling."

Scheduled for Thursday, April 8, from 5 to 7 p.m., spring savings will abound throughout the store, located at 3171 Hwy. 27 in Ingram.

The event will include major discounts on its popular boutique clothing, and everything else in the store will be half priced. There will be door prizes, beverages and

lite bites for customers to enjoy.

The HCYR Thrift Shop is a major fundraiser for the youth ranch's auxiliary which, after expenses, donates all of its revenue to the ranch.

The Thrift Shop relies solely on donations from the community and is a source of affordable clothing and an unbelievable amount of home goods. With all work done by volunteers, the shop is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Death notices

Venita Carlene Strange, 87, of Kerrville, Texas passed from this life on Wednesday, March 17, 2021. Funeral arrangements are by Kerrville Funeral Home.

Floyd Wayne Jones, 73, of Kerrville, passed away Thursday, March 18, 2021 in San Antonio. Funeral arrangements are by Grimes Funeral Chapels.

Cecil Allen Chapman, 62, of Kerrville, passed away Thursday, March 18, 2021 in a

San Antonio hospital. Funeral arrangements are by Grimes Funeral Chapels.

Jodi J. Holcomb, 46, of Center Point, Texas passed from this life on Saturday, March 20, 2021. Funeral arrangements are by Kerrville Funeral Home.

Edgar W. Boatright, 85, of Kerrville, Texas passed from this life on Sunday, March 21, 2021. Funeral arrangements are by Kerrville Funeral Home.



Upper Guadalupe River Authority Weekly News

Protect the Guadalupe River

Feral hog populations have exploded throughout Texas including in Kerr County. Hogs heavily use streamside areas as travel corridors and wallow in shallow water and mud to keep cool. This has led them to become a major threat to water quality in our creeks and rivers. Kerr County and UGRA are taking proactive steps to address this problem by offering a \$12 bounty on feral hog tails.

To request a bounty payment, bring your hog tails to Kerr County Animal Services 3600 Loop 534 in Kerrville or call (830) 257-3100. For more information visit, www.ugra.org/major-initiatives/feral-hog-management



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38 years ago:

From the pages of The Ingram News

In The News
March 17, 1983

City contracts with Ingram Water Supply

First reading of a franchise agreement ordinance between the City of Ingram and Ingram Water Supply was the major item of business at Tuesday's regular City Council session.

Joel Craig, water supply owner, met with the council and agreed to the provisions of the contract which will give the city rate regulation and indemnity.

Council waived the usual franchise fee in exchange for continued free supply of water for use by the Ingram Volunteer Fire Department in practice drills and actual fires.

Because of recent street problems resulting from the underground cable installation, discussion focused on street repair liability. Craig agreed to the contract stipulation that he repair or pay for the repair of any streets torn up during water supply digging.

Councilman Ed Lange voiced concern about the numerous complaints resulting from the telephone company's ditching work on streets and shoulders around town.

"Ted Lackey has patched some of the holes," said



Ingram Elementary UIL winners include: Lisa Williams, Shannon Price, Debbie Lee, Kim Spears, Kristi Steffey, David Englund, Nicole Rogers, J.W. Lee, Butch Bennison, Chris Williams and Ross Oehler.



Additional UIL champs are Chuck Cate, Tracy Freeman, Kimberley Walters, Chris Williams, Bob Lewis, Dawn Wilson, Misty Middleton, Christopher Hughes, and Coy Galloway.

Lange, referring to Ingram's independent street contractor. "But, it's not really up to him."

Mayor Donald Oehler concurred with Lange that it shouldn't be the city's financial responsibility to repair street damage caused by utility construction.

Don Williams said that because of the traffic hazards posed by the trenches and mounds of dirt in the streets, he was getting "more phone

calls on this than about stray dogs!"

Lange was designated to speak with Hill Country Telephone Cooperative General Manager Tony Thorne about possible recourse.

Mayor Oehler and Councilmen Lange and Burns will attend an LCRA presentation today concerning a major new transmission line which will pass through Ingram.

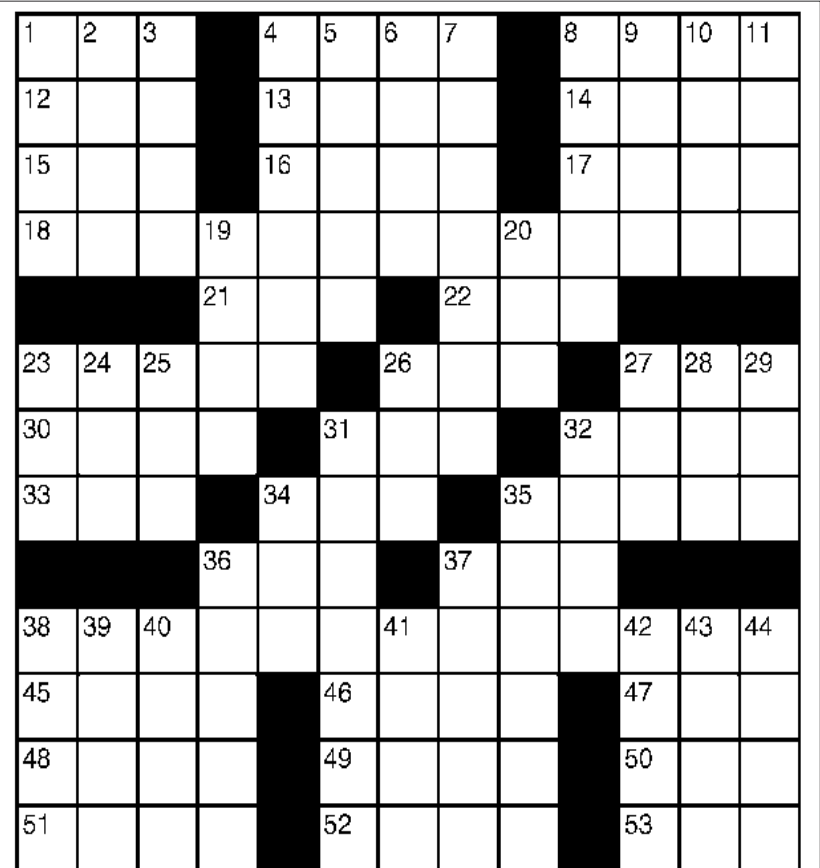
This feature is made possible by the gift of Ingram News back issues from the late Sylvia Schumacher.

King Crossword

Solution on Page 11

ACROSS

- 1 Gearwheel tooth
- 4 Baby elephant
- 8 Bar bills
- 12 Coffee vessel
- 13 — about (circa)
- 14 Panache
- 15 Salty expanse
- 16 Chills and fever
- 17 — avis
- 18 Driver's aid
- 21 Superlative suffix
- 22 Inlet
- 23 Protractor measure
- 26 Actress Lucy
- 27 "See ya!"
- 30 Old salts
- 31 "The Bells" author
- 32 Edge
- 33 Sea, to Henri
- 34 Periodical, for short
- 35 Belt holders
- 36 Summer cooler
- 37 "Alice" waitress
- 38 Fortress on the Thames
- 45 Pearl Harbor site
- 46 Stage show
- 47 Docs' bloc



- 48 Alum
- 49 Give temporarily
- 50 Use a ray gun
- 51 Bygone jets
- 52 Talks nonstop
- 53 Before
- 7 Giveaway array
- 8 Towel material
- 9 Jai —
- 10 Hoedown site
- 11 Unforeseen problem
- 19 Morays
- 20 Vichy water
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- 24 Scot's denial
- 25 Spike's warning
- 26 Journal
- 27 Buddy
- 28 Shrill bark
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- 31 Magnificent
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- 35 British insurer
- 36 Vendettas
- 37 Be on either side of
- 38 Raiments
- 39 Rowboat needs
- 40 "Huh?"
- 41 Dog bane
- 42 Stupor
- 43 Actor Epps
- 44 Scruff

DOWN

- 1 Point
- 2 Sandwich cookie
- 3 Chew (on)
- 4 Sandpaper type
- 5 Uneasy feeling
- 6 LummoX

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Dietert Center continues celebration of Meals on Wheels

The Dietert Center is continuing our month-long awareness campaign to celebrate the power of Meals on Wheels and increase support for America's seniors amid challenging times.

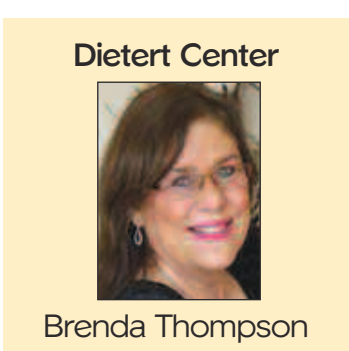
The 19th Annual March for Meals — a month-long, nationwide celebration of Meal on Wheels and our senior neighbors who rely on the essential service to remain healthy and independent at home, now even more so amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

"The pandemic has introduced many of us to the newfound and harsh realities of food insecurity and social isolation — something that far too many seniors experience as their daily norm.

"More than ever, we must rally around our essential community-based programs that serve as lifelines to a growing number of people in need, to enable their own long-term vitality," said Ellie Hollander, president and CEO of Meals on Wheels America.

"Even when we make it through this unprecedented time in our nation's history, there will still be millions of vulnerable older adults who will rely on that familiar knock on the door that provides peace of mind and hope beyond the meal itself. Please join us in celebrating the power and importance of Meals on Wheels this March and always," she said.

The annual March for Meals celebration commemorates the historic day in March of 1972 when President Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 to include a national nutrition program for seniors 60 years and older. Since 2002, community-based Meals on Wheels programs from across the country have



Brenda Thompson

joined forces for the annual awareness campaign to celebrate this successful public-private partnership and garner the support needed to fill the gap between the seniors served and those still in need.

Our Dietert Center Meals on Wheels program will show some love to our MOW volunteers this year with some special surprises and invite local community members to do "ride-alongs" so they can experience the impact to our seniors and our community directly.

City Council Members Judy Eychner, Kim Clarkson and Brenda Hughes have participated this week along with Mayor Bill Blackburn. Our new Police Chief, Chris McCall, also is spending time with us this week.

If you are interested in participating, give Tara LaMontia, our marketing/development director a call to schedule a day to experience a day in the life of Meals on Wheels.

The Dietert Center will hold off opening for a little while longer. We are so ready to have everyone back in the building as we miss the sweet sounds of friendship. Give us a few more weeks to prepare for your safe return. Since your health and safety is our main concern, please bear with us.

Although our building is closed to general public use and regular programming right now, the **Dietert Center staff are here every day to assist** those in need as best that we can within

safety guidelines.

Please give us a call for any special needs you might have for Meals on Wheels, Friendship Café Drive Thru, Medical Equipment Lending, Personal Alert Link units and our Call Reassurance program.

If you or a senior you know of are homebound, aged 60-plus, and in need of a hot meal, please give us a call at 896-8117 to review **guidelines for the Meals on Wheels program.**

Our amazing volunteers help us deliver the meals and

best of all, they also offer a warm smile and social interaction that so many people need right now.

Our **drive-thru Friendship Café** is open for lunch M-F 11:30-12:30. If you are 60 years or older, stop by to pick up a meal. If you have paperwork already completed or wish to complete it for us, the meal is by donation. If you don't have time to complete the paperwork, the meal is \$8.

The menu for the week is:

- Wednesday — Swiss Steak
- Thursday — Rosemary Chicken
- Friday — Italian Meatballs & Pasta
- Monday — BBQ Chicken
- Tuesday — Santa Fe Pork Stew
- Wednesday — Chicken Florentine

Please give us a call at 792-4044 if you have any questions or need additional information about our programs and resources.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Divide Independent School District will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 5 p.m. in the Divide School, 120 Divide School Rd., Mountain Home, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to inform the Divide I.S.D. community of the Texas Education Agency School FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) that was developed to monitor and improve the management of the district's financial resources.

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"Daddy cooked dinner, and then the _____ came!"

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

- Shooter **RIPENS**
- Shoal **FREE**
- Foil **MISTEY**
- Bare **UNTIDY**

TODAY'S WORD

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Private club seeks members

Club Charles is the buzz about town or at least it was two months ago when invitations went out for recruiting parties.

The carefully selected guests got to experience **The Cellar** that night. The Cellar will be in the former Azul space in the basement of the historic **Schreiner Mercantile Building** in downtown Kerrville. The former Cartewheels restaurant space will be reconfigured for fine dining and private dining rooms.

The membership materials are signed by **“Sandra Cailloux, Club Charles, LLC.”** Sandy’s name will always draw a crowd, but the rumor is that her son, **Ben Modisett**, is the man with the vision.

The letter to prospective members says “As we continue to face today’s unprecedented challenges, *one* thing is certain — a constant desire to enjoy family, friends, fellowship and fine food in a comfortable, refined environment close to home.” And further, “A unique experience is developing to join like-minded community members seeking refreshing cocktails, superior wines, fresh sushi, prime steaks and enticing surprises around every corner.”

They had me at “enticing surprises.” What does it cost? To reserve your membership, a \$1,000 personal check is required. The membership levels are: Lifetime member, \$20,000; Founding member, \$15,000; Corporate/family, \$5,000 per year; Individual, \$3,000, then \$2,000 per year. And a junior membership level for those under 40 at \$2,500, then \$1500 per year.

Every membership level will incur a monthly \$100 food or drink minimum. Maximum club membership is set at 300 members. You can call the **Callioux**



Photo by Denise Cartwright

Deanna and Ken Eixman at Bridget’s Basket happy hour.

West Kerr Whispers

Denise Cartwright

Foundation and **Becky** will get your contact info to **Barbara Gaither, membership director for Club Charles.**

Jane Ragsdale, director of **Heart of the Hills** camp for girls, sent a letter to all her camp families and alumnae. The letter announces a woke decision to eliminate all references to **Native Americans**. In her letter, she says, “We are living in times that call for evolution and the realization that some practices have been unintentionally hurting other cultures. Foremost to me is our need to remove any practice that could compromise the future success of the precious children in our care. I dread to think that a photo of a proud little girl donning a headband with a single feather — or worse — the Chieftain wearing a head-dress as a symbol of high honor, could face public disgrace down the road.”

The **Hill Country Arts Foundation** had an opening reception on Friday night for the **Annual Member Juried Show, “New Works”** at the **Duncan McAshan Gallery** of the Visual Arts Center. The show will be up from March 19-April 16. Awards are, **1st Place: “Texas Landscape,”**

Acrylic by Mike Martin, 2nd Place: “The Golden Apples of the Sun,” Ceramics by Sharon Berman, 3rd Place: “Desert Silence,” Watercolor by Anne Brennan Vela, Honorable Mention: Linda Smith, Jim Huddleston, Seth Weatherford, James Cameron and Patrick McDaniel

Bridget’s Basket has started a **Happy Hour** on Wednesdays from 5-7. **Sean Kendrick**, a local favorite, was singing to the crowd of at least 100 folks on **St. Patrick’s Day**. There was wine, fruity wine spritzers, beer and an assortment of food offerings. The corned beef sandwich was a favorite.

Seen in green were **Toots and Brad Ferguson, Sara Kendrick with Tipton, Cameron and Mercy Kendrick, Chris Morales, Sandy Griffin, Maria Butler, Nancy and Berry Harrell, Peggy Salazar, Cindy Janke, Keri and Patrick Wilt, Penny and Tom Deupree, Amy Bush, Stephanie and Lee Pool, Deanna and Ken Eixman, Jennifer and Jason Waldrip, Claire and Mack Barnham, Tiffany and Allen Barnham, Tracy Belew, Beth and Todd Gaddie, Liz Pohl, Shelly and Mike Royer, and Ruth and Ted Johnson**, who recently moved to Hunt from Houston.

Pier 27 announces “they are back.” Pier 27 reopened the back deck with the



Stephanie Miller celebrates her 50th birthday with her mother, Judy Wilson.

Guadalupe River as the backdrop. Post Covid, Pier 27 has brought back Sunday afternoons as a popular meeting place for entertainment, pizza and a great spot to watch the sunset. Live music on Sundays from 3-7 p.m.

The **Dallas Moore Band’s** outlaw country “Burned another honky tonk down” Saturday night at the Hunt Store. Dallas Moore’s gritty lyrics doused the crowd while Chuck Morpungo scorched it with his blazin’ guitar riffs, accompanied by Tony Nasser, Mike Bernal and Cody Nichols on sound. Catch them again on May 15. **Tapping their toes were Kristina and Carlos Casanova, Barbara and Chuck Byrd, Shelley and Tom Royer, Kathy & Dan Mater, Diana & Phillip Czar, Joni & Carlton Jones, Kathy Freeman, Janet and Don Dugart.**

Stephanie Miller celebrated her 50th birthday with a kick-off party with all her **Old Ingram Loop** friends. Stephanie owns **Perfect Surroundings** and in honor of her big day gave 50 percent off everything in the store. Stephanie’s newly opened **Maxine’s Coffee Shop** next to the store is the place to go for coffee and pastries. She spent the rest of



Photo by Cody Silber

Luck of the Irish to Beau Silber, born on St. Patrick’s Day.

the weekend with her daughter in from Texas Tech and a birthday dinner at home with all of her family.

Craig and Mitzi Silber are thrilled to announce their new grandson, **Beau Douglas Silber**. He is the first for their son, **Cody Silber and wife Alaina**. They reside in southern New Jersey. Beau was born on St. Patrick’s Day at 1:41pm and weighed 7lbs 6 oz. Craig and Mitzi can’t wait to fly to NJ and get acquainted!

Save the Date

Thursday, March 25 — **West Kerr Chamber Mixer**

and grand opening of **Hill Country Luxury Living**, next to the Hunt Store. 5:15 p.m.; \$5 entry, Hunt

Sunday, March 28 — **RBQ band** at Pier 27. 3-7 p.m. Kerrville

Through April 3, Friday and Saturday — **“Trying,”** a play at The Point Theatre, 7:30 p.m., Ingram

Through April 16 — **HCAF Members Show** in the Duncan McAshan Gallery, M-F 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Ingram

Saturday, April 3 — **Community Egg-Stravaganza** at Bridget’s Basket. Easter egg hunt, BBQ Cookout, live music, more details to be announced, Hunt.

April 2 and 3 — **First Hwy. 39 Art Market**. Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., downtown Hunt; free admission

Thursday, April 8 — **West Kerr Chamber Banquet** at Arcadia Live, Exit 505 Band. 6 p.m., \$50, Kerrville.

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7:00 p.m. 4 yrs.-5th grade
Del Way, Pastor

Church of Christ
610 Hwy. 39, Ingram
367-3023
SUN: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship
6:30 p.m. Worship

Church of Christ on Junction Highway
2500 Junction Hwy.
367-5340
SUN: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Worship
WED: 7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Christ Church Presbyterian
228 Earl Garrett, Kerrville
(at the Kerr Arts and Cultural Center)
christchurchkerrville.org
SUN: 10:00 a.m. Worship
Rev. John D. Strandridge
john@christchurchkerrville.org

Church of the Hills
3325 Junction Hwy., Ingram 367-4614
SUN: 10:30 a.m. Worship
(Cell groups for the interested available)

Citywest Church
3139 Junction Hwy., Ingram
office@citywest.org, www.citywest.org
367-5363
SUN: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Morning Coffee & Donut Fellowship
11:00 a.m. Children’s Church
& Contemporary Music Sermon

MON: 6:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study
WED: 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study & Youth Meet
Pastor Chris Dahse

First Church of Christ, Scientist
301 Woodlawn Ave., Kerrville
257-3004 kerrvillechristianscientist.org
Services and Sun. School 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Weds. Testimony Meeting 7:30 p.m.

First Christian Church
1900 Goat Creek Rd, Kerrville
895-5355
SUN: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Contemporary Worship,
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship & Sunday School
Rev. Brett W. Coe

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church
Texas Hwy. 39 & Webb Rd., Ingram
367-5672
SUN: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
TUES: 10:30 a.m. Bible Study
Pastor John W. Uhl

Hill Country Christian Center
Ingram 367-4290
SUN: Sunday School & Worship
WED: Worship Service

Hill Country Missionary-Baptist Church ABA
107 Redemption Rd.
890-5373
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SUN: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
Joshua Sullivan

Hosanna Lutheran Church
134 Camp Meeting Rd., Kerrville
(at Highway 16 South)
Pastor Dave Bass 257-6767
Summer schedule (June 3-Labor Day)
Sundays:
8:30 a.m. Blended Worship
10 a.m. Praise Worship

House of Prayer
108 Morgan St., Ingram
Sun: 10:30 A.M.
Wed: 6:00 P.M.
Pastor Randy Dean 367-2525
Cell: 830-739-9282
Carolyn Dean 830-739-9283

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895-4990 kerrvilleanglicanchurch.com
SUN: 10:00 a.m. Services

Hunt Baptist Church

238-4863 HuntBaptist@HCTC.net
SUN: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Prayer Service
WED: 6:30 p.m. Worship Awana Bible Club, Children - K-6th
John Collis, Pastor

Hunt United Methodist Church
120 Merritt Rd. SW
www.huntumc.org
SUN: 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Service (Nursery provided on Sunday mornings)
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SUN: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship
WED: 7:00 p.m. Bible Study

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640-3307
2nd SUN: 2:30 p.m.
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A Southern Baptist Congregation
405 Main St., Ingram
367-7709
SUN: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Service
TUES: 6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery
WEDS: 5:15 p.m. Choir practice
6:00 p.m. Children’s/ Youth Ministry
6:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study
David Billeiter, Pastor

Notre Dame Catholic Church
Corner of Water & Washington, Kerrville
257-5961
SAT: 4:00 p.m. Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. English Mass
SUN: Masses 7:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. English - 9:30 a.m. Spanish
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367-1777
WEDS.: 5:30-7:30 p.m.
SUN.: 10:30 a.m.-12:36 p.m.
4 p.m.-6 p.m.
Sr. Pastor: Thomas Jeffers

Riverside Church of Christ

625 Harper Rd., Kerrville
257-5445
SUN: 9:00 a.m. Bible Class and Worship
5:00 p.m. Worship
WED: 7:00 p.m. Bible Class
Pulpit minister: Kevin Kasparek

Seventh Day Adventist Church
611 Harper Rd., Kerrville
895-3935
SAT: 9:30 a.m. Sabbath School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Dwight Seek, Pastor

St. Paul’s United Methodist
135 Methodist Encampment Rd., Kerrville 895-2212
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10:30 a.m. Worship
WED: 3 p.m. After-School Program
Rev. Sheree Harris

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257-0257 -School
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10:30 a.m. Sunday School (all ages)
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Junction Hwy., Mt. Home
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SUN: 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship
J. Dwayne Smith, Minister

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country
Services and Children’s, SUN: 10 a.m.
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Entertainment

Back-to-back hits booked at Cailloux Mother's Day weekend

The Cailloux City Center for the Performing Arts, the Hill Country's destination for outstanding entertainment, is planning a pair of popular events that will fill the hall on Saturday and Sunday, May 8 and 9. Either will be a perfect way to treat any music-loving mom.

For the rock'n'roll mom, the City Center will host the 10th Anniversary Concert by the popular New Buddy Holly Band on Saturday, May 8, at 7:30.

Among the best-loved acts in the Hill Country, The New Buddy Holly Band will present a brand new show, dubbed "Ten Years Together," with all of their usual energy and good-time feel.

Fans of the band know that they specialize in re-creating the very earliest hits of the rock'n'roll era, including everything from namesake Buddy Holly to the Beatles. This year's show will also feature special guest artist Ruben Exum and the Motown sound.

Then, on Sunday, May 9, country moms will get the rare chance to see Terry McBride in person, as he presents an acoustic show that celebrates both his long songwriting history and his brand new solo album, "Rebels and Angels."

After leaving his band "McBride and The Ride," McBride made country music history writing hits for greats like Reba McEntire and Brooks and Dunn, including "If You See Him/If You See



Courtesy photo

The New Buddy Holly Band, a true Hill Country favorite, will be back onstage at The Cailloux Theater on Saturday, May 8, with a brand new show, "Ten Years Together," featuring hits from the early years of rock'n'roll and special guest Ruben Exum.

Her" and "Play Something Country," earning a round dozen BMI writing awards along the way.

McBride's show in Kerrville will feature songs from his new album as well as past hits and stories about working with some of the giants of the industry.

Prior to this blockbuster weekend, The Cailloux Theater will host the Symphony of the Hills' "The Majesty of Brahms" on April 29. To facilitate Social Distance Seating, the concert has been trimmed to one hour, and will be presented twice, at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$25.

Then, later in May will

come the long-awaited appearance in Kerrville of Texas Swing legends "Bob Wills' Texas Playboys" under the direction of Jason Roberts, two time Grammy winner and veteran of 18 years with "Asleep at the Wheel."

Re-creating the sound that only Bob Wills could bring to the stage, the Texas Playboys will continue a tradition that goes back to 1933, but still has the power to thrill.

"Bob Wills' Texas Playboys" will take the Cailloux Stage on Sunday, May 23 at 3:00.

The Cailloux City Center is located at 910 Main St. in downtown Kerrville, and features two performing spaces –

The Cailloux Theater and the "Black Box" VK Garage Theater. At least through May, seating in The Cailloux City Center's theaters will be limited to allow for appropriate Social Distances between seated patrons. Face coverings are urged for all while entering and moving about inside the facilities.

Tickets for all City Center events can be purchased online at www.CaillouxPerformingArts.com; at The Cailloux Theater Box Office, in person from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, or 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays; or by phone at any time by leaving a detailed message at (830) 896-9393.

'Trying' in 2nd week at The Point Theatre

The Point Theatre production, "Trying," is in its second weekend and runs through April 3.

Originally scheduled for the 2020 season, the show was postponed due to Covid-19.

"Trying" is a two-character play based on the author's experience during 1967-1968 when she worked for Francis Biddle at his home in Washington, D.C.

Judge Biddle had been attorney general of the United States under Franklin Roosevelt. After the war, President Truman named him Chief Judge of the American Military Tribunal at Nuremberg.

The play is about a young Canadian girl and an old, Philadelphia aristocrat "trying" to understand each other in what Biddle knows is the

final year of his life. Please note that the characters quote poetry with some strong language.

Directed by Sarah Derosseau, the show features John Ruth as Biddle and Kayla Castaneda as his secretary, Sarah Schorr.

The production will be presented on the indoor stage. This will be the first time using this space since last March. Because we are in a smaller space, social distancing and masks will be required.

"Trying" will be running through April 3, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. Seating is limited, so it is best to purchase tickets in advance.

To purchase tickets, or for more information, call the box office at 830-367-5121, or visit the website at hcaf.com.

HCAF announces 'New Works' awards

The Hill Country Arts Foundation has announced the award recipients for its annual member's show titled, "New Works."

This year first place award went to Mike Martin for an acrylic landscape titled, "Texas Landscape." Second place was awarded to Sharon Berman for an intricate carved ceramic piece titled, "The Golden Apples of the Sun." The third place award was received by Anne Brenan Vela for an abstract watercolor

titled "Desert Silence." There are four Honorable Mentions.

"We always get such a great variety of artwork at our exhibits, but this members show is exceptional in the forms that were entered," said Rosanne Thrall, HCAF visual arts director.

The Hill Country Arts Foundation Gallery is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. HCAF is located at 120 Point Theater Rd. in Ingram, Texas.

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IES students raise funds, become Heart Heroes

During the month of February, students in grades kindergarten through fifth grade participated in the Heart Heroes program.

This program helps to raise money for the American Heart Association to fund research for heart disease, CPR training, Covid programs and general awareness about the importance of taking care of our hearts and bodies.

Ingram Elementary had a goal this year to raise \$3,000. Seventy-nine students participated in the Heart Heroes program this year and were able to meet their goal. The students raised \$3,273.96.

"I am so proud of the effort of our students to meet this goal. They worked hard and were able to achieve even more than they expected. It just goes to show what great kids we have at Ingram Elementary," said Coach Fairchild, Ingram Elementary PE teacher and Heart Heroes coordinator. "We can't thank our parents and students enough for their support for this program."

The top money raisers this year were Elizabeth Morris (\$274.81), Omar Tinajero (\$261.00) and Chloe Aleman (\$215.00).



Elizabeth Morris was the top fundraiser and is one of Ingram Elementary School's Heart Heroes.

There also were 11 students who raised over \$75, and they will have the chance to silly-string the coaches, principal and a grade level teacher. The kindergarten classes raised the most money by grade-level. They raised \$890.17 and will receive a reward party with extra recess time.

Munisteri addresses GOP Women

By Kari Short
West Kerr Current

The Republican Women of Kerr County welcomed Steve Munisteri, senior advisor in Texas Governor Greg Abbott's office, to their monthly meeting on Friday at the Inn of the Hills.

Munisteri served as chairman of the Republican Party of Texas from 2010-2015 and joined the Trump Administration in 2017 as White House Deputy Assistant to the President and Principal Deputy Director of the Office of Public Liaison. Most recently he was a partner at FP1 Strategies, a political consulting firm and senior campaign advisor to U.S. Senator John Cornyn's re-election campaign.

Munisteri delivered an engaging speech stating, "So many of our problems are solved with a strong economy. ... If you can keep the need for government services down because you have a strong economy providing those things, that means your overall spending for government can be kept down."

"That means taxes can be kept down; and keeping the taxes lower is one of the things that generates the economy ... Bottom line if the policies you adopt cause there to be economic growth, you are going to be able to make a difference in the lives of Texans."

"Despite the pandemic, the State of Texas has had net job gains for nine months in a



Photo by Kari Short

Steve Munisteri, senior advisor to Governor Greg Abbott, center, addressed the Republican Women of Kerr County on Friday. Munisteri is pictured with RWKC President Vicki Kelly, left, and First VP Courtney MacDonald.

row. We just got the January numbers, so that is May of last year. ... We have had net job addition every month for nine months. Even though we went to double digit unemployment, since then we have had a steady decline. The historical average for state unemployment is 6.1 (percent), and we are back to 6.8 (percent).

"Site Selection magazine ranks every year the number one state for business. This year, we were awarded the Governor's Cup again for being the best state to move to."

"We were the 10th largest economy in the world. ... There are seven billion people on the planet, and there are about 30 million in Texas (up from 20 million people in 2000). Our 30 million created the value of more economic goods and services than all but nine other

countries in the world. Now, we are no longer 10th; we are the ninth largest. We are up to a \$1.9 trillion GDP. By 2050, the Texas Demographic Center data indicates we will be up around 45 million people. The key is not for us to change and be like the states people are fleeing. The key is for us to keep what we have."

Munisteri outlined the Governor's legislative priorities:

1. Ensure election integrity
2. Preserve police department funding
3. Bail reform
4. Limit civil liability for Covid-related lawsuits
5. Improve broadband connectivity
6. Improve power grid
7. "Boots on the ground, planes in the air and 500 guardsmen sent to border"

Thursday

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next chamber mixer is this Thursday, March 25, at 5:15 p.m. at the Hill Country Luxury Living Real Estate at The Hunt Store.

Precinct 4 Kerr County Commissioner Don Harris reported West Kerr and Gillespie counties took the brunt of Winter Storm Uri. "It was an eye opener. We did have a lot of deficiencies.

Every entity can look back and wish they had done some things a little differently. In talking with the sheriff, we are planning on creating a coalition to determine what we can do better. We do want to get the word out that volunteer fire departments will be where people should go in future disasters. Communication was a major problem."

The Creek Boutique owner Laura Ann Wagner recommended adding the NextDoor app to the City of Ingram's social media and encourage people to sign up.

Mayor Kathy Rider responded, "I'm going to create an official City of Ingram page to share more information." She encouraged people to share information with her that she will post.

Ingram Police Chief Carol Twiss added, "What we need in this community is an emergency team. If we are going to open a shelter, we are going to see about manning it. You can't open a shelter and not man it. That's a problem. I don't mind the problem, but I'd rather have solutions."

"Here are some problems: First, you don't know who is coming into the shelter. You don't know what their background is. You could have sex offenders, and you could have kids coming in there. You have no way of watching what is going on. Second, we aren't providing food; and they obviously had no way to get food. We have to remember to feed them."

"The very first couple of days weren't good. We had no place to take people or food to

give them. My guys were buying food out of their pockets to feed people. None of them complained, and I'm not complaining. I would love to see some improvement for the next time."

In the report from the City of Ingram, Twiss said, "We are currently working to fix code enforcement issues to clean up. We have some elderly folks, so rather than ding them with a ticket, I'm going to recruit volunteers once a month to help them clean up. I've met a lot of people who can't do that themselves."

"We want to encourage people to report problems they see. What we will do is send them a notice of a certain amount of days to clean up, and the next step is a ticket. If we have to clean it up, we will charge them for the cleanup and put a lien on the house if necessary."

Summers suggested contacting Ingram Tom Moore High School students for service projects.

Twiss continued, "The other thing that is so important is food. We have so many people in this community that have no money. I've been volunteering with the Methodist Church for years with their food bank. We coordinated with them, and they are willing to start a branch of the food bank here."

"The San Antonio Food Bank will deliver it straight to a West Kerr church if we can find one to help us with a drive-through. We want to make sure people are fed and that they know people care about them."

"People can help by volunteering once a week for two hours. Marcus Willis has agreed to spearhead the initiative. Currently, we pick up on Mondays and deliver to seven families. It is a neat program that I'd love to bring to this area. I see need all over the place."

"Most of the problems we have are alcohol, people getting drunk and hunger. We can stop a lot of problems in this area. We will start with these two programs and then incorporate new things. The hours are 10 a.m. to noon."

Sarah Deroousseau, executive director of The Hill Country Arts Foundation, unveiled their new brochures and announced the two-person indoor play, "Trying," running through April 3.

She also said plans are in the works for the Texas Arts & Crafts Fair again this year Sept. 25-26. Deroousseau and others in attendance recommended the new popular Southern Sky Music Café.

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At the presentation, front row from left, CWJC Executive Director Ann Buck; CWJC Interns Jamie Dean, Cheryl Castleberry, and Victoria Goforth; and Morning Rotarian Waverly Jones. Back row, CWJC Assistant Director

Edna Vandiver; Morning Rotarians Nancy Riley and Ray Buck; CWJC Interns Linda Lewis, Alyssa Bill and Vianey Cisneros; Morning Rotarians Kenneth O'Neal and Mike Hunter; and CWJC Board Director Kellie Early.

Morning Rotary awards \$2,000 to CWJC

The Rotary Club of Kerrville-Morning recently awarded \$2,000 to the Christian Women's Job Corps of Kerr County to fund computer upgrades.

Morning Rotarian and Club Treasurer Waverly Jones initiated a successful district grant request for \$1,000

which was matched by Morning Rotary.

"Waverly's effort to support CWJC further demonstrates her commitment to helping others. She identified a need, wrote a grant to assist in meeting that need, and stayed engaged to help administer the grant. She definitely exemplifies

'Service Above Self,'" said Morning Rotary President Ray Buck.

"Technology is of the utmost importance to the CWJC program. Having laptop computers that the ladies can check out and take home overnight will allow them to work independently on resume writing, online job applications and Zoom interviews. Thank you, Morning Rotary Club for helping to make this additional resource available to the CWJC

ladies," said CWJC Board Director Kellie Early.

"We at CWJC greatly appreciate this grant from the Morning Rotary for our computer updates and tech support. This will aid our interns in practicing their skills and applying for jobs online. The success of our interns to gain employment depends on their computer knowledge. The Morning Rotary has greatly aided in making this possible," said CWJC Executive Director Ann Buck.

Chamber

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has been a loyal, steadfast supporter of our community and the WKCC – Art Bell. We are thrilled to present Art with this award that will commemorate him and his service for many years to come."

Typically, the WKCC annual event is held in February, but concern about Covid delayed the event until April 8.

The event committee, chaired by Gaylyn Dieringer of Woodbury Taxidermy & Meat Processing, is excited to host what some are calling a "mega mixer" in lieu of the traditional banquet.

The event also features a menu of heavy hors d'oeuvres provided by Rail's, a full cash bar, live and silent auctions and the Exit 505 Band. Another new feature this year is the Membership Mega Drawing for \$1,500.

If the community is interested in donating a live or silent auction item, they may contact anyone on the event committee: Karen Clint, Bringing Vision Into Focus; Johnna Curle; Sarah Derousseau, Hill Country Arts Foundation; Vanessa Lopez, Jimmy's RV; Jane Ragsdale,

Heart O' the Hills Camp; Nancy Schroeder, West Kerr Current; Kari Short, Falling Rock Ranch; Kathy Simmons, Bella Luz MD; David Summers, University of Houston at Victoria; Tanya Davenport, The Ranch Radio Group and Laura Ann Wagner, The Creek Boutique.

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Recommended attire is "Texas Best." Parking for the event is in the garage at Water and Sidney Baker streets. Tickets are \$50 per person for chamber members and \$75 per person for non-members. Attendance is limited to 200 people. People may purchase tickets online at wkcc.com or mail payment to: West Kerr County Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1006, Ingram, TX 78025; or contact the office at 830-367-4322 or wkcc@hctc.net.

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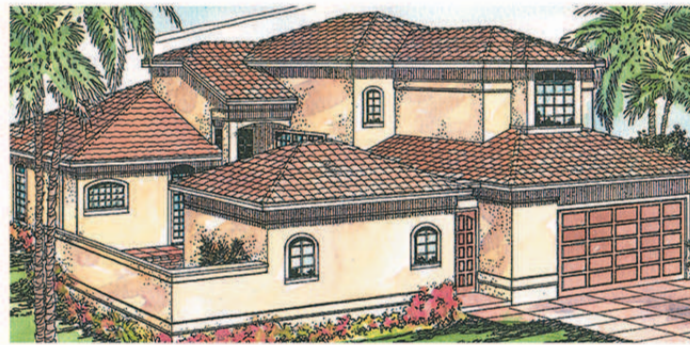
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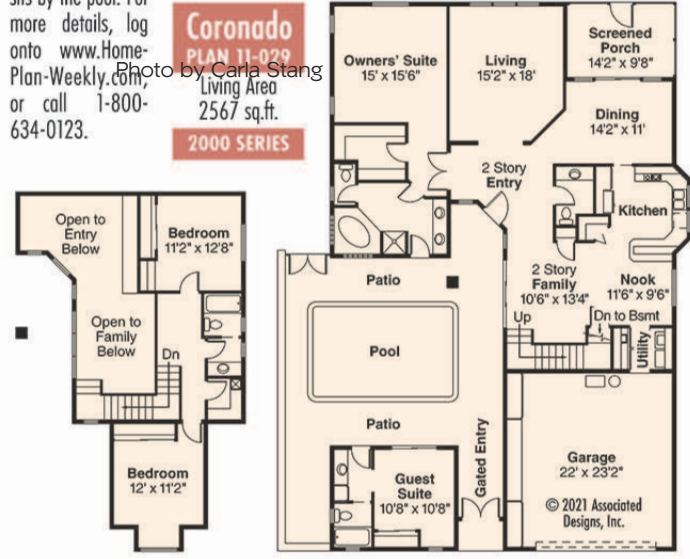
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by Linda Thistle

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Outdoors

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In the category of things not to do this late include pruning trees, any trees, other than those that lost branches during the cold.

The sap is already rising, and the buds are swelling. Pruning right now is just going to expose the plants to disease and cause wounds to leak and have a slow recovery to growth. The exception is the removal of dead branches.

Don't prune any fruiting or flowering trees or large shrubs. You'll simply be eradicating this year's flowers, and this includes all peaches, plums, pears, Texas mountain laurel, magnolias, etc. These will be ready for pruning after they finish flowering or fruiting.

If you have mistletoe in your trees, you might trim the branches off where you find it. It isn't enough just to cut off the mistletoe; the branch has to go to get rid of it.

Prune your evergreen hedges, such as holly, privet, and ligustrum, etc., but if they appear to have died back, give them more time to recover. These will then put on compact, new growth.

If you haven't pruned your salvia greggii, lavender, hypericum, and plants that died back to their rootstock, now is the time to give them a trim.

You can trim rosemary, but that plant has already started blooming, so you might wait another month. Some rosemary succumbed to the cold weather, but again, give your plants a bit more time before eliminating them. Prostrate rosemary is less cold hardy than upright rosemary, and

The Dirt on Hill Country Gardening



David Steinbrunner
Linda Tarrant

some of these may not recover.

There is still time to kill the ball moss that is choking so many trees in our area. Mix two tablespoons of baking soda per gallon of water and spray the ball moss. This should kill the problem within a couple of hours. Once the ball moss is dead, the clumps will fall out of the tree over a period of time.

Plant of the Week:
Orange Jubilee or Orangebells (*Esperanza tacoma stans*) is a great plant for our area that have beautiful green foliage, orange flowers that bloom all summer. This one loves the heat and tolerates low water conditions.

Once established, this can survive with next to no water. This dies back to rootstock in the winter, but it springs back to life in spring.

Chores for this week:
— Keep holding off on your urge to plant.

— Use a summer oil or Neem Oil on your roses, fruit trees, oak trees or any trees and shrubs that tend to get scale or have overwintering insects, if you haven't already.

— Keep weeding! They are all ahead of us.
— If you haven't already, add soil conditioner and some molasses to your weak spots in lawns, to your flower beds, to your gardens, and even a good dose on your compost pile.

— We are past the average last freeze date, but we could still be surprised.

We encourage your questions, comments, or your own "Personal Plant of the Week" by writing David at dsteiny@gvtc.com.

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It's actually quite a simple design, much like a pinwheel, where the blades catch the wind and turn the rotor. The energy is then transformed to a series of motions that eventually pushes water up and into a storage tank for further use.



Photo by Carol Wier

This Aeromotor Windmill is near Garven Store at the intersection of Hwy. 41 and U.S. 83.

We have an old Aeromotor at our ranch with a few bent blades and laying on the ground, but someday I hope to bring it back to life!
Carol Wier, former science teacher and resident of Hunt, now lives in Vanderpool.

Big Chill took toll on coastal gamefish

Need to quit diggin'

Everyone knows about the Big Chill that beset Texas in mid-February. But not everybody understands the severity of fish loss on the coast. Most bay fish cannot survive the frigid temperatures Texas endured. And dead fish can't talk.

Numbers compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Coastal Fisheries staff estimate 3.8 million fish were impacted coastwide, consisting of at least 61 species.

Important game species accounted for 9 percent of the total estimated fish kill, including Spotted Seatrout, Black Drum, Sheepshead, Sand Seatrout, Red Drum, Gray Snapper and Red Snapper.

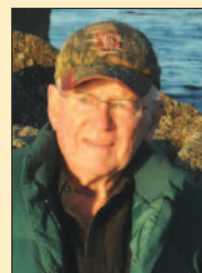
The other 91 percent involved forage species upon which game fish feed. According to TPWD, "Based on past freezing weather that killed a multitude of fish on the coast, this one ranks as deadly as any."

Chuck Naiser, a fishing guide and president of the conservation group FlatsWorthy headquartered in Rockport, summed up the devastating effects of the prolonged freeze: "Our resource has suffered a huge loss, from Galveston Bay to the Lower Laguna Madre."

FlatsWorthy is a diverse community of coastal anglers and boaters promoting respect for other Texas bay users, respect for the resource, and respect for the law with the goal of improving the health and productivity of Texas bays now and for the future.

FlatsWorthy was recently featured in the Texas Wildlife

Woods, Waters & Wildlife



John Jefferson

magazine article "Coastal Conscience."

Many young fishermen are unaware how long it takes a fish population to recover from a blow like the recent one.

The rule of holes says when you find yourself in one, quit digging. In this case, the "hole" we're in is the void of gamefish and baitfish created by the subfreezing weather. Texas has lost generations of fish. To cease digging into what's left of the breeding populations redefines the term, "No Brainer!"

Chuck Nash, former Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission Chairman and FlatsWorthy advisory committee member, suggested "catch and release" as a way to do that and stop the bleeding.

"That's a small sacrifice — a bump in the watery road for anglers compared to an indefinitely long recovery period of meagre stringers due to fewer fish in the bays," said Nash.

TPWD Executive Director Carter Smith said, "While some areas of the coast and some species of fish were clearly impacted more than



Photo by John Jefferson

This earlier picture of then-young Sara Smith, proudly displaying a speckled trout she caught shortly after winning a Lifetime Hunting and fishing License through the TPWD Wildlife EXPO's youth essay contest shows her excitement. She was hoping a warden would check us so she could show her license. Observing Catch-and-Release for a while or at least limiting the number of fish taken home will help restore fish populations depleted by the February freeze much sooner so anglers can again share Sara's excitement.

others, overall, this is the worst freeze-related coastal fish kill we have experienced since the 1980s.

"There are some important lessons from those historical events that we can draw upon as we work to accelerate the recovery of our fish stocks, particularly speckled trout along the mid and lower coast," Smith added. "The most obvious, and immediate one for speckled trout is conservation, a practice where every Texas coastal angler can make a contribution,

right now. "Practicing catch and release and/or keeping fewer fish to take home in areas like the Laguna Madre will give us that many more fish to rebuild from as we augment populations through our hatchery efforts, and we carefully evaluate what regulation changes may be needed to foster a quicker recovery for our bays."

It's up to us. All of us.

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26 Fri	> 4:18	10:31	4:44	10:57	07:32	07:51	5:52p	6:29a	NoMoon	12:08p *
27 Sat	> 5:06	11:18	5:31	11:44	07:31	07:51	6:59p	7:06a	12:33a	12:59p *
28 Sun	F 5:54	-----	6:20	12:07	07:30	07:52	8:05p	7:42a	1:25a	1:50p *
29 Mon	> 6:46	12:33	7:12	12:59	07:29	07:52	9:13p	8:18a	2:16a	2:41p *
30 Tue	> 7:41	1:28	8:08	1:55	07:28	07:53	10:22p	8:55a	3:08a	3:35p *
31 Wed	8:42	2:28	9:10	2:56	07:26	07:54	11:33p	9:36a	4:02a	4:30p *

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Sports

Warrior tennis state semi-finalists

The Warrior tennis team made historical strides by placing 4th at the State team tennis tournament on March 12-13. The Warriors had previously placed 5th twice.

"I knew going into the tournament that this group of kids had what it took to get into the top four," said Coach Chris Moralez.

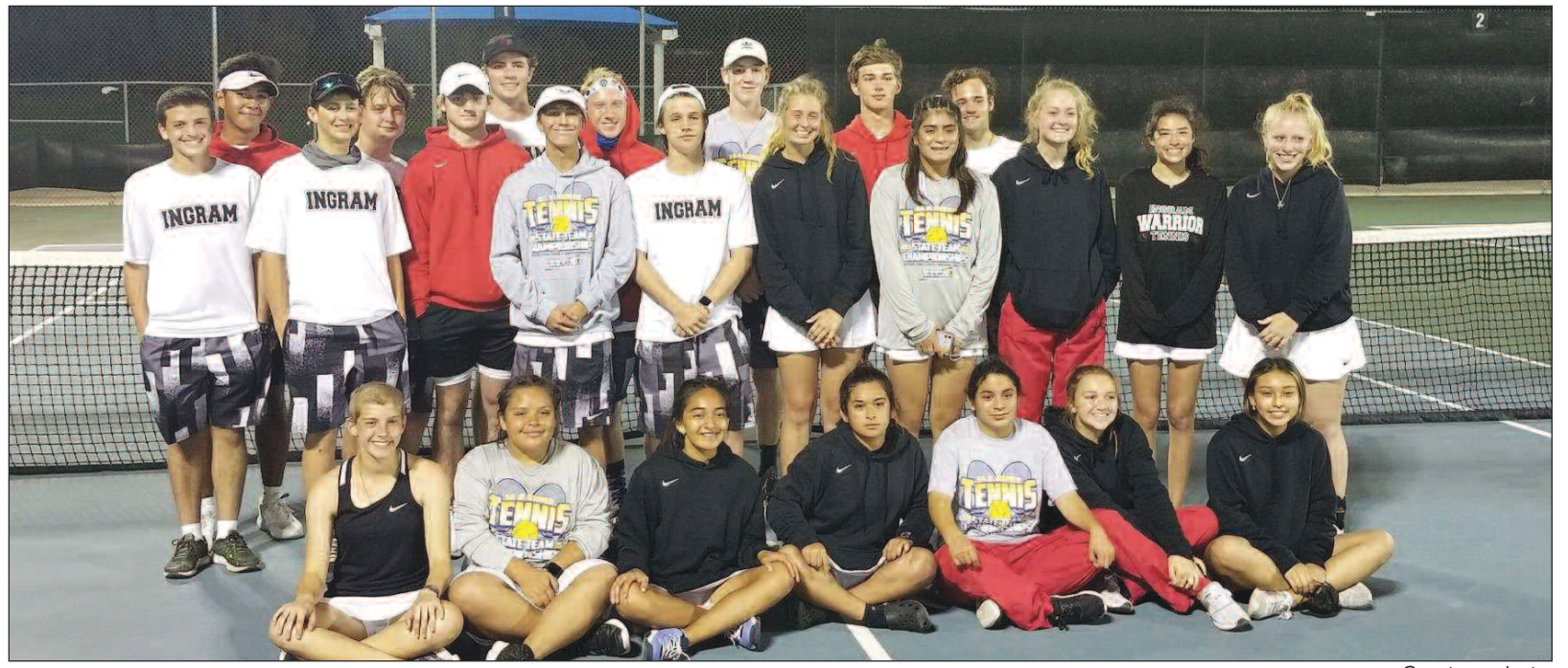
The Warriors defeated Brock high school to advance to the semis. In the semis they faced Mason. The Warriors fought hard and scored big wins in boys singles, and were leading in the doubles as well.

The Lady Warriors fought hard as well, Moralez said, and fell a little short.

The Warriors then lost 9-10 to Reagan County for 3rd.

"This whole experience speaks volumes for us," Moralez said. "The respect shown and given by other teams and parents was amazing. We now look forward to representing our school, athletic program and community in the individual season."

The Warriors have the District on April 12-13 in Llano.



The Warrior tennis team placed 4th at the State team tennis tournament on March 12-13.

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Warriors 1st at East Central tournament

The Warrior tennis team captured 1st place at the East Central Varsity tournament on March 19.

The Warriors earned points from:

- Lawsin Wilt — 1st place boys singles;
- Nathanael Pfister/Jessica Soto Alvarado — 1st place mixed doubles;
- Frederick Cannon/Nico Valenzuela — 2nd place boys doubles;
- Dustin Pillatzke/Kaleb Force — semi-finalists boys doubles;
- Abby Walker/Loreili Antonioli — semi-finalists girls doubles.

2021 Ingram Warrior Baseball Schedule					
DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	SITE	TEAMS	TIME
3/4-6	Th-Fri	Kenedy Tournament		V	TBD
3/9	Tue	Sabinal	Sabinal	V	6 p.m.
3/12	Fri	Junction (DH)	Ingram	V	11 a.m./2 p.m.
3/26	Fri	*Lago Vista	Ingram	V	6 p.m.
3/29	Mon	*Comfort	Comfort	V	6 p.m.
4/1	Th	*Llano	Ingram	V	6 p.m.
4/5	Mon	*Blanco	Ingram	V	6 p.m.
4/9	Fri	Open			
4/13	Fri	*Lago Vista	Lago Vista	V	7 p.m.
4/16	Fri	*Comfort	Ingram	V	6 p.m.
4/20	Tue	*Llano	Llano	V	6 p.m.
4/27	Tue	*Blanco	Blanco	V	6 p.m.
4/30	Fri	Open			

***District 25-3A game**

Head Coach: Anthony Ramirez
Assistant Coach: Kevin Landgrebe

2021 Lady Warrior Softball Schedule					
DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	SITE	TEAM	TIME
3/4-6	Thu-Sat	Blanco Tournament			TBD
3/11	Th	Sabinal	Ingram	V	6 p.m.
3/12	Fri	D'Hanis	D'Hanis	V	11 a.m.
3/19	Fri	*Blanco	Blanco	JV/V	2/4 p.m.
3/23	Tue	Cornerstone	Ingram	JV/V	5/6:30 p.m.
3/25-27	Fri	Medina Valley Tour.		JV	TBD
3/26	Fri	*Lago Vista	Ingram	JV/V	5/7 p.m.
3/29	Fri	*Comfort	Comfort	V	6 p.m.
4/1	Th	*Llano	Ingram	V	6 p.m.
4/6	Tue	*Blanco	Ingram	JV/V	5/7 p.m.
4/9	Fri	Cornerstone	Cornerstone	JV/V	5/6:30 p.m.
4/13	Tue	*Lago Vista	Lago Vista	JV/V	5/7 p.m.
4/16	Fri	*Comfort	Ingram	V	6 p.m.
4/20	Tue	*Llano	Llano	V	6 p.m.

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Sudoku
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Bluebirds

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our old, dusty wooden bluebird nestbox up yonder (that's Western talk) on our little hill. There it was, finally. The bluebird nest box had found its new home up on that hill. But will they ever come? I wondered if we would be lucky enough to even see a bluebird out here. It turned out that we got lucky," Vickie said.

There are other species that like nest boxes that are called cavity nesters.

Van Pelt has kept track of the many (about 49 and counting) species she has spotted from home including Eastern Bluebirds and seven Ash-throated Flycatchers, Bewick's Wrens, Black Crested Titmice and Carolina Chickadees.

"We are still hoping that the Golden-fronted Woodpeckers will find one of the special nestboxes we placed for them," she said.

Aside from the small size of the entry hole — Texas bluebirds like theirs at 1-1/2 inches in diameter — there are other requirements for successful occupancy.

Texas bluebirds like their nest boxes out in the open,

with a clear view of what is in front of them. They like trees behind their boxes but not overhead.

Van Pelt said she spotted them first last March but their box was already occupied by black crested titmice.

"Wrens use mossy materials, spider webs and feathers, while bluebirds use more sticks and twigs," she said.

English House sparrows are considered invasive birds and are not native birds. They can interfere with a successful bluebird population.

Van Pelt is, however, making an exception of one male.

"I'm letting him and his girlfriends hang around here. As long as they are behaving," she said.

Woodpecker boxes can also be used by flycatchers. Van Pelt's husband, Jerry, put up a box 14 feet off the ground for a golden-fronted woodpecker.

Most of the nest boxes on poles have a baffle and some in trees have a wide belt of sheet metal around the tree.

"The metal around the trees keep predators out, like snakes, squirrel, raccoons and feral cats," she said.

She was so excited to see the fresh crop of bluebird eggs inside their same nest box.

"The bluebirds did find a



Photo by Irene Van Winkle

Elks officers

On March 20, a new slate of officers for the Kerrville Elks Lodge #2081 were installed by the South West Texas Elks District Formal Initiation Team with leaders of the team coming from New Baunfels. The Elks organization year is April 1-March 31 each year. The new officers have already been in planning sessions

free box, and they produced four little hatchlings," she said, proudly.

Van Pelt has a perfect secret weapon to check for eggs without bothering the birds — it is a mirror with an angled handle like one she used as a dentist to check her patients!

She likes hearing the birds' songs and sounds.

"Bluebirds talk, and their song is more like a warble," she said. "The male house finch is like a purple finch, and pretty. It has a beautiful song."

Besides providing nest boxes, another way she has been helping the birds along is dropping meal worms to supplement their diet.

In a few more weeks, it will be greener, and she said that flame leaf sumac is great for bluebirds. Also, evergreen sumacs are important for wild birds, along with rough leaf dogwood.

"They give cover, produce delicious berries, and monarch butterflies like them," Van Pelt said.

She has been planting (and replacing) beneficial vegetation to keep her winged friends happy.

Although she loves most bird species, Van Pelt loves the sweet nature of bluebirds.

"Bluebirds are patient with people," she said. "They will let you open their box unless it's too early in the day, or they could be laying an egg, if you don't disturb them. This is not advisable. Flycatchers don't like people around their nest boxes. They'll keep an eye on you and wait until you go away."

The fly catcher's nest box has a two-inch diameter hole. "When they fly in, they

with existing officers so that the transition and operation of the Lodge is smoothly done. Shown here, from left, are Doug Wagner, Norma Wickenhouser, Barbara Webber, Debbie Cook, Denise Smith, Brian Ward (Lodge Leader), John Haynie, Jana Wagner, Janice Schumacher and Barbara Zwald.

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