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Shiner man files lawsuit against Lavaca County, City of Shiner

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A Shiner man has filed a lawsuit in the 25th Judicial District Court specifically naming the City of Shiner, officers on that town's police force, and several other Lavaca County elected officials of allegedly acting as co-conspirators in an ongoing discrimination case against him.

Attorney David Bryant Jr. of the Houston-area Bryant Law Firm officially filed the 30-page suit on the afternoon of Thursday, May 14, on behalf of John Harrington, 45, who resides and, until recently, operated several businesses within the Shiner area.

Specifically named in the suit are the City of Shiner, former Shiner policeman

Lawrence Robles, Lavaca County, former Precinct 3 County Commissioner Richard Brown, Precinct 1 County Commissioner Edward Pustka, and County Auditor Shana Opela, along with 10 others, presently identified as "John and Jane Does 1 through 10," all of whom the plaintiff claims acted—both in concert and in their individual capacities—to violate his constitutional rights (by alleged means of denying him equal protection and due process, illegal search and seizure, malicious prosecution, abuse of power and official oppression, and fraud and concealment), negligence/gross negligence related to such acts, "tortuous interference with business relations and/or economic expectancy,"

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SISD trustees OK graduation plans, make staff adjustments

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Graduation plans, personnel and school operational matters took center stage when members of the Shiner school board met Wednesday, May 13, for their regular monthly business session.

Topping the list of discussion items, the board reviewed plans on how graduation will take place with the strict safety precautions the COVID virus has put in place for districts statewide.

Shiner ISD will be taking several measures to ensure the safety of students, staff and their families (see related story). Graduation will begin at 7:30 a.m. Friday, May 29, at Comanche Stadium.

For more information on

graduation—as well as any changes that may occur in the school's plans over the next week—please check the Shiner ISD website (<https://www.shinerisd.net/>) and social media.

In other business:

- Trustees accepted the resignation of Cynthia Petru, a 29-year teacher (the last seven of which were spent with Shiner ISD), who will retire at the end of the current school year. The board also approved the hire of Connor Stefka as a new third grade teacher.

- The board received the superintendent's report for the school year. Superintendent Alex Remschel stated in his report that the

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Council approves infrastructure upgrades

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Looking to capitalize on some of the lowest municipal bond interest rates in decades, Shiner City Council took a bold step forward last week in making some serious upgrades to its aging city infrastructure.

After spending several minutes reviewing numbers with Anne Burger of Hilltop Securities, the

city's bond consultant, council members voted unanimously to move forward with the planned bond project during their special called meeting held Wednesday, May 13.

As part of their vote, the council stipulated that overall project costs could not exceed the \$5.49 million price tag as presented by Chad Nobles of Ameresco, the firm hired earlier this year to

identify both problems and solutions when it came to addressing the city's infrastructure needs.

The largest chunk of that expense—an estimated \$4.3 million—will help the city drill and bring online a new city water well and storage tanks. The rest will allow the city to replace and upgrade its many water and electric metering devices, which

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SHS top grads heading to Aggieland

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Both the valedictorian and salutatorian of Shiner's Class of 2020 are heading to Texas A&M University this fall with plans to study in various medical fields.

Delaney Rainosek, this year's Shiner High School valedictorian, said she is heading to College Station where she plans to study biomedical engineering to jump start her career designing advanced devices and materials in medicine.

"After college, I hope to work for MD Anderson in Houston to conduct research and design medical equipment and materials," Rainosek said.

Shelby Johns, this year's SHS salutatorian, also noted her plans to head to Aggieland, but her major will be in biology. This will be her first step to becoming a pediatrician.

"I have chosen this major because I am fascinated by the science of life and feel called to become a doctor," Johns said. "I specifically chose pediatrics because being around children brings me great joy."

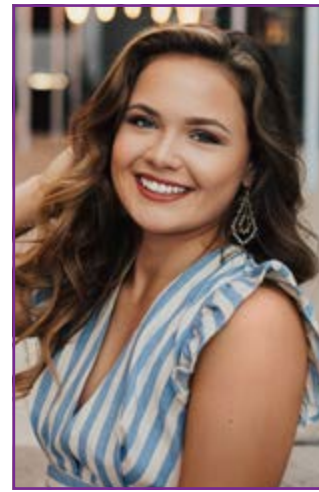
Both have their sights set on

helping others in the future, be it behind the scenes or on the front lines.

RAINOSEK



DELANEY RAINOSEK
VALEDICTORIAN



SHELBY JOHNS
SALUTATORIAN

Delaney is looking to her future with high hopes and determination to make her dreams a reality.

Rainosek, the daughter of Steven and Dandy Rainosek and Michelle Werner, hopes to excel in her studies while also being active in different organizations.

One organization she plans on joining is the Texas A&M's Women in Engineering to broaden her network of fellow engineers and meet new like-minded friends. She also wants to join a philanthropy-focused women's organization so that she can give back to the College Station community.

Rainosek holds a 104.56 grade

average and is one of four children in the Rainosek house. Her younger sister, Riley, is a sophomore at Shiner High School. Her older sister, Taylor, graduated from A&M and now works for a civil engineering firm in Houston. Her older brother, Trey, attended Blinn in Bryan.

Her determination is shown in her multiple softball and academic awards. She is also president of many organizations and has competed at the state level in softball, academic UIL events and cheerleading.

"These accomplishments that I have achieved outside of the classroom motivate me to continue being a hard-working, dependable leader," Rainosek told the newspaper. "Being named Shiner High School Class of 2020 valedictorian has truly been the achievement that most reflects my hard work and dedication."

Rainosek cites her dad, Steven Rainosek, as her biggest inspiration throughout high school. She said he always supported her in everything she does and motivates her to continue working hard and being the best person she can.

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SHS graduation set for May 29

Shiner High School's Class of 2020 commencement exercises will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 29, at Comanche Stadium.

As anticipated amid the ongoing coronavirus concerns, this year's ceremonies will have several new rules and regulations in place to help safeguard

attendees from the spread of the disease. Compliance with those rules is crucial and will be taken seriously by school district employees and local law enforcement, school officials warned.

Each of this year's graduates will be limited to just five guests from the same family, and all attendees must have a ticket to be

admitted into the parking lot for the ceremony. Tickets are color-coded according to the entrance that families must enter, and just one family at a time will be admitted.

Tickets for each senior and his/her family were dispersed on Wednesday, May 20.

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COVID TESTING

Lavaca County's Emergency Management Coordinator Egon Barthels reports that 44 individuals took part in the COVID mobile testing site held Wednesday, May 13, at Shiner ISD school campus. Although results of those tests can be determined within 48 hours, Barthels said reports back could take up to a week, given the sheer number of tests now entering the system through mobile sites like these. As of Tuesday press time, Lavaca County had a total eight confirmed coronavirus cases since the count began in mid-March, with the newest cases appearing last week in both Shiner and Moulton residents, respectively, and both involving contact infections from outside the county, Barthels said.

County has two more COVID-19 cases

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The Lavaca County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) office reported last week two more confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been diagnosed in Lavaca County.

According to emergency management coordinator Egon Barthels, on Tuesday, May 12 the seventh case was confirmed involving an individual in the Moulton area, while two days later, the

eighth case was confirmed in the City of Shiner.

The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Region 8 reported the Moulton individual contracted COVID-19 by community spread, outside of Lavaca County, while the Shiner resident contracted the virus in close contact associated with a workplace outside the county. Both patients are currently isolating at home. The

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Shiner WEEKLY WEATHER

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Death of Moses
 Deut. 32-34

Moses led the people of Israel out of slavery in Egypt to the land of Canaan but was not privileged to enter the land himself.

At Mt. Nebo the Lord had Moses to climb the mountain and get a view of the land He had promised the Israelites. There Moses would die and be gathered to his people. The Lord explained to Moses that he would not enter the land of Canaan because he and Aaron had broken faith with Him at the waters of Meribah Kadesh and had not upheld God's holiness among the Israelites.

Moses blessed the tribes of Israel. The Lord shows him the land he had promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He said to Moses, "I have let you see it with your eyes but you will not cross over into it." Then Moses died.

Joshua was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him.

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QUIZ

What do we peace officers hope for as we begin our duty shift?

THANK YOU

For National Peace Officer Week and Day last week, the folks with Community Connections of Lavaca County prepared chicken spaghetti with garlic toast for us and delivered it to the Police Station. Also, Jacklyn Soto prepared homemade loaves of bread and homemade strawberry jelly for each officer and Jacqueline Jungbauer and Paula Pekar at the Library gave us a box of fresh assorted kolaches. Thanks to Ernie & Stacy Berger for their monetary donation and to Jim & Jane Spakes for their monetary donation for cat vaccines, to Dr. John Withers D.V.M. for the dog vaccines and to Paula Pekar for the dog food, kitten supplies and kitten adoption. I also thank Brian Pohluda for the kitten adoption, Shelby Doran for adopting two cats, Erika Baker for the kitten adoption and to you good hearted anonymous donors who drop off animal food donations for our Animal Services program. Thank you all very much!

WHAT'S NEXT

Since announcing my retirement, some have asked what I plan to do next. Really nothing for now. I want to take some time and do things Mary and I enjoy doing. I love to read and work in my big front and back yard, we have a big garden to take care of and we enjoy walking out at the football field. I will see how it goes for a while and may find a part-time job but right now, I really don't plan to do much of anything other than relax and adjust to the retirement style of life.

LIGHT SIDE

Rejected Game Show Ideas: Let's Wake a Seal, The Hating Game, Family Nude, Who Wants to Be a Millionaire's Butler and The Price is Unreasonable.

CLOSING QUOTE

"The smile is the shortest distance between two people." Have a great weekend, be kind to others, including your neighbors, and drive with courtesy, safety and respect for others.

Quiz Answer...I would say a good shift where we help people, we don't have to take anyone to jail, no one is hurt, badly injured or dies as a result of violence or a traffic accident and we safely return home after our shift is over.

POLICE BEAT

- 5/11/20**
 - Officer Kalina took an information report
 - Officer Kalina provided an escort for a local business
 - Officer Kalina assisted EMS
- 5/12/20**
 - Officer Furrh investigated a traffic crash
 - Officer Kalina provided an escort for a local business
- 5/13/20**
 - Sgt. Whited to an harassment report
 - Officer Kelley provided an escort for a local business
- 5/14/20**
 - Sgt. Whited unlocked a vehicle
- 5/15/20**
 - Officer Kalina provided an escort for a local business
- 5/16/20**
 - Officer Kalina assisted EMS
 - Officer Kalina called out City Crews for debris in the roadway
 - Sgt. Kramer and Officer Furrh responded to a disturbance
 - Officer Furrh took an information report
 - Officer Kalina provided an escort for a local business
- 5/17/20**
 - Officer Kalina responded to a traffic related incident
 - Officer Furrh and Officer Kalina responded to a suspicious person call
 - Officer Furrh and Sgt. Kramer assisted a person
 - Officer Furrh assisted EMS
 - Officer Furrh, Sgt. Kramer and Officer Kalina responded to a report of an assault



SPD receives a delicious surprise

Jacklyn Soto surprised Shiner Police Sgt. James Whited and Chief Leck with a large basket of 10 loaves of bread and 10 jars of strawberry jelly she made for Officers in observance of National Police Memorial Week and Day.

Lavaca County Republican Party 19 Voting Precincts Convention, Republican County Convention to convene Saturday, May 30

Key events that occur every two years after the political party's Primary elections are the political party voting precincts conventions and the county convention. Both Lavaca County Republican Party conventions will be held at the Lavaca County Courthouse Annex on 412 N. Texana, Hallettsville on Saturday May 30.

If you voted in the Republican Primary Election March 3 or if you are a Lavaca County Registered voter as of May 28 and did not vote in either party's primary but will sign an oath of affiliation to the Republican Party, you qualify to participate in your Republican Party Voting Precinct Convention.

At the Voting Precinct Convention, you may be elected to become a delegate or alternate to the Lavaca County Republican Party County Convention (held the same afternoon). If you have a resolution for the Republican Party - bring 3 copies with you to the 19 Voting Precinct Conventions that morning.

Lavaca County Republican Party will be holding all 19 Voting Precinct Conventions on Saturday, May 30 with check in/Registration and Credentialing at 8 a.m. & conventions to

begin at 9 a.m. sharp in the Lavaca County Courthouse Annex.

Those who are elected at the 19 Voting Precinct Conventions that morning as Voting Precinct Delegates/Alternates to the County Convention will assemble at 2 p.m. to check in (again) and have your credentials approved. The Republican County Convention will begin at 3 p.m. sharp.

At the County Convention -the voting precinct delegates who were elected at the morning 19 voting precinct conventions will (1) elect 13 delegates and 13 alternates to represent Lavaca County at the Republican Party of Texas (RPT) State Convention - July 16-18 in Houston and (2) approve Resolutions from the 19 Voting Precinct Conventions to forward to the Republican Party (RPT) Platform committee at the state convention. We are the GRASSROOTS PARTY.

If you are interested in serving as either a Delegate or Alternate to the Republican Party of Texas (RPT) State Convention (you MUST be able to attend the entire time July 16-18 & costs are on your own) please forward your information to the Chairman who will

then forward it to Becky Berger our State Convention Delegate/Alternates Nominations Chairman. Election of Delegates and Alternates to the RPT State convention will be at the afternoon County Convention.

All Lavaca County Republicans are welcome to attend and watch the County Convention proceedings whether you are an elected Delegate or Alternate from your voting precinct or not. Due to the CCP Covid-19 distancing requests we will allow the Precincts elected Delegates to be seated first in the Courtroom for the County Convention.

For both Convention times - if you don't feel comfortable being in public yet, if you have an underlying condition, or simply don't feel well that day/have any "flu-like" symptoms, please stay home.

We will have hand sanitizer available and we will be disinfecting tables and chairs before, between and after conventions.

Everyone is on their own if they want to wear

a face mask or not. We do not ridicule those that do NOT want to wear one nor the ones that feel safer around others that DO wear them...We accept all! NOT everyone will have a face mask on. Please remember that!

If you are interested in serving and participating in these events, please contact your Lavaca County Republican Party Voting Precinct Chairmen to locate your precinct chairman's name: <https://www.lavacacountygop.com/exc-officers> or contact Lavaca County Republican Party Chairman Cheryl Thompson-Draper 713-516-8880 (cell/text) ChairmanLCRP@gmail.com.

CLOSINGS

- First National Bank will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.
- The Shiner Gazette office will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

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OBITUARIES

Catherine Bengtson

Catherine Aileen Bengtson, 58, passed away Saturday, May 9, 2020.

Private funeral services were held on Wednesday, May 13 at Thiele-Cooper Funeral Home.

A public memorial Mass will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Thiele-Cooper Funeral Home, Yoakum.

She was born August 8, 1961 in Houston to Bennie and Dorothy (Cooper) Heinrich.

She was a graduate of St. Paul High School and Southwest Texas State University. She taught school for 24 years at St. Ludmila Catholic School and also taught at Howell Middle School in Victoria. She enjoyed doing yard work, clearing brush at the ranch, spending time with grandchildren, shooting her pistol, riding her Harley Davidson motorcycle, cooking, traveling, wildflowers and dogs. She was a member of Sts. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Dean Bengtson; two daughters, Victoria Anthony (Bobby) of Manor and Elizabeth Suneja (Nikhil) of Katy; two sons, David Bengtson (Christine) of Elgin and Zack Bengtson of Shiner; grandchildren, Colt Anthony, Bobby Anthony Jr, Liam Suneja and Payton Suneja; and sister, Diane Shepherd (Robert) of Houston.

Memorial contributions may be given to American Cancer Society or Shiner Catholic Schools.

Online guest book may be signed at www.thiele-cooper.com



LCRA donates \$104,000 to local food banks

The Lower Colorado River Authority has donated \$104,000 to 52 food banks throughout the LCRA service area to help support communities during these challenging economic times.

LCRA provided \$2,000 to each of the 52 community food banks to help provide food to people in need.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged all Texans to take care of one another, especially with so many people currently out of work," said Phil Wilson, LCRA general manager. "There is perhaps no greater calling than the work these organizations do in providing food for people who have no other place to turn. LCRA is honored to support them."

The recipient food banks are in Austin, Bandera, Bastrop, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Colorado, DeWitt, Fayette, Gillespie, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hamilton, Hays, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Lampasas, Lavaca, Lee, Llano, Mason, Matagorda, McCulloch, Mills, San Saba, Schleicher, Tom Green, Waller, Washington and Wharton counties.



Boedeker Plastics makes donation

Neighbors helping neighbors. That's what it's all about. Gonzales Healthcare Systems thanks Boedeker Plastics, Inc. for their donation of two intubation boxes to the hospital. "These boxes will further protect our clinical staff while caring for sick patients. The love and support we've received from not only our community, but surrounding communities, is truly heart-warming," said Holly Danz, director of marketing. Contributed photo.

Local program needs volunteers to serve as long-term care Ombudsmen

Golden Crescent Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program is seeking volunteers in Calhoun, DeWitt, Go-liad, Gonzales, Jackson, Lavaca, Victoria to advocate for residents living in nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

Volunteer ombudsmen visit residents, identify and investigate complaints, and educate residents,

families, and facility staff on protecting the health, safety, welfare, and rights of individuals living in long-term care settings.

Ombudsman services are free and confidential.

Volunteers must be at least 18-years old and complete a free, 36-hour training course that includes classroom, self-study and in-facility training.

No prior experience is required.

Hours are flexible and determined by each volunteer.

Registration is required.

If you have one hour per week to make a difference in someone's life, please contact Christina Guajardo, 361-578-1587 ext. 217 or christinag@grpc.org register for the course.



Donation to Norma's House

On May 13, Shiner Heritage Quilters Guild gave twenty quilts to Norma's House, a non-profit service organization that champions the needs of abused or neglected children. Ashley Schurig (left) and Tanya Torres are pictured accepting the donation. Guild member Kathy Riske, chair of the project, took the picture.

Golf tourney rescheduled

The Dewitt-Lavaca Special Olympics Golf Tournament and Drawing has been rescheduled for Saturday, August 1, 2020. It had originally been scheduled for May 9 but due to Covid-19 it had to be moved.

For more information or to enter a team, please contact the Hallettsville Golf Course.

Lavaca County Veterans Service Office reopened

The Lavaca Co. Veterans Service Office is reopened to assist you with your Veterans issues. Please call 361-798-3289 to schedule an appointment.

I ask that you please wear a protective mask when you come by as we are still practicing safety procedures set out by the CDC.

Thank you, Donald McAfee - Lavaca Co. Veterans Service Officer

Class reunion cancelled

The St. Ludmila Academy Class of 1956 Class Reunion scheduled for June 6 at Werner's Restaurant is cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you have any questions please call Mary Jo Veit at 594-3097.

MEETINGS

- **Shiner Business Men's Club** will meet Thurs., May 28 at 7:30 p.m. at Kaspar Pavilion.
- **Lavaca County Commissioners Court** meets at 10 a.m. every second and fourth Monday of each month in the Commissioners' Court Room, first floor, Lavaca County Courthouse.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

- May 20:** Tamica Brooks, Dennis Vrazel
- May 21:** Jennifer Schaertl, Hana Lehnert, Larry Benes, Matthew Mitchon
- May 22:** Jacob Drane Evans
- May 23:** Lauren Michalec
- May 25:** Allie Koone
- May 26:** Donna Handley

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LAVACA MEDICAL CENTER Health & Wellness Center

UPDATE

The Health & Wellness Center at Lavaca Medical Center will Re-Open to members on Tuesday, May 26.

- Group exercise classes will resume at a later date.
- Members must be temperature screened before entering the facility.

• **Fitness Center Hours will be as follows:**
Monday - Thursday: 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Friday: 5:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Sundays: CLOSED at this time

- At this time, the locker room and showers are CLOSED. Restrooms are available.
- If you wish to cancel your membership, please do so by May 31st.

Lavaca Medical Center is following all guidelines set forth by Governor Greg Abbott. We are continuing to actively monitor the every-changing situation, and we will update members accordingly as adjustments are made.

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NOTICE

Texas State Law and Shiner City Law requires all dogs and cats to be vaccinated for Rabies.

Despite resistance from some pet owners, Police Officers and the Animal Services Officer will continue to enforce this law with my support.

Ronald L. Leck
Chief of Police

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS OF LAVACA COUNTY MENU MAY 25 - MAY 29

Please call a day in advance to reserve a meal. No income restrictions. Hallettsville Center: 798-2211; Shiner Center: 594-2671; Yoakum Center: 293-5313.

<p>MONDAY, MAY 25 CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY</p> <p>TUESDAY, MAY 26 Cheesy taco casserole, salsa, tortilla chips, watermelon, banana bread</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, MAY 27 BBQ pulled pork on wheat bun, potato salad, sliced onion and pickle, apple cabbage slaw, apple pie parfait</p>	<p>THURSDAY, MAY 28 Spaghetti and meat sauce, zucchini, toasted garlic bread, fruited gelatin</p> <p>FRIDAY, MAY 29 Closed MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE</p>
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Enjoy the Outdoors this Memorial Day Weekend

This Memorial Day weekend take time to enjoy the beauty of your surroundings and appreciate the freedoms that we do have here in the United States. For many, this time of social distancing has forced us to slow down, spend more time with family members, and find new ways to occupy our time. A great hobby that will get you outdoors, physically active, and engaged with the beauty of our surroundings is photography. The 4-H website has great resources for learning about photography. You can visit <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/resources/> and find a number of educational resources including the guide. While it was written to be used as curriculum for 4-H members, it is great instruction for anyone interested in getting started with the basics of photography.

This year, Lavaca County 4-H members entered over 200 photos in the Lavaca County 4-H contest. We are still hopeful we will be putting these photos on display in the courthouse annex soon. The photos that placed first by the juniors (3rd -5th grade) and intermediates (6th-8th grade) advanced to District competition in March. We have the long-awaited results: Juniors: Addysin Greive placed 6th in animal-domestic, 1st in theme: elements, and participated in animal-wildlife. Brooke Rothbauer placed 3rd in catch-all, 4th in details and macro, 6th in dominant color, 5th in enhanced, 6th in motion and action, 6th in plant and flora, 7th in shadow and silhouette, and she participated in Food and in elements of design. Railey Green placed 10th in landscape and nature; and Summer Hogan placed 1st in People.

In the intermediate division, Alexandra Jurena placed 1st in animal-domestic and participated in food; Jenna Pohler placed 7th in animal-wildlife; Sally Machacek place 6th in plant/flora and participated in catch-all; Trenton Meitcheleager placed 2nd in details and macro, 10th in theme, and he participated in landscape; Ava Matias placed 4th in dominant color and 4th in enhanced, and 7th in night; Audrey Hogan placed 10th in motion/action; Nathan Henke placed 3rd in people and Abigail Hill placed 3rd in shadow/silhouette. Congratulations to all of these outstanding young photographers.

Feeling inspired by these 4-H members? Get outdoors this Memorial Day weekend and capture the beauty that surrounds you. While you are doing so, keep count of the steps you are taking and join the Walk Through Texas History Walking League that kicked off on May 15. You can visit the county website, <https://lavaca.agrilife.org> and look up the events to find information on how to join the league. The join code was published in this column last week or you can email me at natalie.knesek@ag.tamu.edu

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St. Paul High School Commencement exercises held

Commencement exercises for St. Paul High School were held at 6 p.m., Friday, May 15 at Cardinal Field. Eighteen seniors received their diplomas during the ceremony which followed the orders by Governor Abbott for social distancing.

Following a warm welcome by Assistant Principal Alisa Hybner, Macy Grabarkievtz gave her salutatory address. Donna Hagel, high school math teacher and guest speaker for the event, imparted words of wisdom to the graduates as they embark on their new educational journeys.

The valedictory address was given by Megan Easterling.

Graduation diplomas were presented by Father Bryan Heyer to:

Railey Aragon, Isabell Clay, Luke Darilek, Megan Easterling, Olivia Franklin, Weston Geiger, Macy Grabarkievtz, Sydney Hermann, Andrew Jaeger, Emilie Keseling, Lauryn Kubenka, Matthew Malinovsky, Atley Pilat, Mallory Pokluda, Carson Reese, Madison Stamport, Sadie Thibodeaux, and Reid Yackel.

The Texas Education Agency Highest Ranking Student one year tuition-paid scholarship was awarded to Megan Easterling.

The award for Mr. and Miss St. Paul was award to Matthew Malinovsky and Mallory Pokluda.

Following the class history by Andrew Jaeger, graduates presented flowers to their parents in appreciation for the many sacrifices they made to give them a Catholic education.

The South Texas Blood Bank sponsors a unique program and students who donate six or more times during their high school years are rewarded upon graduation with the distinct honor of wearing red honor cords. This year's recipients of Red Honor Cords for donations are Luke Darilek, Matthew Malinovsky, Atley Pilat, Carson Reese,

Madison Stamport, Sadie Thibodeaux, and Reid Yackel.

Due to the closure of schools, the annual awards ceremony was tied in with graduation. Each student was honored with the scholarships received as well as any academic course awards.

RAILEY ARAGON

\$600 Moulton Junior Livestock Association; \$500 Shiner Masonic Lodge Scholarship; \$500 Spoetzl Brewery Scholarship; accepted a Texas Christian University scholarship for \$29,290 per year for a four year total of \$117,160.

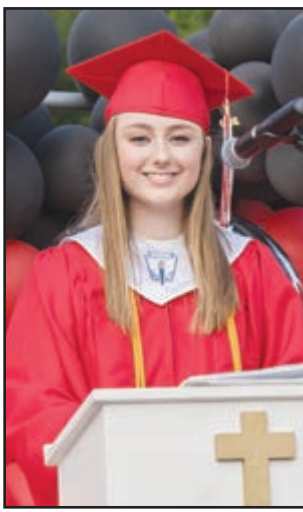
She received subject awards in Earth and Space Science and Biology II.

Railey will attend Texas Christian University and major in biochemistry and pursue a career as an epidemiologist and work for the CDC.

Additional scholarships she qualified for: Offered an \$8000/yr Provost's Scholarship from Colorado State University for a \$32,000 4 year total. Offered an \$18,000/year Pioneer Scholarship and an \$18,700 Residence and Educational grant from the University of Denver for a \$36,700/year offer, and a 4-year value of \$146,800 in total scholarships. Offered a \$16,000/year Academic Scholarship from Baylor University for a 4 year total of \$64,000 in scholarships. Offered \$20,000/year President's Achievement Scholarship and an \$11,949/year St. Edward's Grant from St. Edwards University for a yearly total of \$31,949 and 4-year value of \$127,797

ISABELL CLAY

\$4000 Gescheidle Memorial Scholarship; \$1200 Emmett Ray Schramm Scholarship from the First Baptist Church Gonzales; \$500 Gaslight Theatre Thespian Scholarship.



Megan Easterling giving the Valedictory address. Photo by Lori Raabe.

Isabell will attend Texas Tech University in the fall, majoring in a theatre and film-related major and pursuing her dream of becoming an editor for feature films and television series.

Additional scholarships she was offered: Husson University 4 year Scholarship Package worth \$13,500; \$50,000 Abilene Christian University 4 year Scholarship; Hawaii Pacific University 4 year \$24,000 Scholarship; University of Mary Hardin Baylor 4 year \$28,000 Scholarship; Loyola University 4 year \$48,000 Scholarship; Howard Payne University \$6000 4 year Theatre Major Scholarship; Seton Hall University 4 year \$152,000 Scholarship; Hofstra University 4 year \$68,000 Scholarship.

LUKE DARILEK

\$1000 Dr. Ed Beal Memorial Scholarship; \$500 Downs Syndrome of South Texas Pay It Forward Scholarship; \$2500 GVEC Scholarship; \$1000 PTC Christian Leadership Scholarship; \$500 Spoetzl Brewery Scholarship; \$1250 Yoakum A&M Club Scholarship. For athletics, Luke received TAPPS Academic All-State Baseball and the Cardinal Impact Award. Luke will attend Texas A&M University, pursu-

ing a career in sales, and eventually own his own business.

MEGAN EASTERLING

\$125 Club Med Scholarship; \$1000 PTC Christian Leadership Scholarship; \$1250 Yoakum A&M Club Scholarship. For athletics, Megan received TAPPS Academic All-State Softball honors. Megan will receive the \$12000 Texas Education Agency's Highest Ranking Graduate Tuition Scholarship. Megan will attend Texas A&M University and pursue a degree in nursing, to work as a pediatric nurse practitioner. The additional scholarship she was offered: the \$80,000 University of Texas Shiner Brewery Scholarship

LIBBY FRANKLIN

\$20,000 academic achievement award and a \$1,000 scholarship to compete on the varsity equestrian team for a total of \$21,000 a year for a four year total of \$84,000. Libby will attend Schreiner University and plans to pursue a career as a veterinarian.

WESTON GEIGER

\$500 Michael Muelker Scholarship. For athletics, Weston was award with TAPPS Academic All-State Basketball and TAPPS Academic All-State Track and Field honors. He received the subject award in English IV and Government. He has accepted a \$10,000/year academic scholarship for a four year total of \$40,000 to Texas Lutheran University were

Weston will attend this fall and will be a member of the TLU track team, throwing shot put and discus. Weston will pursue



Mr. & Ms. St. Paul - Mallory Pokluda and Matthew Malinovsky. Photo by Lori Raabe.

a degree that allows him to become a teacher and a coach.

MACY GRABARKIEVTZ

\$1000 Catholic Union of Texas, the KJT; \$500 CDA Court St. Paul #1604 Scholarship; \$1500 Pilot Club Scholarship; \$1250 TAMU Dewitt-Lavaca Mothers Club Scholarship; \$500 Cornelius Smith Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas; \$500 Spoetzl Brewery Scholarship; \$200 Waelder Chapter #1023, Order of the Eastern Star Scholarship.

Macy will attend Texas A&M University where she will major in and pur-

sue a career as a mental health counselor.

SYDNEY HERMANN

\$100 Cardinal Band Scholarship; \$250 Shiner Chamber of Commerce Youth Action Team Scholarship; \$500 Gaslight Theatre Thespian Scholarship. In athletics, Sydney received TAPPS Academic All-State Golf honors. She was also given the John Philip Sousa Award for Band. Sydney is the recipient of a 4 year renewable \$40,000 Gus and Ethel Wolters Scholarship. She will attend Texas A&M University and major in Architecture.

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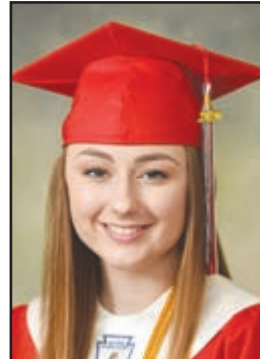
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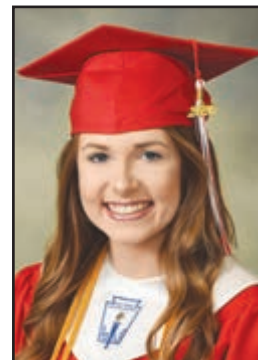
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Love, Caleb

Clayton, we love you so much
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you will do great things.
We are so proud of you!
All our love, Mom, Momma
Cinda, Mike, and Daryl!

*Garrett, Your time is limited, so don't waste it
living someone else's life. Don't let the noise
of others' opinions drown out your own inner
voice. And most important, have the courage
to follow your heart and intuition.*
Love, Mom, Dad, Zak, Halea & Bristol

Devin, You Did It! This is the
beginning of anything you want in life,
go confident in the direction of your
dreams. We are proud of all your
hard work and dedication.
We Love You, Mom, Dad,
Hana & Caleb

"Be who you are and say what you
feel, because those who mind don't
matter and those who matter don't
mind." — Dr. Seuss

Congratulations Sydney!!!
I love you, Mom

Congratulations Cameron!
**Make your dreams
become a reality!**
Love, Grammy & Pops

Cameron,
Congratulations and best wishes
in your future endeavors.
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Aimee, "For I know the plans I have
for you," declares the Lord, "plans
to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11
We love you, Mom and Dad

Dylan, Always remember
there's no limit to what you
can do! Congratulations,
we are proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad and Brycen

Congratulations Wilson!!
We are so proud of you and know
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ANDREW JAEGER

\$100 Cardinal Band Scholarship; \$500 Spoetzl Brewery Scholarship. Andrew was given the subject award in Calculus. Andrew has accepted a four year \$12,000 University of Houston-Victoria: UHV Presidential Scholarship. Andrew will attend the University of Houston-Victoria and major in technology, pursuing a career as either a Geographic Information Systems Analyst or an Information Technology Analyst.

Additional scholarship offers University of Mary Hardin-Baylor 4/ year UMHB President's Scholarship for \$72,000; Offered: Texas Lutheran University 4 year TLU Presidential Scholarship valued at \$88,000; Offered: Texas State University 4 year Texas State Achievement Scholarship valued at \$20,000.

EMILIE KESELING

Emilie will attend Texas A&M University in Corpus Christi, and pursue a career in public relations and marketing. Scholarship offer: Hardin Simmons University 4 year \$48,000 Scholarship.

LAURYN KUBENKA

\$500 James Muelker Award; \$125 Club Med

Scholarship; \$1500 Pilot Club Scholarship; \$500 Shiner Rotary Scholarship; \$1000 Shiner Junior Livestock Association Scholarship; \$500 Spoetzl Brewery Scholarship. For athletics, Lauryn was given TAPPS Academic All-State in Basketball, TAPPS Academic All-State Softball, and TAPPS Academic All-State in Track and Field.

She was also selected as Texas Girls Coaches Association Track Academic All-State.

She received the subject award in Art. Lauryn will attend Blinn College in the fall, transferring to TAMU after completing her basics and pursue a career goal of becoming a successful business-woman.

MATTHEW MALINOVSKY

\$1000 Dr. Ed Beal Memorial Scholarship; \$1000 Catholic Union of Texas, the KJT; \$500 Oscar B and Regina Fisseler Memorial Scholarships; \$500 Gaslight Theatre Thespian Scholarship; \$500 CDA Court St. Paul #1604 Scholarship; \$1750 CDA State Scholarship; \$250 Shiner Chamber of Commerce Youth Action Team Scholarship Award; \$500 Shiner Lions Club Scholarship; \$500 Shiner Masonic Lodge Scholarship; \$1250 TAMU Dewitt-Lavaca Mothers Club's Wilma Stindt Memorial Scholarship; \$1000

Vietnam Veterans #853 Scholarship.

In athletics, Matthew received TAPPS Academic All-State Baseball honors. He earned the subject award in Technology.

He is the recipient of a 4 year renewable \$40,000 Gus and Ethel Wolters Scholarship. He will be accepting a 4 year \$120,000 Terry Scholarship to Texas A&M University-Galveston. Matthew will attend Texas A&M University-Galveston and pursue a career as a marine biologist. Additional scholarship offer: \$80,000 University of Texas Shiner Brewery Scholarship

ATLEY PILAT

\$125 Club Med Scholarship; \$1000 Brenda Romano Memorial Scholarship; \$1500 Victoria College Johnson High School Scholarship; \$1000 PTC Christian Leadership Scholarship; \$500 Trista Sevcik Memorial Scholarship; \$500 Wrangler Trucking Vocational Scholarship; \$1000 Victoria College "Write Your Own Story" Scholarship. Atley is also the recipient of the Local Rotary Vocational Scholarship and a finalist the District Rotary Scholarship.

In athletics, Atley received TAPPS Academic All-State Basketball and TAPPS Academic All-State Track and Field honors.

Atley will attend Victoria College's EMT Program this fall, then attend TEEX (the Texas A&M Engineering Extension) Service Fire Recruit Academy in January. His goals are to become a firefighter and an EMT.

MALLORY POKLUDA

\$500 "The Bunch" Agricultural & Technical Scholarship; \$500 Oscar B and Regina Fisseler Memorial Scholarship; \$500 JCDA Scholarship sponsored by CDA Court St. Paul #1604; \$500 First National Bank Scholarship; \$500 Spoetzl Brewery Scholarship; \$125 Club Med Scholarship; \$500 Lavaca County Farm Bureau Scholarship; \$1000 PTC Christian Leadership Scholarship; \$500



SPH Seniors Class of 2020 tossing their caps in the air. Photo by Lori Raabe.

Myra Lampley Memorial Scholarship sponsored by the Shiner Business Men's Club; 4-year renewable Margaret Alexander Steiner Scholarship. She was given the honor of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Citizenship Award, which is honorary and rewards the recipient for displaying and promoting leadership and character in all aspects of life in school and the community.

In athletics, Mallory received TAPPS Academic All-State Softball and TAPPS Academic All-State Track and Field honors as well as the Texas Girls Coaches Association Track Academic All-State. She earned the subject awards for Economics and Yearbook.

Mallory will start her education at Blinn College to complete her basics then plans transfer to Sam Houston State University where she will major in Animal Science, and pursue a career as a Veterinary Technician.

CARSON REESE

\$1000 PTC Christian Leadership Scholarship; 4-year \$16,000 Scholarship from The Episcopal Church of the Messiah. In athletics, Carson received TAPPS Academic All-State Golf and TAPPS Academic All-State Track and Field honors. Carson will attend school at Texas Tech University, majoring in political science, and

eventually attend law school.

MADISON STAMPORT

\$250 American Legion Scholarship; \$500 Gonzales Co. Youth Livestock Show Association Scholarship; \$2000 Luling Foundation Farm; \$1000 PTC Christian Leadership Scholarship; \$1125 Gonzales Co. 4-H Scholarship; \$1500 Pilot Club Scholarship; \$1000 Thompsonville Ladies Club Scholarship. Madison will start her college career at Blinn College and plans to pursue a career as a Physician's Assistant.

SADIE THIBODEAUX

\$250 Jeff Petru Memorial Scholarship; \$500 Gonzales Youth Livestock Show Association Scholarship; \$250 Gonzales Elks Lodge Scholarship; \$500 Oscar B and Regina Fisseler Memorial Scholarship; \$500 Shiner Masonic Lodge Scholarship; \$1500 Gonzales Co. 4-H Scholarship; \$1500 Pilot Club Scholarship; \$1000 Sage Bank Scholarship; \$1250 Yoakum A&M Club Scholarship; \$1000 Turtle Wings Foundation Grow Wings Scholarship; \$3500 Victoria College Foundation Transfer Scholarship; \$10,000 San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship 2019; \$10,000 San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship 2020; \$1000 Texas Circuit Finals All-Around Cowgirl Scholarship.

In athletics, Sadie was named as TAPPS Academic All-State Golf and was chosen by her coaches to get the Cardinal Impact Award. She received subject awards in Religion IV and Theatre Arts. She is the recipient of a 4 year renewable \$40,000 Gus and Ethel Wolters Scholarship. She is the recipient of an \$80,000 University of Texas Shiner Brewery Scholarship. Sadie will attend the University of Texas, competing for the UT Rodeo Team. Sadie intends to pursue a career as a rural family physician.

Additional offers: \$1000 Texas A&M University Academic Opportunity Scholarship; \$8000 4 years Texas A&M University Rodeo Team Scholarship; Recipient of a 4 year renewable \$40,000 Gus and Ethel Wolters Scholarship

REID YACKEL

\$1000 Dr. Ed Beal Memorial Scholarship; \$500 Myra Lampley Memorial Scholarship by the Shiner Business Men's Club; \$1500 Shiner Knights of Columbus Charlie Janota Memorial Scholarship; \$500 Shiner Lions Club Scholarship; \$1000 PTC Christian Leadership Scholarship; \$1500 Pilot Club Scholarship; \$500 Spoetzl Brewery Scholarship; \$2500 W. Wayne "Javelina" Memorial Scholarship; \$1000 Turtle Wings Foundation Jack Hooper Memorial Scholarship; \$20,000 Rocco Caffarelli 4 year renewable scholarship.

In athletics, Reid was chosen for TAPPS Academic All-State Baseball and TAPPS Academic All-State Track and Field honors. He received the Advanced Algebra subject award.

Reid will attend Texas State University and major in Business Administration/Marketing and working in pharmaceutical sales.



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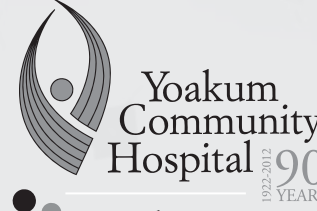
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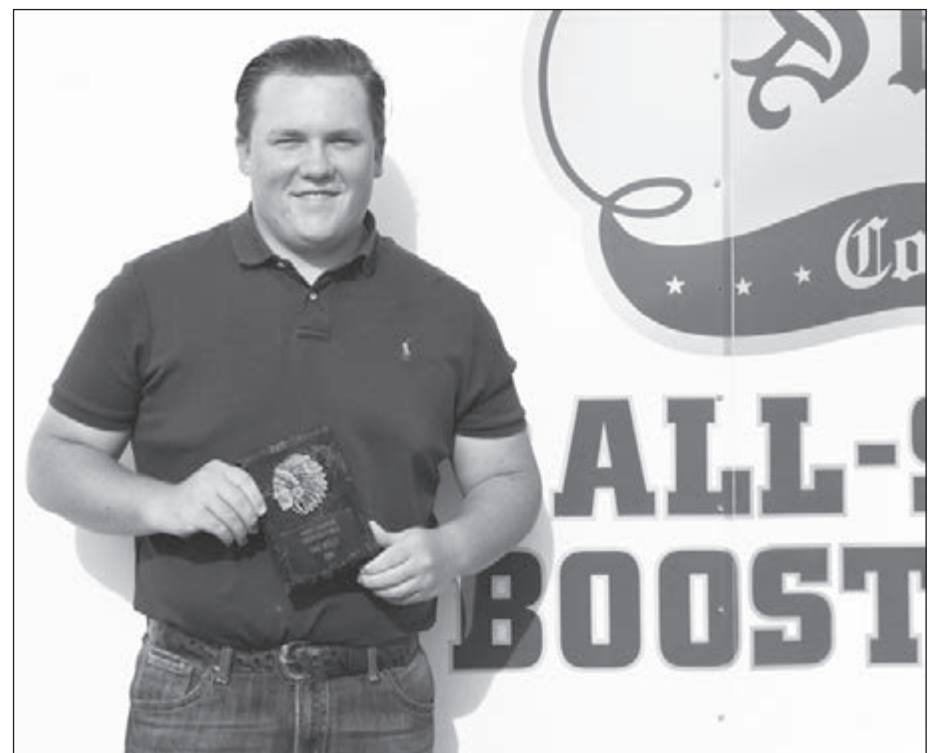
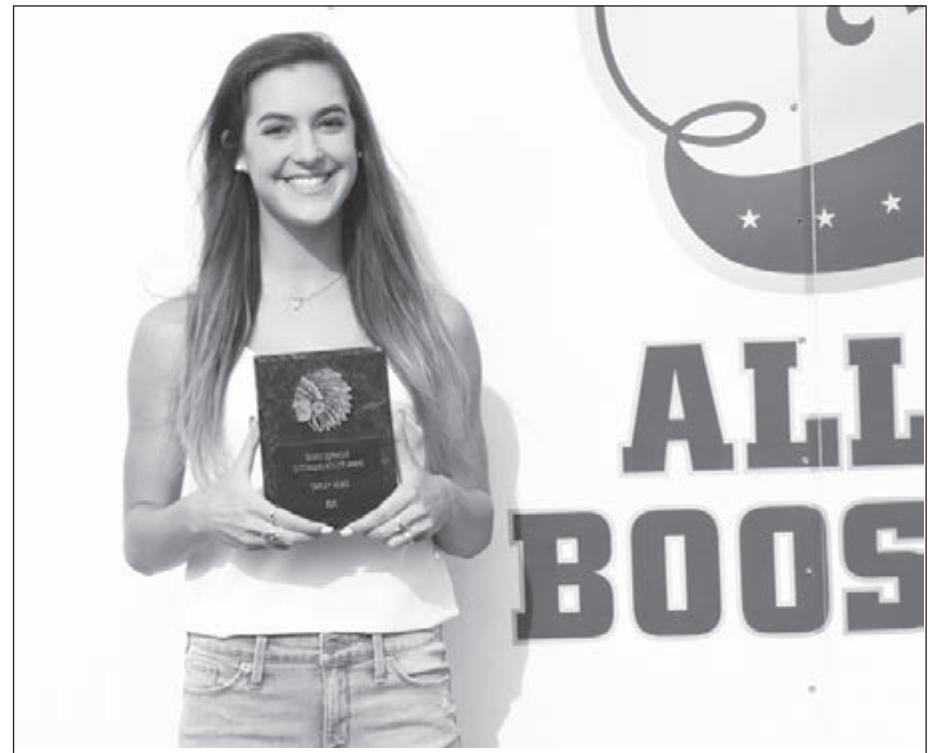
Shiner SPORTS

St. Paul athletic awards



Top photo-Luke Darilek (left) won The Cardinal Impact award and Weston Geiger (right) received the Michael Muelker award. Also shown is St. Paul athletic director Jake Wachsmuth (center). Bottom photo- Lauryn Kubenka (in foreground, left) won the James Muelker Award and Sadie Thibodeaux (in foreground, right) was the recipient of the Lady Cardinal Impact Award. Also shown in background left to right is head cross-country/head girls basketball/head girls track coach Dana Beal-Sestak, head volleyball/head tennis Ashtyn Henkes, assistant volleyball/assistant girls basketball/assistant girls track coach Emily Meischen and head golf coach Nicco Brown. Courtesy photos.

Shiner athlete awards



Top photo: Shiner Comanche Outstanding Athlete Award recipient - Carley Hewig. Bottom photo: Shiner Comanche Cheerleader Beau Award winner: Ian Mills. Photos by Mark Lube.

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GRADS

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"I'm so thankful to have a supporter like him," Rainosek said of her biggest fan.

JOHNS

Shelby was recently awarded a full-ride scholarship from The Terry Foundation.

Johns, the daughter of Matt and Natalie Johns, feels like this award reflects her hard work and dedication she has put into her high school career, along with her determination to create a successful future.

Shelby holds a 103.184 grade average and was crowned Shiner's Homecoming Queen this past fall. She has an older sister, Stephanie, who is pursuing cosmetology at Seguin Beauty School.

Johns cites her biggest inspiration as her faith in the Lord. She plans on staying active in her new church community in College Station, as well as with the Terry Foundation community and other student organizations.

"None of my accomplishments are solely my own," Johns told the newspaper. "The Lord has been the artist of my life and my greatest inspiration. He continues to bless me with many inspiring people who love and support me."

As she continues this new chapter, she does not know what tomorrow will bring, but will always count on the Lord to use her experiences to lead her on many amazing journeys to accomplish His work.

In addition to her love of God, she says her rigorous courses and many extracurriculars taught her leadership, character, work ethic, teamwork and time management skills that will help her in her future endeavors.

AD DEADLINE: NOON MONDAYS

DATE

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The family groups will have assigned seating on the field with the graduating senior. The seating will be spaced according to current guidelines for social distancing. The graduating senior must arrive and enter the facility with the entire family group.

Family groups are required to remain in their seats for the entire ceremony. Shiner ISD will be providing picture and video services during the ceremony. Attendees may bring cameras, but they are not allowed to leave their assigned seats at any time during the ceremony.

No groupings of multiple families will be permitted.

It is advised for all family groups to wear a cloth face covering while entering and exiting the ceremony. It is also advised to wear a cloth face covering whenever coming within six feet of another person who is not from the same household. Each person attending the ceremony will need to have a mask in his/her possession.

It also is recommended for all attendees to bring their own hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizer will be available at the entrances only.

Following the ceremony, each family group and graduate will be dismissed by school personnel. All family groups, along with the graduate, are required to go straight to their vehicles and leave the facility immediately.

Social grouping after the ceremony is prohibited on school property. Local law enforcement will be in attendance to ensure the legal requirements to have an outdoor graduation ceremony are met.

Entrance gates will open at 6:45 p.m. the day of the ceremony. All attendees need to be seated by 7:20 p.m. The senior class picture will take place at 7:25 p.m. in the home bleachers.

For more information, visit the school's website at <https://www.shinerisd.net/> and click on the link labeled "Shiner High School Graduation Ceremony Guidelines."

SISD

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amount of meals given out has steadily grown since the first day, and the school is now serving more than 100 meals daily.

• Board members approved submitting a

teacher/staff appraisal waiver because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

• The board approved an Information Security Policy to avoid hackers and information breaches at the recommendation of

the superintendent.

• Board members approved an instructional materials inventory requirement waiver that is normally a requirement from the Texas Education Agency.

★ LIVESTOCK REPORTS ★

HALLETTSVILLE

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020
CATTLE ON HAND: 1477

WEEK AGO: 1232 YEAR AGO: 932

The market was a little higher this week. Better quality calves sold \$3 to \$5 higher. Market was very active. No. 2 and plainer kinds remain slower.

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PACKER COWS: Canner & Cutter Cows: 52-75; Utility & Fat Cows: 50-68; Light Weight Canner Cows: 36-49; Poor/Weak: 25-35.

PACKER BULLS: Heavyweight Bulls: 89-98; Utility & Cutter Bulls: 80-89; Light Weight Canner Bulls: 68-80.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CALVES AND YEARLINGS:

NO. 1 STEER & BULLS CALVES: Under 200: 160-220; 200-300: 140-185; 300-400: 138-172.50; 400-500: 128-157.50; 500-600: 124-147.50; 600-700: 112-132; 700-800: 102-128.

NO. 1 HEIFER CALVES: Under 200: 145-210; 200-300: 130-167.50; 300-400: 122-157.50; 400-500: 115-145; 500-600: 108-132.50; 600-700: 100-122; 700-800: 90-118.

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There were 244 cows and 26 bulls. There was no change in the packer market as seasonal demand remains in place so the market is strong.

The calf market continued to hold onto levels attained last week. There was a slight undertone in overall market but all things aside, this is very encouraging with all the uncertainty in this country. This market report is available on Facebook as well as on the web at www.cuerols.com.

PACKER BULLS: all weights: 80-97.

PACKER COWS: Cannerns & Cutters: 45-69; Poor & Weak: 30-40.

PALPATED: 44 bred: 70-84.

PAIRS: 12: \$1,000 - \$1,500

STEER CALVES: (Avg. High) Under 200 Lbs.: 162-200; 200-249 Lbs.: 140-180; 250-299 Lbs.: 133-160; 300-350 Lbs.: 144-155; 350-400 Lbs.: 120-150; 400-450 Lbs.: 131-155; 450-500 Lbs.: 128-152; 500-550 Lbs.: 125-146; 550-600 Lbs.: 129-139; 600-700 Lbs.: 119-133; 700-800 Lbs.: 109-124.

BULL CALVES: (Avg. High) Under 250 Lbs.: 175-202.50; 250-300 Lbs.: 141-160; 300-350 Lbs.: 143-160; 350-400 Lbs.: 138-156; 400-450 Lbs.: 131-155; 450-500 Lbs.: 129-153; 500-550 Lbs.: 128-143; 550-600 Lbs.: 119-130; 600-700 Lbs.: 114-127; Over 700 Lbs.: 104-118.

HEIFER CALVES: (Avg. High) Under 200 Lbs.: 181-205; 200-250 Lbs.: 144-182; 250-300 Lbs.: 134-143; 300-350 lbs.: 125-168; 350-400 lbs.: 129-140; 400-450 Lbs.: 127-165-tiger stripe; 450-500 Lbs.: 122-138; 500-550 lbs.: 114-129; 550-600 Lbs.: 110-124; 600-700 Lbs.: 111-177.50-brahman; Over 700 Lbs.: 110-119.

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NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CITY OF SHINER, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND LIMITED PLEDGE REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2020

The City of Shiner (the "City") does hereby give notice of intention to issue Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2020, (the "Series 2020 Certificates"), in one or more series, in the maximum principal amount not to exceed \$5,490,000, for paying all or a portion of the City's contractual obligations incurred for the purpose of (a) constructing, installing and acquiring additions, extensions and improvements to the City's waterworks and sewer system, including but not limited to, the construction of a new water well, a water treatment plant and water storage tanks, installation of related pipeline and the acquisition of related right-of-way and the acquisition and installation of City-wide water meters; and (b) paying fiscal and engineering fees in connection with such projects. The City proposes to provide for the payment of such Series 2020 Certificates from the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes in the City as provided by law and from a lien on and pledge of "Surplus Revenues", if any, received by the City from the ownership and operation of the City's waterworks and sewer system. The City has outstanding its Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2009 in the amount of \$850,000, which the City has designated as self-supporting and which the City pays from revenues of its waterworks and sewer system. The City has no outstanding debt obligations that it pays from ad valorem taxes. The estimated combined principal and interest required to pay the Series 2020 Certificates on time and in full is \$ 8,376,297, the estimated interest rate for the Series 2020 Certificates is 3.52%, and the maximum maturity date of the Series 2020 Certificates is September 1, 2045. The City Council intends to consider for passage an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of Shiner, Texas Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2020, at a Special Meeting to be held at 6 p.m. on July 14, 2020, at the Hoffie and Lank Shiner Public Library and Culture Center, 115 Wolters/2nd Street, Shiner, Texas 77984.

/s/Fred Hilscher
Mayor, City of Shiner, Texas

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NEW * 000 CR 342, Shiner: 56.2 Acres with 2 ponds, trees, a windmill, good fencing and a perfect hilltop building site with an awesome view in every direction!

NEW * 206 Ave E, Shiner: 3BR, 1BA home w/spacious kitchen; 1193 sqft on large 91' x 150' lot. A great starter home or rental property with some TLC. **CONTRACT**

404 W. Sarah, Cuero: Nice, updated 3BR, 1BA home w/an attached 1-car garage, on a huge 109' x 128' lot. Great starter home!

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829 CR 342, Shiner: Beautiful 4BR, 3BA house with hilltop views and many extras on 20 gorgeous acres w/barn, sheds, trees and stock tank. Come see the possibilities! **CONTRACT**

904 Nelson, Yoakum: Very nice 4 BD, 2 BA, 3CG on a large, double lot, fenced yard with nice landscaping and mature trees. Many extras. Must see to truly appreciate! **SOLD!**

118 CR 346C, Shiner: Small house on a nice .594 acre lot with many trees. **SOLD!**

205 S. Ave G, Shiner: 1167 sqft home w/ 2BR, 1-1/2 BA and 1CG on shaded lot. **SOLD!**

103 S. Ave B, Shiner: 2BR, 1BA house on a large 1/2 acre lot. **SOLD!**

810 Ave C, Shiner: 3 BR, 1BA w/garage. Great front porch and fenced backyard. **SOLD!**

Ave J/CR 344, Shiner: 14.32 acres in Shiner ISD. Partially located in Shiner city limits. **SOLD!**

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COUNCIL

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among other things, will also allow them to instantly read any metering device within the city limits, all from city hall.

How the city actually carries out that bond issuance will be decided in future meetings, but discussion last week seemed to be leaning in favor of financing the well project and paying the rest up front from city savings coffers.

After all, while bond interest rates may be at historic lows, so are investment interest rates. Paying cash for the metering device upgrades could save significant dollars off the bond repayment plan over the next 20 years and make use of dollars that aren't really gaining much in interest, sitting in local bank CDs these days.

Berger told the council it could be set up for both 20-year and 25-year repayment plans. She estimated interest rates for repayment of those bonds at around 3.34 percent or lower.

Those rates won't officially be known until the bonds are issued, but she promised to land the city the shortest-term call available, which if city leaders so chose in the future, would allow them to pay of the bond early.

Based on last week's vote, the city could have dollars in hand to spend on the project by as soon August.

The process will include two weeks of required newspaper publications, which should appear today in these very pages, followed by the planned sale process which could be ready to issue by mid-July, Berger told councilmen.

Council members would need to decide by that July timeline which method of financing options best suited the city's needs.

Nobles and his team have spent the last few months gathering data on Shiner's existing utility infrastructure—which, in part, included pulling and laboratory testing 68 randomly selected water meters from around the city—and coming up with options on how the city might best address improving them in the months and years ahead.

What he discovered was that Shiner needed some major improvements in the roughly 1,100 water metering devices found around the city.

Most of city's water meters are well past their prime. One of the devices he tested in his random sampling of meters, for instance, showed that some

4 million gallons of water had likely passed through the device since it was first installed years ago.

That particular style of meter, which is the type in place at most locations around town and operates using several internal moving devices, are only guaranteed accurate for their first half million gallons, Nobles said. After that, the city is likely losing money every time a bill goes out.

Newer, "solid state" metering devices—the kind that have no moving parts inside—are now guaranteed accurate for up to two decades.

Not only that, but because all those 1,100 water meters and 1,100 electric meters are also analog devices, the full city field crews must walk away from whatever project they may have going at least once a month—for two full days, no less—so that workers can drive about town to get readings off those meters.

The city estimates the manpower expense alone at roughly \$100,000 per year, just reading meters each month.

Newer technologies now available install computerized devices that can be read instantly from City Hall with nothing more than a few computer keystrokes. And not just water meters, either. Those computerized readers can also be installed on electric meters as well, virtually eliminating the city's need to ever send out employees to read a meter manually.

As part of those computerized readers, customers, too, could have at their disposal all sorts of usage data for both power and water used in their homes, all accessible to both the customers themselves as well as city employees, who frequently are called to field questions on billing statements.

One marked advantage of something like that, Nobles said, comes in the form of early leak detection, something that could ultimately save homeowners thousands in costly repairs later, when major damage to foundations and other parts of their home set in.

Plus, between dollars saved, not having to exhaust manhours reading meters each month, and the new, more accurate billing statements such metering systems could provide each month, Nobles said the entire project could pay for itself in just a few years, using some of the funding methods now available to municipalities in Texas.

COVID

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last reported case for the county prior to the most recent was announced on April 29.

The OEM reports since Gov. Greg Abbott declared a state of emergency on March 13, the county has had eight confirmed cases of which four of the patients have fully recovered from the disease. Two are under orders to isolate at home with one patient being treated at a medical facility in Travis County, and one patient having passed away following a diagnosis of COVID-19.

In an effort to slow the spread of this infectious disease, Texas Governor Greg Abbott has issued Executive Orders during this period of emergency.

In executive order GA-14, the Governor directs citizens to "stay home" and "stay safe." More recent executive orders are directed at reopening the Texas economy in a safe and deliberate manner.

Individuals may be exposed to COVID-19 and be infectious even when no symptoms are present. If you believe you have been exposed, monitor yourself closely for symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat, and shortness of breath for 14 days after the exposure. If you experience any of these symptoms and do not need urgent medical attention, isolate at home, and contact your healthcare provider.

If an individual knows they have been exposed, they should not go to work. If a fever and cough are present, they should isolate themselves from others at home and monitor symptoms.

Minimizing exposure is especially important for people who are 65 or older or who have an

underlying health condition like heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, or cancer. People in those groups have a higher risk of developing severe complications if they do get COVID-19, and the safest thing for them during an outbreak will be to stay home as much as possible, and minimize close contact with other people.

Barthels said he and Lavaca County Judge Keith Mudd are communicating daily with local municipalities, state officials, and regional leaders about the spread of the COVID-19 virus and referring callers to the official websites of the Centers for Disease Control and the Texas Department of State Health Services.

You can find up-to-date coronavirus information at the Texas Department for State Health Services dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus, the Centers for Disease Control at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>, Lavaca County Covid-19 page at www.co.lavaca.tx.us and facebook.com/LavacaOEM.

The governor's office is also providing information and links to the Executive Orders through the website www.gov.texas.gov

SUIT

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and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

Responding to an invitation from then Texas Gov. Rick Perry in early 2013 to relocate his gun shop and training center, Shield Tactical, from California to Shiner, the suit states that Harrington brought his family the more than 1,400 miles to Lavaca County, where he set up shop with six fulltime employees, hoping to create some 15 new fulltime jobs in the area within the first few years of operation.

Beginning in 2016, however, the first alleged acts of harassment began to occur and would only intensify over the next several months, the suit claims.

In addition to several allegations raised against members of the Shiner Police Department, Harrington also claims discriminatory actions were taken by county officials when, in one of his other business ventures, the suit says he lost hundreds of thousands of dollars when it came to clean-up and debris disposal associated with Hurricane Harvey's destructive path through the county in 2017.

The lawsuit seeks more than \$1 million in damages, which the suit states is "based upon the economic losses suffered, damages to (the plaintiff's) reputation, and mental anguish and personal suffering" resulting from the defendants' actions.

Harrington filed a similar lawsuit with the federal court system in Victoria in 2019, a suit which U.S. District Court Judge Kenneth Hoyt on Friday, March 20—just as the courts closed as part of the current COVID-19 crisis—ultimately dismissed it on jurisdictional grounds, marking the first court action taken in the case since early January.

No court dates are yet scheduled for the case.

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