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Friday morning accident claims Hallettsville woman's life

Creek Bridge on Highway 77 of Hallettsville claimed the life her unborn child Friday morn- ing. ing, Feb. 12.

According to a report from hicle collision took place when 35, of Hallettsville.

A head-on crash at the Rocky Texas Department of Public a Ford F-250 pickup, traveling Safety spokesman Sgt. Ruben north and driven by Maldonado the collision caused the truck's also died in the accident. approximately six miles south San Miguel, responders were Flaviano Loredo, 36, slid on ice called to the accident scene causing the pickup to skid into of a Hallettsville woman and around 8:25 a.m. Friday morn- the southbound lane and collide into a Chevrolet Suburban San Miguel said the two-ve- SUV, driven by Kristy Turner,

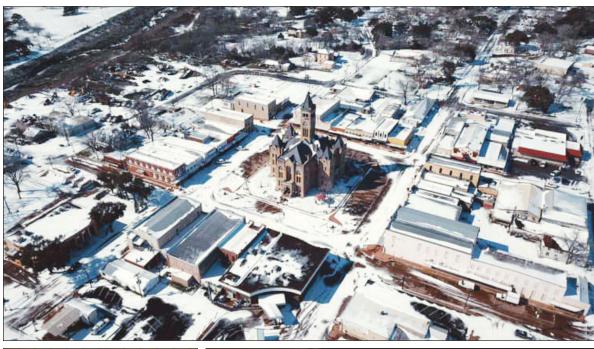
bed to be separated from its

dead at the scene by Lavaca a period of time with travelers County Pct. 1 Justice of the on Hwy. 77 detoured on an al-Peace, Mark Ivey at 9 a.m. In ternate route around the area.

According to the DPS report, addition, Turner's unborn child

No. 7

According to a Lavaca County Sheriff's Office Facebook Turner was pronounced post, the bridge was closed for







Record cold winter blast hits area

Old Man Winter made it known spring is not coming anytime soon.

Beginning Saturday frigid winds brought freezing rain and record low temperatures to the city, which saw a record low high temperature of 34 degrees. Things only worsened the following day.

Sunday's conditions saw sleet and freezing rain hit the area along with a record low of 21 degrees, plus a record low high of 33 degrees.

Monday was a real mess with temps slipping to a record low of 13 degrees and a record low high of 27 degrees. A period of freezing rain gave way to 1.9 inches of snow, and wind chills below zero.

Travel became an adventure as roads froze throughout the county during the prolonged precip, which blanketed the county with up to three inches of snow in several sections.

Numerous accidents were attributed to black ice on local bridges and roadways.

Winter Storm Warnings were in place Saturday through Thursday as additional frozen rain and snow was predicted Wednesday.

The latest forecast noted conditions would worsen late Tuesday night and cold temps would last until the area would SEE COLD, PAGE 14



Hallettsville was all shut down by an arctic blast that arrived on Valentine's Day and held thermometers to record lows for days afterward. The massive statewide front closed schools, shut down roadways and left millions across Texas without power for hours as the state's power grid struggled to keep up, faced with massive electricity shortages after many of the massive windmills that feed the state's power system froze solid out in West Texas. To abide local first responder pleas that we to stay off icy roadways during the storm's worst, the Tribune-Herald sent out a Facebook request asking local residents to pass along a few of their favorite storm pictures. Here are a few of our favorites, starting top left and moving clockwise: Ann Miller passed along this amazing arial image of the Lavaca County Courthouse and downtown Hallettsville, blanketed in snow; Officers with Hallettsville Police Department, out in force throughout the storm dealing with several accidents and stranded motorists, shared this image from just outside their station early Monday; Sacred Heart Catholic Church shared this little guy, whom they dubbed "Padre Frio," a big Astros fan.



Lavaca Memorial VFW Post 6382 recognized first responders from each entity at its Feb. 10 meeting. Officer of the Day Kevin Bright, left, and Commander Steven Drozd, right. made the presentations. From left, Sgt. Rebeca DeLuna (Lavaca County Sheriff's Department), Peter Bethke (Hallettsville Volunteer Fire Department) and Lt. Erica Vaccaro (Hallettsville Police Department).

VFW recognizes first responders

Lavaca Memorial VFW first responders before its regular monthly meeting Wednesday, Feb. 10 at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. to help.

The Firefighter of the Bethke.

Bethke joined the Hallettsville VFD in January been a very reliable member 80% of the incidences and Department. meetings.

When there is a task to Post 6382 recognized three be done at the incident or at the station, he needs little or no help in completing the job and is always ready

Bethke is currently the Year for 2020 is Peter Training Officer for the fire department, a position he has held for one year.

Sgt. Rebeca DeLuna 2015. Since joining, he has Perez was the nominee for Officer of the Year from the and was able to attend over Lavaca County Sheriff's

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Henneke Fish Hatchery to be shown on TCR

A report of the Henneke Fish Hatchery is scheduled to be televised next weekend Feb. 27-28)on the television program, Texas Country Reporter. JIMMY APPELT, STAFF WRITER

According to Kenneth Henneke, owner and operator of the Hatchery, the film crew, along with TCR producers and hosts Bob and Kelli Phillips, recorded a story about his fish farm a few months back and is now available to the viewing public.

The program, which can be seen on satellite and cable area television stations as well as RFD-TV.

A list of viewing times and channels will be listed in next week's issue of the Tribune-Herald.



Wied area farm earns Family Land Heritage honors, twice now

BOBBY HORECKA, MANAGING EDITOR

Had it been just any other ol' year, Rick and Laurie Braun would have likely been headed to Austin last September to stand and be recognized.

Of course, 2020 was anything but

So, when it came time for the Texas Department of Agriculture's 45th annual gala to recognize its honorees in the Family Land Heritage program last September, the event got canceled, laid low by the ongoing pandemic that nixed thousands of such events across the Lone Star State since the coronavirus

first hit Texas in March 2020. Instead of some fancy shindig at the state capitol, the Brauns enjoyed a

nice, quiet day at the house-Rick with his hefty collection of vintage Farmall tractors that he restores in his free time, and Laurie with her ankle-high collection of longhaired Pekingese pups that she raises since retiring from the Texas Department of Transportation—all on the very land that's been in the family for nearly 13 decades now.

Had they made it to Austin last September, they would have been greeted by Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller and treated to a banquet at which their farm would have been honored alongside dozens of others from across Texas as one the program's centennial honorees, recognizing Texas farms and ranches with 100 or more

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FIFTY YEARS AGO

FROM THE **PAGES OF THE** Hallettsville Tribune-Herald

Feb. 16-19, 1971

Beef Cattle Short Course Coming Up

A beef production short course for adult farmers will be held February 15, 16, 17 and 18, under the sponsorship of Hallettsville High School Vocational Ag Department and Hallettsville Young Farmers

Mr. Frank D. Litterest, beef specialist with the Vocational Ag Division of the Texas Education Agency and Dept. of Animal Science at Texas A&M University, will be the instructor for the course.

An entry fee of \$2.00 will be charged to adults.

New NHS Members at Sacred Heart Inducted

Sacred Heart School re-activated the National Honor Society and 12 students - nine seniors and three juniors - were admitted in ceremonies at the Parish Hall last Tuesday evening.

The admission to membership was administered by Reverend Stanley J. Petru.

The students admitted to the National Honor Society were: Sandra Etzler, Delores Grahmann, Mike Hemmi, Magdalen Janak, Mary Jane Janak, Judy Klesel, Robert Mertz, Sharon Rhodes, Anna Beth Valenta, Diane Etzler, Lily Kay Hermes and Sherry Hoffer.

The basis for which admission to the National Honor Society is Scholarship, Leadership, Character and Service. A scholastic average of 90 is required.

Hrncir Honored

C.R. (Charlie) Hrncir has received special honors from the **Humble Oil and Refining Company** for 35 years of continuous service as operator of the Hrncir Humble Service Station in Hallettsville.

Hrncir became affiliated with Humble in November 1933 when the first station manager, W.C. Bonorden, gave up the job after three years. Mr. Gus Russek of Schulenburg, Humble bulk agent at the time, employed Hrncir as sales manager. This was during the depression years and the government demanded a cut in hours of work, adding another salesman at the station.

Joe Pavlu and William Burt were employed by Hrncir when he took over the station.

New Office Bldg. to Open

Dr. Norman Rubin, Optometrist, has completed moving into the building on Hwy. 90-A East.

The Henke Insurance Agency will also occupy the building; they are beginning to move into the beautiful office building, too.

There will be an Open House on February 19th to which the public is cordially invited.

Power to be Off Sun.

The electric power will be cut off Sunday at 1:00 P.M. and will be off for about 30 minutes.

> Ad. Dusek, City Engineer City of Hallettsville

Ehler's Gigantic Clearance Sale

Ehler's Furniture & Appliance gigantic clearance sale is on now.

- Part of the sale includes: • General Electric canister vacu-
- um cleaner was \$49.95, now \$28.88. • All window ACs, 5,000 BTU,
- \$139.95, a \$20.00 savings. • 17 cu. feet deluxe frost-free double door refrigerator, was \$549.95,

now \$349.95.

• Famous Speed Queen automatic washers, were \$279.95, now \$219.95.

Brahmaette Close With Victory

The HHS Brahmaettes closed out the season with a 41 to 38 victory over the Yoakum Bulldogs.

In the scoring department for the A team, Paula Schulte total 346 points, Patsy Legans 234 points, Gail Wagner 116, Joan Dierschke (who played mostly defense) 50 and Alberta Williams 15. Paula Schulte, Joan Dierschke and Patsy Legans were elected captains.

Honish-Henke

Wedding vows united Miss Mary Lee Henke, both of Houston, in Sacred Heart Church with Rev. Terrance Nolan performing the double ring ceremony and reading the Nuptial Mass Saturday, February 6th at 1 p.m.

Acolytes were Joseph and Patrick Henke, cousins of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Sedlar, brother-in-law and sister of the bride, served as best man and matron of honor

The bridesmaids included Misses Anna Marie, Betty Jean and Monica Henke, sisters of the bride, Misses Cynthia and Elaine Honish cousins of the bridegroom.

Ushering were Delbert Henry and Lawrence Henke.

Johnnie Knezek and Leo C. Henke witnesses.

The supper consisted of fried chicken, stew with all the trimmings. Rev. Emmett Kolodzie gave the blessing before the

Music at night was furnished by the Hub City Dutchmen. Mrs. and Mrs. Albert Smolik led the Grand March.

The couple honeymooned in make their home in Houston.

The bride is a graduate of Sacred Heart High School and is Insurance Co. in Houston.

The groom served three years in the military including tours of duty in Germany and Vietnam. He is employed by WKM, Inc.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Grahmann of El Campo are the proud parents of a baby boy, Jerome Joseph II, born to them Saturday, Feb 13th Victoria. He weighed 7 lbs, 12 ozs. and is being welcome home by his sister, Caroline.

Compiled by Chuck Grafe

Board meeting (open to pub-

lic) Hallettsville Youth Center, 6

p.m. to 8 p.m., first Wednesday

Hallettsville Garden Club

meeting, every third Thursday,

at the Garden Center at 2 p.m.

Guests are welcome. Please

call Dianne Appelt at (214) 906-

1157 or Melba Hynes at (361)

798-0746 with any questions

concerning rental reservations.

The Lavaca County Demo-

crats meet the third Wednes-

Jalisco's Restaurant, 706 E.

• The Whole Food Way-Join

us and learn a healthier way to

eat and live. Meetings are held

every third Tuesday of the

month at 6 p.m. in the Queen of

Peace Catholic Church Parish

Hall in Sweet Home. For more

information, call or text Angela

Lavaca County Republican

Party monthly meeting is

on the 4th Tuesday evening

every month beginning at 6:30

p.m. Meeting locations move

around the county each month

for conservative citizens at-

tendance and information.

Please contact LCRP Chairman

Cheryl Thompson-Draper for

the current month's 713-516-

8880 (text or call) or Chairman.

· Alcoholic Anonymous will

meet on Thursdays from 7:30-

in Hallettsville. Social distanc-

Great State Republicans

month at 7 p.m. at the St. Peter

ing and masks are required.

LCRP@gmail.com

McConnell at 361-741-8730.

4th in Hallettsville.

Donate Platelets at the Lavaca Medical Center on

Henry Joe Jasek's

Monday, Feb. 22 from 12 noon until 5 p.m. By appointment only. For further information contact Joby Stortz at 361-648-1236 or to sign up scan the QR code found on posters around town. All donors can choose from hundreds of aift cards....

The Hallettsville KC Fish Fry is coming up Friday, Feb. 19 at the KC Hall from 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Plates will be \$10. Drive-thru plates only. Proceeds will benefit the Knights of Columbus Charity Fund.... The Sacred Heart Extravaganza Prize-Drawing will take

place on Feb. 21. Donation is one ticket for \$25 or five tickets for \$100. Prizes are Grand Prize - \$10,000; 2nd Prize - \$5,000; Third Prize - \$1,000. Only 1,500 tickets will be sold. Donations will support the faculty and staff of Sacred Heart Catholic School. Tickets are available at Hoffer's Drive In. Bidding for a Virtual Auction Fundraiser opens Feb. 18.... The HISD Education Foundation Fundraiser Meal has been set for Monday, March 22 at the Brahma Stadium from 4:30 p.m.-6 p.m. The meal will consist of chicken fried chicken, twice-baked potatoes, green bean casserole, corn and roll at \$10 per plate. Plates to-go only will be available. Tickets are available at all HISD campuses, the Chamber Office, Hoffer's Drive In, Morton's, and Peoples State

TRIVIA QUESTION:

What U.S. City is known as the

"Valley of the Sun" and "The Salt River Valley"? The Sacred Heart Federal Credit Union sponsors the Trivia on the second, fourth, and fifth issues of the Tribune-Herald, so the Trivia winners will be printed only in these issues. Please email your "Town Chatter" news to the tribuneherald@ sbcglobal.net. Call 361-798-2481; fax it to 361-798-9902, or mail it to P.O. Drawer 427, Hallettsville, Texas 77964.

HHS Band Booster Plates to Go Meal moved to March 8

New Orleans, La. The couple will Meal previously scheduled for February 22 has been rescheduled for March 8. The decision to reschedule the meal was due to the possible delivery problems and food shortages due to the winter weather Texas employed by Great Southern Life has experienced these last few days.

> tatoes, green beans and chocolate cake. The meal is catered by George Cervenka and Crew. Extra cake will be available for purchase in the drive through line.

> If you purchased meal tickets for the meal that was canceled last year due to Covid-19 and you still have

Time to update 11UST WIIIUUW LAYS

The temporary waiver of certain vehicle title and

Three ways to renew your vehicle registration:

- day of each month, 6 p.m., is the quickest and least expensive way to renew. Save \$1 if you renew online. Online renewal is available up to nine months past your registration expiration date.
 - Mail: Return the bottom portion of your registration renewal form, payment and other required information to your county tax assessor-collector.
 - sessor-collector. In many counties, in-person renewal is also available at other locations, such as certain grocery stores. Contact your county tax office to check hours and locations.

Before renewing registration, Texans will need to obtain a passing vehicle inspection at the state vehicle inspection station of their choice, unless their vehicle is exempt from inspection requirements.

The expiring temporary waiver covers initial ve-

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles does not issue driver licenses or state ID cards. Texans should contact the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) at www.dps.texas.gov/driverlicense/ for these services.

Lad Trojacek, CSD, CSP Insurance and Financial Services Agent 501 Summit St. Schulenburg, TX 78956

The HHS Brahma Band Boosters Scholarship

The meal consists of roast beef, gravy, mashed po-

Tickets are still available from any HHS Brahma Band Booster Officer, any HHS band student, or by contacting Courtney Perez at 361-772-5881, Monica Garza-Mischer at 361-237-6001 or at the Hallettsville Tribune-Herald office.

at 7:35 a.m. at DeTar Hospital in your yellow tickets, they will be honored at this meal.

If you're overdue, it's time to renew. That's the word from the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles

registration requirements, announced by Gov. Greg Abbott on March 16, 2020, following the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak, will end on April 14.

"It is not necessary to wait until the deadline," said TxDMV executive director Whitney Brewster. "We will continue to offer registration renewal and other important services throughout the waiver period. Fortunately, many Texans are already in compliance with the requirements."

- Online: Visit TxDMV.gov or www.Texas.gov. This
- In Person: Visit the office of your county tax as-

hicle registration, vehicle registration renewal, vehicle titling, renewal of permanent disabled parking placards and 30-day temporary permits.

8:30 p.m. at St. Peter Lutheran Church, 101 N. Market Street Tel 979.743.2120 meet on the last Monday of the

FARMERS Cell 979.743.0330 INSURANCE Itrojacek@farmersagent.com

Auto - Home - Life - Commercial - Health

MEETING NOTICES

- American Legion Hudgeons and Auxiliary meet the
- first Wednesday of the month. Lavaca Memorial VFW Post 6382 and Auxiliary meet every second Wednesday of the month at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., meal at 6 p.m. and
- meeting at 7 p.m. The Vietnam Veterans of America and the Associates

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of Vietnam Veterans of America meet the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Hotel Texas. Any veteran serving from 1957 to 1975 is invited to join the Vietnam Veterans (VVA). For more info on WA, contact Earl Cummings at 979-263-4222. — You do not have to be a Vietnam Veteran to join the Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America (AVVA), both men

and women are welcome to join AWA. For more information on AWA contact Marie Ridgeway, Chapter representative at 281-

- Hallettsville City Council **Meeting**, first and third Monday of every month, 6 p.m., City
- · The Board of Directors of the Lavaca Hospital District meets at 5:30 p.m. third Monday of month, Meeting Facility, Lavaca Medical Center Health and Wellness Center. 1400 N. Texana, Hallettsville,
- Murchison Masonic Lodge #80 AF&AM meets the third Tuesday of month, Masonic Lodge Building, Fink Drive. Meal begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- The Lavaca County Commissioners Court meets at 10 a.m. every second and fourth Monday of the month, Commissioners' Court Room, Lavaca County Courthouse. • The Health Ministry of Hal-
- lettsville the meets last Monday of the month, 6 p.m., Methodist Church Annex, 502 E. 4th St. Call Barb Koehn, RN, 772-The Hallettsville Rotary
- Club meets Tuesday at noon for lunch and a program, Fellowship Hall, United Methodist Church, 206 S. Dowling St. The Hallettsville Lions
- Club meets at noon, first and third Monday of month, at the Fellowship Hall Annex, United Methodist Church, 206 S.
- The South Central Texas Art meets at 6 p.m., second Wednesday of each month, Hallet Oak Gallery.
 - Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall in Hallettsville
- Dowling St.

- Hallettsville Little League

LIONS CLUB

We Serve

BY: JIMMY APPELT

The Hallettsville Lions Club met Monday, Feb. 1 at the Knights of Columbus pavilion with Lion president Paula Parkinson presiding over the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lion Anne Rowbotham, while Lion David Smolik led in the singing of America and the prayer.

Lion Paula introduced the meeting's guest, Lavaca County emergency management coordinator, Egon Barthels, who also presentmeeting.

Barthels began his presentation by informing the club mem- Lavaca County deaths ca Medical Center and bers how he became from COVID-19. the county's emergency management coordinaserving that position for a little over a year.

"Little did I know when I started in October 2019 that on March to have this COVID-19 pandemic," Barthels about it, and that's okay. said.

Barthels explained that Lavaca County belongs to the Texas Region 8 with Lavaca County being the farsaid Region 8 includes of cases. the surrounding coun-County and stretches all the way down to Del Rio.

Barthels said he receives the case report the state dashboard. on COVID-19 cases from Region 8 regarding the that it was determined tinue sponsoring a Manumber of cases within the county, which also includes the number of



The newest member to the Hallettsville Lions Club, Shirley Rothbauer, was inducted during a brief ceremony held at the club's Monday, Feb. 1 meeting. ed the program for the Lion Paula Parkinson sponsored Lion Shirley with Lion Tamer David Smolik conducting the ceremonies. From left are Lions Paula and Shirley. Photo by

one way or the other end of the county. us to share that informa- Paula reported that tion in one spot."

Department of State website were the cases bout with COVID. She Health Services (DSHS) have been sorted by zip said he's doing well, but codes in the county. He remains a little fatigued said he also includes the from the illness. thest eastern county. He 14-day running account

ties as well as Bexar there is confusion in Shirley Rothbauer. Lion the difference of how Shirley is sponsored by COVID deaths are re- Lion Paula and Lion ported by Region 8 and David conducted the

"Region 8 reported there were 13 people jor League Girls softball in the county who have and a T-Ball team with passed away from CO- the Hallettsville Little VID, not with COVID, League. Also, the club and that's a key in re- approved a one-year porting," Barthels said. sponsorship of sign that "On the state dashboard is located at the Little report, if I go out, get hit League field. by a truck, died and had COVID-19, that goes on the Flags over Hallettsmy death certificate and ville project, with Lion is how its calculated to Paula reporting that 30

the rollout of vaccine paid up. distribution saying the process hasn't gone the rating the cost for apway we all would like it plications for a flag in

Colorado County has de- in their yard following veloped a sub hub plan the first patriotic day. A for distribution of the pro-rate cost for flag apvaccines, when received, plications was approved that includes using the by the club. two county's EMS perof the vaccine.

els, currently only Lava- Feb. 15.

Brookshire Brothers has "The information I re- been allocated as proceived and provided has viders for the vaccine. tor and that he has been been moved from our Barthels said in addisocial media accounts tion, Yoakum Commuto the Lavaca County nity Hospital just got on website," Barthels said. the list to allocate the "COVID-19 has become vaccine, which will help so politicized and polar- cover county citizens 13, 2020 we were going ized and either you are residing in the western

In the business por-It has made it easier for tion of the meeting, Lion Lion Charles Neumeyer Barthels said on the is recovering from a

Induction ceremonies were held for the new-Barthels explained est member to the club, induction ceremony.

The club voted to con-

The club discussed applications have been Barthels talked about received with all being

A discussion for prothe event an individual He said Lavaca and would want a flag placed

The meeting adsonnel for distribution journed at 12:40 p.m. and the next meeting According to Barth- will be held Monday,

Sacred Heart Catholic School Recognize **Good Characteristics in their Students**

A spirit contest was held in Grades study habits, being optimistic, being teristics of the students. Grades Pre-K thru 4 selected two students who most exemplified the qualities of a spirited member of the Sacred Heart Catholic School student body.

The questions dealt with character, service, dedication to both Church and School, and genuine respect for life and others.

The following students were se-

Pre-K 3: Lynden Etzler and Heidi

Pre-K 4: Emmalee Pastucha and Castson Dworsky Kindergarten: Brynadee Etzler and

Claire Janak Grade 1: Ford Noska and Hillary

Grade 2: Emily Bludau and Greysen

Miranda Grade 3: Konnor Chance and Emi Pohl

Grade 4: Colsen Dworsky and Kristina Machac

Students in grades 5 - 8 were asked to vote for a student whom they thought exhibited the characteristics of being responsible, having good

Pre-K thru 8 to recognize good charac- courteous and the overall winner is the person who shows living out the Spirit of Sacred Heart Catholic School.

The following students were cho-

Grade 5: being responsible - Ben Meinkowsky, having good study habits - Ainsley Grahmann, being optimistic - Macie Haas, being courteous - Ainsley Noska and Kennedy Zappe and overall winner - Ainsley Noska

Grade 6: being responsible - Kenzie Chance, having good study habits - Allison Clarkl, being optimistic -Ysabella Arellano, being courteous - Layne Sevcik and overall winner - Allison Clark

Grade 7: being responsible - Mabry Machac, having good study habits - Ella Demel, being optimistic - Cameron Cull, being courteous - Bryce Machicek and overall winner - Mabry

Grade 8: being responsible - Brianna Clark, having good study habits - Adalyn Pohl, being optimistic - Thia Infante, being courteous - Sam Bludau and overall winner - Karley Kostelnik.

Weather Watch

LARRY ROTHBAUER - NWS OBSERVER

Wednesday: High 40 Low 28 (SHOWERS) Thursday: High 35 Low 18 (SHOWERS) Friday: High 40 Low 22 (P/C) Saturday: High 49 Low 46 (P/C) High 63 Low 39 Sunday: (P/C) Monday: High 61 Low 38

> (P/C) - BURN BAN IS OFF -

Michelob

Ultra Beer

(P/C)

Tuesday:

High 67 Low 49



DRIVE IN GROCERY & Washateria SPECIALS: WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17 - TUESDAY, FEB. 22 **SWAI** Hormel **Pressed Ham Fish Fillets Blue Bell** Hunt's Squeeze **Ice Cream** Ketchup **Pink Beauty** Celery Salmon Skinner Hy-Top **Medium Egg Tomato Sauce Noodles Parkay** Velveeta Vegetable Oil Cheese **Spread Quarters** Nabisco Mrs. Grass **Unsalted Tops Noodle Soup** Mix **Saltine Crackers Coors Light**

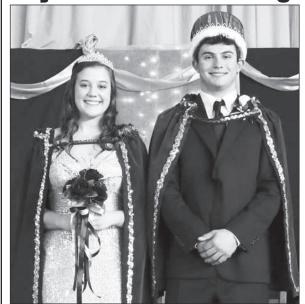
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Royal Court of Blessings



Seniors Abigail Clark and Alex Angerstein were crowned Queen and King of the Royal Court of Blessings.

The Coronation is a traditional part of Catholic Schools Week at Sacred Heart.

Although some adjustments had to be made due to Covid, the event was still a highlight for the week.

The crowning was followed by a student talent show with participants from PreK 4 to 12th grade.

Talents included singing, instrumental music, baton twirling, gymnastics, comedy, cheer/dance and solving Rubic's cubes.

Congratulations to all those who represented their class as members of the royal court. Thanks to all the seniors who were responsible for organizing this event.

FILING DEADLINES FOR TAX EXEMPTIONS

Below are the deadlines for filing various tax exemption applications with the Lavaca County

Central Appraisal District Office:				
EXEMPTION APPLICATION	FILING DEADLINE			
Residential Homestead Exemption (11.13)	April 30, 2021			
Over-65 Exemption	April 30, 2021			
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Surviving Spouse of Individual who qualified for				
Age 65 or Older Exemption	April 30, 2021			
100 Percent Disabled Veterans Exemption	April 30, 2021			
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Cemetery Exemption (11.17)	April 30, 2021			
Charitable Organization Exemption (11.18)	April 30, 2021			
Religious Organization Exemption (11.20)	April 30, 2021			
Disabled Veterans Exemption (11.22)	April 30, 2021			
Miscellaneous Exemptions (11.23)				
annual application	April 30, 2021			
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annual application	April 30, 2021			
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RENDITIONS	FILING DEADLINE			
Real Property	April 30, 2021			
Business Personal Property (Mandatory)	April 15, 2021			
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*Applications for Homestead may be filed up to 2 years after the deadline for filing it has passed, if it is filed not later than two years after the delinquency date for the taxes on the homestead.

The Over-65 and Disabled Persons Exemption may be filed immediately upon turning 65 or written confirmation of Disability from Social Security.

For more information or to obtain an application, please contact the Lavaca County Central Appraisal District located at 908 N. Glendale St., Hallettsville, Texas 77964, or telephone 361-798-

Forms are also available at www.lavacacad.com.



Great State Republicans are official

publicans are the newest Republican Women's organization in Lavaca County. Organized August 1, 2020, after fulfilling the requirements for application, this club was accepted into the statewide Texas Federation of Republican Women in October joining the over 10,000 members in 164 clubs in Texas. January 15th Great State Republicans became a Chartered Club with the National Federation of Republican Women joining clubs in all 50 States, the District of Colombia and Puerto Rico. The Club President Becky Berger and Campaign Activities Chair Cheryl Thompson-Draper along with our TFRW Senate District 18 District Director Amy Mundy of Victoria met in Austin February 3rd - 5th at the TFRW Board Meeting for the presentation of our NFRW Charter and attend Legislative Day. These parent organizations provide resources for indi-

vidual clubs to educate vot-

ers and recruit and develop tion and time. We have Pustka-Hospitality, Fran-Republican candidates. many nice items donated We bring current issues to by our members and memlight with knowledgeable bers of the community. speakers on the topics that There will also be memaffect our world. This legislative sessions our ladies forms available for those will be making our way to Austin to testify when needed to help pass good legislation and stop bad ing Fathers (and Mothers). laws from making it to the We encourage you to join floor for a vote.

51 Primary members (all us show you how to get of whom are Charter Members of Great State Republicans), 14 Male Associ- leadership, Karen Renger ates, 2 Female Associates 1st VP Finance, Barbara and one Young Affiliate Koehn 2nd VP Member-(14-18). We have room to grow since there are 4,068 Republican Primary Voters Kessler 4th VP Programs, in Lavaca County. With the Aileen Peck Secretary and bulk of our membership Mona Davenport is our area we hold our meetings in Hallettsville at St. Peter are Ruth Muehr-Awards, Lutheran Church Fellow- Dianne Appelt-Bylaws, ship Hall the last Monday Cheryl Draper-Campaign STATE to 42828 to be addof each month at 7 PM. Activities, Geraldine ed to our contact list. This month February 22nd, we will be having our first Silent Auction and Social

The Great State Re- ers, train campaign work- at our usual meeting loca- O'Day- Historian, Sandra bership information and who wish to help us get our government to work for us as intended by the Foundus if you are Republican Our club currently has and interested in letting your voice heard. Come and meet our members and ship, Debbie Hopper 3rd VP Legislation, Patricia living in the Hallettsville Treasurer/PAC Treasurer. Becky Berger at becky-Our Committee Chairs

ces Pohl-Parliamentarian and Virginia Partida-Telephone Contact.

From October through December of 2020 Great State Republicans provided 6,840 political volunteer hours to campaigns for county, state and national candidates, registering voters and getting people to the polls. Volunteer hours for political purposes are valued at \$24.75/hr. That is the equivalent of \$169,290.00 donated in just 3 months. It speaks volumes as to the dedicated efforts of our members. Just imagine what we will do with all 12 months in 2021.

For more information you may contact President bergerfortx@gmail.com or at 979-505-0508. Send your email by Text GREAT-

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Polka & Sausage **Fest canceled**

Organizers of Hallettsville's South Texas Polka & Sausage Fest regretfully announced Wednesday, Feb. 10, that this year's event would be canceled because of the ongoing threat posed by the coronavirus pandemic.

"We apologize for the inconvenience to our many patrons who may have been planning a trip to Hallettsville for the weekend of March 26-28," they said in a release. "We pray that you are all healthy, and we look forward to an end to this pandemic. Thank you and God bless!"

Holy Cross Lutheran Church 'Family Movie Night'

Hello! God's blessings to everyone! Holy Cross Lutheran Church is again sponsoring their "Family Movie Night" at the church Fellowship Hall, located at 605 Highway. 77A South in Yoakum on Sunday, Feb. 28 at 4 p.m. Bottled water, popcorn, and other snacks will be available prior to and during the movie, and it is all FREE! This month, the movie will be What if?...

Fifteen years ago, a man left his girlfriend, his hometown, and his ministry for a business opportunity. Now, he has a high-paying job and a trophy fiancée. One day, he is visited by an angel who lets him see what his life would have looked like if he had followed his calling. Please plan to join them and do not forget to bring your family and friends.

Social spacing will be provided for your safety. God



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On this day in 1942, Del Valle Army Air Base was activated. The facility was constructed on 3,000 acres of land donated by the city of Austin. It was renamed Bergstrom Field on November 11, 1943, in honor of Capt. John A. Bergstrom, the first Austinite killed in World War II. In 1948 the name was changed to Bergstrom Air Force Base. The base closed on September 30 1993. The land was returned to the city of Austin, and in May of 1999 Austin-Bergstrom International Airport was opened on the site and Robert Mueller Municipal Airport was closed.



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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20



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GVEC Community Relations Representative Christine Presley presents a \$1,225 donation to the Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show. GVEC donates funds to the stock show each year in support of youth participants. Pictured (L to R): Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show board members Michael Grahman and Todd Tullos, Presley, and board members Ronnie Sevcik and Rick Rose.

Annoucing the 2021 Hallet Oak Gallery Programs

day - Friday Noon to 2 :00 PM. Saturdays 11:00 Phyllis Rivera, Timothy tificates provided for stu-AM to 3:00 PM. Ongoing - view the 2021 Artists Exhibit: paintings, ings. Discover the stories TX 77964 of Hallettsville's namesake family on the Hallet of the building designed by renowned architect J. Riely Gordon. Notice the HALLETTSVILLE: First-Muldoon Blue sandstone Day-of-Spring Chalk Art award six \$150 student serused on the outside of the building and the cast-iron threshold stamped Kahn & Stanzel. Enjoy a scavenger hunt in the Gallery or 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Outhardt. See www.halletoakaround the Square.

The following 2021 programs are funded in part High School Livestock and by Dr. Betty J. Edwards, Dixon-Allen Foundation, and City of Hallettsville. and Moulton ISD Western exhibit in Gallery. All are free and open to Art. the public:

MARCH

SATURDAY, MARCH 6 Opening - 2021 Artists com 361-217-7030 Exhibit!

House Reception

Refreshments will be Pets welcome. served.

Traditional and contemporary art by Moses HALLETTSVILLE: Hal-Adams, Dianne Appelt, let Oak Gallery Beautifi-Blanche Cavarretta, Roy Cavarretta, Linda Cejka, Larry Charles, Toni Conner, Gene Grant, Mary Gullette, Debbie Halling, JoAnn Kahanek, Ken Kopacki, Mieko Mahi, Kathleen McBride, Paulina

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photography, drawings, Hallet Oak Gallery, 115 TX 77964 sculptures, and woodcarv- N. Main St., Hallettsville, www.halletoakgallery.

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cation Day

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Hallet Oak Gallery will vice scholarships donated by Robert Blair, Marilyn Cheryl & Duwayne Engelgallery.com for details. Selection will be based on most Hallet Oak Gallery youth volunteer hours and



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* A group of flamingos is called a "flambovance"

World Wrestling Federation (WWF) had to change their name to World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) because of legal action taken by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

HJH's Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Art Winners



Girls left to right back row: Grace Halata, Carson Jansky, Brenna Scott, Kaylee Marek Roberson, Johanna Smith. Front row: Elizabeth Felcman, Haven Drozd, Ka'Mia Ford

Boys: Brayden Miranda, Nathan





Helping lead the youth for 24 years

Carol Zak retired from the Hallettsville ISD after 24 years of service. School board president Robert Lundy presented her with a plaque at the Feb. 10 meeting of the board of trustees.



Lavaca County Spelling Bee Winners

place. Appelt, pictured at left, is an eighth grader at Vysherad ISD. His parents are Carmen and Jason Appelt. Paula Parkinson, center, was the pronouncer of the annual Lavaca County Spelling Bee. Dodson, pictured at right, is a seventh grader at Sweet Home ISD. His parents are Jordan and Joe Sluka. They advanced to the regional spelling bee to be held in Victoria on March 6.



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SPURTS



Sydney Migura blocks a shot by Karnes City's Jaiden Robinson in the bi-district game in Goliad Friday. Chuck Grafe/Tribune-Herald



Kaylee Svetlik scores in the point despite the effort of Karnes City' Jashania ing from the free throw Foley. Kaylee led the Lady Brahmas with 15 points in the bi-district game line in 12 attempts. The played in Goliad Friday. Chuck Grafe/Tribune-Herald

Lady Brahmas fade in end, lose 51-42

HTHSPORTS@SBCGLOBAL.NET GOLIAD - The Hallettsville's Lady Brahmas' chances of winning a bi-district championship faded in the final minute.

The Lady Brahmas went scoreless the final three minutes in dropping a 51-42 decision to Karnes City at the Events Center Friday night.

Briley Rother's driving lay up was the last points the Lady Brahmas would score. After that, Hallettsville (10-8) went into turnover mode and Karnes City scored the final 8 points of the game.

The Lady Brahmas took a 40-38 lead at the onset of the fourth quarter after a three-pointer by Sloan Machacek. However, the Lady Brahmas were outscored 13-2 the rest of the way.

Karnes City (14-4) led by as many as 12 points in opened the second half the first half.

Mia Lozano had the hot hand for Karnes City in the first period with 9 points while Courtney Woytek had 7 for the Lady Brahmas, but the Lady Badgers led 13-9 at the first break.

Five Lady Brahma turnovers in the second stanza ville with 15 points. Brahmas needed to foul helped Karnes City take a 27-17 lead at the half.

But to its credit, Hallettsville fought back and



Sloan Machicek squares up for a three in the bi-district loss to Karnes City Friday in Goliad. Chuck Grafe/ Tribune-Herald

with threes by Rother and Kaylee Svetlik and a free throw by Sydney Migura to cut the lead to 27-24. The teams played on even terms the rest of the third period with Karnes City taking a 38-35 lead into his driving lay up, the the final eight minutes.

Svetlik led Halletts-Karnes City had three and with 18 seconds to players in double figures led by Jaiden Robinson's

sank two free throws to See LB, Page 7 put the Cobras up by five.

'Nettes gain tie for 1st

CHUCK GRAFE, SPORTS EDITOR

St. Paul came back from a 15-point deficit to defeat the Sacred Heart Indianettes back on Jan. 22. Although the Cardinals came close, the Indianettes weren't going let it happen again.

The Indianettes repelled a fourth quarter surge to take a 50-45 win to gain a first place tie in TAPPS District 5-AA with the Cardinals in the SH Gym last Tuesday.

Sacred Heart (12-7, 7-1) led 48-39 following a 6-0 run which was headed by Elizabeth Grahmann and Jules Janak, but the Cardinals wouldn't go away and whittled the lead to 48-45 with less than a minute to play. Rebecca Wagner hit a pair of free throws, Kate Ehrig a basket and Ashley Pesek a follow shot to get the lead down to three. But Bailey Haas and Janak both buried free throws in the final three seconds to seal the game.

It was a had-fought, foul-plagued game with the teams combining for 62 free throws. The Indianettes and Cardinals had 25 turnovers apiece.

Grahmann finished the game with a game-high 23 points and shot 19 of 26 from the field, while Janak and Emma Hawkins were both in double figures with 10 points each. Janak had a double-double with 11 rebounds as did Hawkins with 10 boards.

Wagner led the Cardinals with 19 points, 9 comrest of the team was 4 for

St. Paul's only lead in the game was 5-2 at the start before the Indianettes got 5 points by Grahmann and 4 by Hawkins for a 11-9 ad-

vantage at the first break. Sacred Heart scored 10 consecutive points in the second quarter to build up a 23-9 advantage and it seemed the Indianettes were going to run away and hide, before going the final three minutes 58 seconds with nary a point and the Cardinals trimmed the lead to 23-14 at the half.



Abby Clark (33) vies for a rebound with St. Paul's Rebecca Wagner in the key TAPPS District 5-AA game here last Tuesday. Chuck Grafe/Tribune-Herald

The Indianettes took a 28-20 lead in the third period after a bucket by Grahmann, but once again the Cardinals rallied with 8 consecutive points to get within two points. Sacred Heart eventually led 33-30 going into the fourth

The Indianettes made a paltry 12 of 34 free throws.

The teams met Tuesday in a playoff for the top seed at Faith Academy in Victoria.

ST. PAUL (45) - Rebecca Wagner 19, Kate Ehrig 9, Paige Brown 6, Danni Blair 3, Taylor Wauson 2, Ashlyn

SACRED HEART (50) - Elizabeth Grahmann 23, Emma Hawkins 10, Jules Janak 10, Bailey Haas 5, Allie

Three-pointer: Haas

Rebounds: Janak 11, Hawkins 10, Haas 5, Grahmann 5, Kraatz 2,

Assists: Haas 3, Haas. Steals: Kraatz 2, Hawkins 2, Grahmann, Janak. Blocks: Janak 5, Hawkins 2, Grah-



Jules Janak lets fly with a three in the victory over St. Paul last Tuesday. Jules recorded a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds. Chuck

Cobras claim district title

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Industrial buried free throws left and right in the final seconds to secure a 45-40 victory in a key District 28-AAA game here last Tuesday night.

The win clinched the district title for the Cobras (20-3, 14-0) while the Brahma (12-2,12-2) settled for second place. The victory was the 17th in a row for Industrial.

The Cobras led 41-33 with 1:24 to play prior to the Brahmas narrowing the gap to 41-38 on the strength of Deven Wood's three-pointer and latter coming with 25 seconds remaining. The go, Chace Thigpen calmly

After the Brahmas' Kyler Chovanetz scored a deuce, Thigpen again nailed two free throws for the final margin of victory.

Devin Barr was a pain in the neck for the Brahmas and scored 15 points in the paint. Rylan Schindler led Hallettsville with 14 points.

The first period was very slow with the scored tied at 7-7 at the end.

But things picked up in the second quarter. Luke Bludau scored four points and Wood buried a three for an 18-14 for the last Hallettsville lead. The Cobras went on a 4-0 surge for another tie and took a

26-24 halftime advantage. Barr, a 6-2 hefty senior, scored 5 points in the third stanza, while the Brahmas were just 2 of

10 from the field and In-See BRAHMAS, Page 7



Jaden Ellis and Kyler Chovanetz (0) guards Industrial's Devin Barr during the key District 28-AAA game here last Tuesday. Chuck Grafe/Tribune-Herald



CHUCK GRAFE

J.J. Watt on Friday, allowing the most popular player in franchise a month away. Which history to simply walk away for free with a full season remaining on his that valuable in the professional contract.

to honoring the local kee, Wis. will proudly season. represent Houston's NFL team in the Hall before the 2020 trade of Fame one day.

devoted to another day eryone on their rosfilled with local fans ter. They lost their last and national critics five games, gradually ripping the ridiculously turned off franchise Texans.

Texans that he didn't have a first- or secondwant to play for them round pick in the upanymore was the lat- coming 2021 draft.

est gut punch to a fan base that just suffered through a 4-12 season and has little to no faith that things will significantly improve at least for two years.

About half of the The Texans released league reportedly now wants to sign Watt with free agency still means that if the services of No. 99 are still what-have-you-done-Overall, Friday's for-me-lately NFL, a stunner was devoted well-run organization should have at least legacy of super-famous netted a third-round Watt. Watt rivals Andre pick for a defensive Johnson as the greatest end who totaled 52 Texan and when the combined tackles, five three-time Defensive sacks, 14 tackles for Player of the Year en- loss, seven passes deters the Pro Football fensed, two forced fum-Hall of Fame, every curbles, a fumble recovery rent indication is that and a pick-six intercep-The Kid From Pewau- tion during his 10th pro

The Texans bragged deadline about how But Friday also was much they loved evquarterback Deshaun Watt telling the Watson and still don't

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16 points. Lozano added Robinson 16, Mia Loizano 14, 14 and Bianca Reyes 10.

29.4% from the field and 7 of 16 from the foul line. Karnes City shot 40.2% and made 5 of 16 free HALLETTSVILLE (42) - Kaylee throws.

18 turnovers and Halletts- 7, Layten Kolacny 2. ville 17.

KARNES CITY (51) - Jaiden Machacek.

The Lady Brahmas shot Foley 7, Davilyn Rodriguez 2, Jaycee Polasek.

Three-pointers: Robinson 2, points and Bludau 10. Ma- Kyler Chovanetz 8, Jaden Ellis 1. Reyes, Lozano

Svetlik 15, Courtney Woytek 8, Karnes City committed Sydney Migura 7, Briley Rother

Three-pointer: Svetlik 2, Rother.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

LADY BRAHMAS Friday, Feb. 19 Bastrop Cedar Creek, here, JV/V, 5:00-7:00 Tuesday Feb. 23 Smithville, there, JV 5:00, V 5:00-7:00

INDIANETTES Feb. 26-27, Burton Tournament

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

BRAHMAS Monday, Feb. 22 Shiner, there, JV/V, 4:30/7:00 <u>INDIANS</u>

Monday, Feb. 22 Nixon-Smiley, here, JV/V, 4:30/7:00

2021 INDIAN BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Teams	Time	
Mon., Feb. 22	Nixon-Smiley	JV/V	4:30/7:00	
Feb. 25-27	Hallettsville JV Tournament	JV	TBA	
Fri., Feb. 26	@ Schulenburg	JV/V	4:30/7:00	
Mar. 4-6	Sacred Heart Tournament	V	TBA	
Tues., Mar. 9	St. Paul	JV	6:00	
Mar. 11-13	Flatonia Tournament	V	TBA	
Mon., Mar. 22	@ Smithville	JV/V	4:30/7:00	
Thurs., Mar. 25	SA St. Gerard •	V	6:00	
Mon., Mar. 29	Bulverde Living Rock •	V	6:00	
Wed., Mar. 31	St. Paul •	JV/V	4:30/6:00	
Mon., Apr. 5	Bulverde Bracken •	V	6:00	
Mon., Apr. 12	@ SA St. Gerard •	V	6:00	
Thurs., Apr. 15	@ Bulverde Living Rock •	V	6:00	
Tues., Apr. 20	@ St. Paul •	JV/V	5:00/7:00	
Fri., Apr. 23	@ Bracken Christian •	V	6:00	
TAPPS DISTRICT 5-AA GAMES				

BRAHMAS

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into crunch time.

The Brahmas had four turnovers in the fourth Carson Kolb 2, Kael Estes 2. Bianca Reyes 10, Jashanie period which eventually cost them.

son Roe tallied 13 for the Three-pointers: Wood 2.

dustrial led 33-29 heading Cobras and Thigpen 11. INDUSTRIAL (45) - Devin Barr 15, Mason Roe 13, Chace Thigpen 11, Three-pointers: Roe, Thigpen HALLETTSVILLE (40) - Rylan Schindler Wood finished with 11 14, Deven Wood 11, Luke Bludau 10,

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JV WHITE DROPS ONE-POINT DECISION

The Brahma JV White dropped a 29-28 decision to the Industrial freshmen here last Tuesday in the regular season finale.

Jashaun Price scored 15 points in defeat for the Brahmas. Damarion Austin had 8, and Dougie Mundine 5.

JV MAROON FINISHES 9-2

The Brahma JV Maroon put the finishing touches on a 9-2 season with a 45-34 win over Industrial here last Tuesday.

Cam'ron Alamilla, Brenden Henke, Monte Thigpen and Braden North all had 7 points for the Brahmas who led 25-19 at the half.

Michael Redding chipped in with 4 points, Tanner Cliffe 3, Zariyon Miller 3, Derek Rees 3 Tristian Horton 2 and Gage Matula 2.

Cliffe, Thigpen, Alamilla and Henke all hit three-pointers.

2021 INDIANETTE SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Teams	Time
Thurs., Feb. 18	Refugio	JV	5:30
Feb. 26-27	Burton Tournament	V	TBA
Tues., Mar. 2	SA Providence @ Seguin	V	6:00
Mar. 4-6	Schulenburg Tournament	V	TBA
Mar. 11-13	Flatonia Tournament	V	TBA
Thurs., Mar. 18	@ Refugio	JV	1:00
Sat., Mar. 20	Schulenburg Tournament	JV	TBA
Tues., Mar. 23	@ Victoria Faith Acad. •	V	4:30
Fri., Mar. 26	Bryan St. Joseph •	V	5:30
Tues., Mar. 30	St. Paul •	V	5:30
Tues., April 6	@ Bryan St. Joseph •	V	4:15
Fri., Apr. 9	Bryan Brazos Chrn. •	V	5:30
Mon., Apr. 12	Victoria Faith Acad. •	V	5:30
Fri., Apr. 16	Schulenburg	V	5:30
Tues., Apr. 20	@ St. Paul •	V	5:30
Fri., Apr. 23	@ Bryan Brazos Chrn.	V	5:30
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OBITUARIES

MONICA LEE RENKEN

Monica Lee Renken, 38, of Hallettsville passed away Friday, February 12, 2021. She was born April 19, 1982 in Denver, Colorado to Frank and Rosa He was born on May 16, 1939, to Mary (Granillo) Gonzales.

Monica worked as a receptionist at Eddy Packing. She was a strong person and was always willing to He was a member of Sacred Heart help others in need.

She loved to travel, going to the Renaissance Festival and spending time with her family. She was a member of Faith Family Church and was a Sunday school teacher.

Survivors are her parents, Frank and Rosa Gonzales of Hallettsville; husband, Ryan L. Renken of Hallettsville; daughter, Star Davis of Victoria; sons, Jaden Gonzales and Michael Silgero, both of Hallettsville; sisters, Cindy Bolkan of Oregon and Wendy Tristan of Richmond; brothers, Jose Gonzales of Fort Worth and Frank Gonzales of LaGrange; numerous extended family.

Prayer Service 6 p.m., Thursday, February 18, 2021 at Thiele Cooper Funeral Home.

Funeral Service 1 p.m., Friday, February 19, 2021 at Faith Family Church in Hallettsville with Rev. Emilio Laredo officiating. Burial to follow at Hallettsville City Cemetery.

Arrangements by Thiele Cooper Funeral Home, 361-293-5656.

JEROME "JERRY" KOERTH

Jerome "Jerry" Koerth, 77, of Shiner, passed away Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at home with his beloved wife at his side. He was born August 28, 1943 in Hallettsville to Leslie Louis Koerth and Annie (Pesek) Koerth.



Jerry wrote his own obituary when his health began to deteriorate. It was writ-

After my Dad's discharge from the military, we moved to Bentonville, near Alice. There I was raised and graduated from William Adams High School in Alice.

Upon graduation, I joined the military and proudly served my country from 1962 to 1968.

Beside the joy heaped upon me by my son and my wife, I also enjoyed a life of hunting and fishing. My son and my wife have been the gleam in my eye for many years. I have been truly blessed.

I am survived by my wonderful wife, Debra Koerth of Shiner and my son, Leslie Joseph Koerth Wittnebert; 29 great grandchildren; 7 great great of Austin and sister JoAnn Eggemeyer of Aqua

I am preceded in death by my parents.

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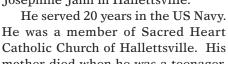
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HARVEY WAYNE JAHN

Harvey Wayne Jahn, 81, of Hallettsville, passed away February 4, 2021. Josephine Jahn in Hallettsville.



mother died when he was a teenager, and was raised by his foster parents, Gus & Gertrude

Funeral Mass Service (All attendees must wear masks): 2 pm, Saturday, February 13, 2021, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Hallettsville, TX; with Rosary starting at 1 pm; and Visitation starting at 12 noon. Pallbearers: Brian Jahn, Travis Jahn, Devin Mertz, Matthew Motal, David Pastucha, and William Pastucha Jr. Honorary Pallbearers: Leon Jahn, David Polasek, Robert Polasek, Michael Bradberry, Ray Renken, Dalton Herrington, and Ethan Clendenen. Officiant: Msgr. John Peters. Memorials: Sacred

Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery. Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.kubenafuneralhome.com

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EUNICE MARIE LORFING

Eunice Marie Lorfing, 91, of Victoria, passed away February 10, 2021. She was born on August 31, 1929, to Adolph V. & Mary Balusek Fojt, in

Eunice grew up and attended school in the Vsetin and Shiloh area where she met her caring and loving husband,

Alfred. They were married on September 27, 1947, at St. Peter Lutheran Church of Hallettsville.

Eunice was a mother, homemaker, accomplished seamstress to her family, and devoted organic gardener. She was also a long time member of First English Lutheran Church where she was active in the Ruth Circle, Lydia Circle, and Alter Guild.

Eunice is survived by: daughter Sandra Seals of Hallettsville; 2 sons, Alan Lorfing of Inez and Neil Lorfing and wife Janet of Seadrift; brother Delmar Fojt and wife Mary Jane of Victoria; 3 sisters, Alene Steffek and husband Johnnie of Hallettsville, Elrose Kahanek of Hallettsville and Thelma Grohmann of Houston; 9 grandchildren, Brian Seals, Michael Seals, Jason Seals, John Seals, Kellie Martin, Michelle Lorfing, Sandy Whitley, Jason Williams, and April grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Eunice was preceded in death by; husband Alfred, parents Adolph & Mary Fojt, brother Marvin Fojt, At my wishes, there will be no public viewing sister-in-law, Charlene Fojt, brother-in-laws Jesse Kahanek, and Marvin Grohmann, son-in-law Greg Seals, daughter-in-law Debra Lorfing, and grandson Bradley Williams.

> Funeral Service: 2 pm, Sunday, February 14, 2021 at Kubena Funeral Home. Prayer Service: starting at 4 pm, Saturday, at Kubena Funeral Home; with the Visitation following after Prayer.

> Pallbearers: Jason Seals, Travis Seals, Bryan Martin, Galen Foit, Ronald Kahanek, and James Kahanek Honorary Pallbearers: Brian Seals, Michael Seals, John Seals, Zach Wittnebert, and John Parker. Officiant: Pastor Jim Pearson.

> Memorials: National Federation of the Blind of Texas (314 East Highland Blvd., Austin, Texas 78752), Shiloh Perpetual Care Fund or Donor's Choice. Burial:

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County looks to 'bridge' accountability gap



BY MARK MYERS, Lavaca County Judge Transparency and ac-

countability in government is vitally important to all of us who believe that we are served by those whom we vote into office.

Making good on promises in the past, I will attempt to bridge the gap that sometimes exists between the

people and their local government representation at the county level. I am your county judge and I work for you. This will be the first of many future editori-

als to try to get out pertinent information for all to read about what your county officials are doing for you. I first want to express how truly blessed I

feel to be your county judge. I have one primary objective to accomplish while in office and that is to make Lavaca County a better place for all of us to live, work and raise our families.

Clarity being paramount, I will keep you all appraised of what your Commissioner's Court is doing every month and attempt to explain why.

Currently, we have a lot on our plate with the change of our national leadership which is certain to usher in a different era in our national government, as well as COVID-19 issues, future budgetary planning, services that you expect, public safety and the day-to-day business of

I want to invite you all to check out our county website at https://www.co.lavaca.tx.us/ to get access to up to date information that pertains to Lavaca County that include weather, CODE-RED alerts, policies and procedures, our county budget and links to the various departments and elected officials that serve you. Further, I want to encourage all of you to get involved. We want to hear from you; our employers.

These are just some of the projects we are working on for you.

CODE RED SYSTEM

I want to encourage everyone to enroll in the Code Red system provided by Lavaca County. You can do so through the official website given above. Upon enrollment into the system, you will be notified by your local emergency management team in the event of emergency situations or critical community alerts.

VACCINATIONS

We are currently working on getting more vaccinations distributed to our citizens throughout the county and working on a plan through our Lavaca County EMS Department to collaborate with Colorado County and coordinate a vaccination Sub-hub within our region in the weeks ahead.

This will allow more access to the needed vaccines by all. The plan was approved in Commissioner's Court and is ready for implementation. We are now waiting on the vaccines to be supplied to send this plan into motion.

I realize that there may be some frustration involved in trying to get on the lists of recipients for Lavaca County. We are working as fast as we can to get as many vaccinations done as possible, but the supply of those vaccines is very limited. We can only act when the vaccines are made available to us.

Hopefully, there will be more availability in the future. Until then, I personally will not receive the vaccine until I am reasonably certain that everyone in the county who wants the vaccine has received it.

I would just like to urge all of you to take the necessary measures to protect yourselves and others as you see fit, especially if you have any symptoms of illness by self-quarantine, social distancing and wearing proper protective

BROADBAND HIGH-SPEED INTERNET

I along with others have begun researching access to high-speed broadband internet access throughout the county for all. This is an important issue for the future economic development in Lavaca county.

We will be starting a Lavaca County Broadband Initiative to collectively come up with ideas for high-speed internet access to all of Lavaca County.

On the county's Facebook page, you will find a link to a survey that will be instrumental in gauging the needs of Lavaca county's internet needs. We welcome your input and ideas. Soon, I hope to have more to report on that as well.

COURTHOUSE CLOCK AND CHIMES For some time, the clock and chimes at the

Courthouse have not been functioning. Like many of you, I would like to hear the chimes again, so I am in the process of taking the steps needed to have that fixed. If you should have any concerns that I can

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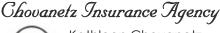
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In spite of this, David and Jonathan were very close friends.

As a newmoon festival that David wanted to attend approached, Jonathan devised a plan to warn David if King Saul was inclined to harm him or if he was..... favorable disposed toward him before he came to the celebration.

David would remain hidden in a field until the festival began. Jonathan would shoot arrows into the field and have a boy go and retrieve them. If Jonathan told the boy to go further out to find the arrows David was to flee because King Saul was inclined to harm him. If King Saul showed no signs of desiring to harm David, Jonathan would tell the boy to search for the arrows closer in.

Saul was inclined to harm David that day, so David and Jonathan made a vow of friendship and Jonathan sent David on his way.

Jonathan was killed by the Philistines in the same battle in which King Saul took his own life.

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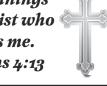
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Louderback: 'It's now or never on border control'

Members of law enforcement turned out in force for the Republican Women of the Yoakum Area's first meeting of 2021 held in Yoakum on Wednesday, Feb. 10. Featured speaker was none other than A.J. "Andy" Louderback, recently sworn in to his fifth term as sheriff of neighboring Jackson County and, if recent national television appearance are any indication, a rising star voice against Biden administration plans to reopen American borders. Already, tens of thousands of foreign nationals have lined the U.S. border, holed up in tent cities at some of the largest Texas border towns, waiting for Trump-era walls to tumble in the wake of presidential orders handed down Biden's second day in office. Those orders effectively remove deportation as an option for dealing with illegals in all but the absolute worst of the worst criminal cases, Louderback said, a move that binds lawmen's hands everywhere. Federal courts have issued stays to delay the border breech-thanks to suits filed by our own Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton-but those stays are only temporary. The executive orders, by contrast, could forever change our state and nation, Louderback told last week's Republican crowd, and why every red-blooded Texan ought to be on the phone right now, hashing it out with elected lawmakers. Photos by Bobby Horecka.

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Texas Coronavirus Relief Bill Rental Assistance Program administered

Free Mental Health First Aid Certification Courses Available

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension has grant funds available to implement the Mental Health First Aid Certification courses in Lavaca County. The certification courses are offered

completely free as part of a grant provided by the OneStar Foundation (Rebuild Tx Fund) to the 41 counties affected by Hurricane Harvey.

NATALIE D. KNESEK, PHD, CFCS CEA-FCH-Lavaca County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service 361.204.6992 natalie.knesek@ag.tamu.edu

Mental Health First Aid is a skills-based training course that teaches participants about mental health and substanceuse issues. Mental Health First Aid has a goal to make this training as common as the CPR training. According to the Mental Health First Aid website, "Mental Health First Aid is a course that teaches you how to help someone who may be experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge. The training helps you identify, understand and respond to signs of addictions and mental illness."

The certification course is particularly valuable to law enforcement, educators, health care professionals, and caregivers but adult may become certified. There are two types of trainings available: youth and adult. All trainees must be at least eighteen years old. The youth training is designed for those who work with young people, including school personnel and youth group leaders.

The Mental Health First Aid organization points out that depression is one of the most common mental health disorders. Worldwide, more than 264 million people were suffering from depression in 2017. At least one recent study has suggested that the number of people suffering from depression has tripled since the beginning of the pandemic. Additionally, more than three percent of the United States population suffers from Generalized Anxiety Disorder.

If your work setting or organization is interested in hosting either the youth or adult training course please reach out to me at natalie.knesek@ag.tamu.edu or 361-798-2221. Both training courses are eight hours. The first two hours you com-

plete on your own and then there is six hours of face-to-face instruction. The classes may be as small as five people but are limited to twenty. To receive the training for free the courses must be completed before the grant ends June 30, 2021. This past spring, faculty and staff of Hallettsville ISD completed this certification course. We are not limited in the county to how many courses can be offered but must be able to get on the calendar of the trained instructors working un-

der the grant. I am hopeful that we can bring more trainings to the county. Please help me share this opportunity with

those that you think it would most benefit.

Tool helps ranchers develop custom biosecurity plan

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) beef checkoff-funded Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) program has developed a Daily Biosecurity Plan for Disease Prevention template to help ranchers prevent disease transmission in their herds and safeguard the health of livestock.

The customizable template includes an 11-step process that will assist ranchers in designing a workable biosecurity plan for their operation. It is available as a fillable PDF, which can be edited digitally, or printed for handwritten plans.

"Biosecurity is a top priority for the beef industry," said Kim Brackett, chair of BQA's Advisory Group. "This tool allows beef farmers and ranchers to develop their own biosecurity plans unique to their operations. Being proactive and developing a written plan ahead of a crisis allows producers to implement and become familiar with biosecurity precautions. Even more importantly, producers will be prepared if a biosecurity threat were

to happen." Training employees on biosecurity and how to limit disease exposure on a daily basis are covered in the material. Also covered are records of animal movement, including quarantining of new herd additions and developing a contingency plan for interrupted animal

movement. According to the document, carcass disposal, manure management and wildlife and pest control are additional topics to consider in developing a daily biosecurity plan.

In addition to supplying basic information on herd biosecurity practices and their importance, the template encourages ranchers to talk with their veterinarian, Extension agent and state BQA coordinator about biosecurity preparedness.

The tool was developed in collaboration with the USDA and the Secure Beef Supply project, a partnership between USDA, Iowa State University and Kansas State University.

To access the customizable template, visit https:// www.bqa.org/Media/BQA/Docs/bqadaily-biosecurityplan_12-04-2020-93.

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On the trail of a criminal.....

Moulton Police Chief updates council on recent card skimming case

BOBBY HORECKA, MANAGING EDITOR

Moulton citizens got a rare glimpse into the behind-the-scenes work detectives use to solve a criminal case on Tuesday, Feb. 9, when Police Chief Mitchell Bennett offered local councilman an update on his investigation into a recent case involving a credit card skimmer illegally placed inside a local gas pump.

The device came to light a week prior when several Moulton residents contacted Moulton police complaining about fraudulent charges appearing on their credit cards.

A dozen local families filed reports over the next few days, Bennett said. About the only thing they had in common, he noted, was that first. It appeared that iest roads in town. they'd all stopped for gas likely occurred sometime recently.

More specifically, Bennett later noted, they'd all stopped for gas here in Moulton at the Fishbeck Store, just off High-



any other devices still did the deed in plain matter. around. Finding none, he sight to anyone passing returned to the task at by, in the middle of the hand, determining which afternoon no less, right of his victims filled up alongside one of the busearly Thursday, Jan. 28.

at least, something Ben- out of town. nett said he could use back at Fishbeck's to nabbed the picture of way 95. And even more veillance tapes. It didn't last week, asking the passing cars within the

Job complete, he even went inside and pick up a Department of Public It was a starting point, few items before heading Safety has license plate

That's where Bennett

He instantly phoned the store in Seguin, asking them to help them confirm the suspect and vehicle description. Then, knowing that the readers set up at various points along Interstate 10, Bennett phoned start reviewing their sur- the suspect we published ahead to get a list of all

for—was black. As it just truck passed by the readthe store, which matched the time it would have taken the suspect to get Station areas. there.

now had the identity of his culprit and a Katy address, along with more information just yet.

But as fate might have, Bennett likely landed even more.

While searching law so happened as well, that enforcement databases early in his investigaer precisely 10 minutes tion, Bennett learned after it pulled away from of similar, yet unsolved card skimming crimes in the Ganado and College

Those, interestingly, With plate numbers also involved someone now in hand, Bennett who matched his suspect description and drove a similar red truck.

Bennett said he was than enough to evidence actively working with to secure a warrant for investigators in each of the Moulton crimes. As those respective agenthe investigation re- cies to tie the Moulton mains ongoing, The Ea- suspect to those other gle is not releasing that crimes as well so that when police make their arrest, their suspect will be facing some serious jail time for his crimes.

LIVESTOCK REPORTS

HALLETTSVILLE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021 CATTLE ON HAND: 1409 WEEK AGO: 1341 YEAR AGO:

The market this week was mixed. No. 1 classes continued steady/strong in most weight brackets. Saw a little weakness due to upcoming inclement weather. The average of all calves sold was \$3 lower.

Packer cows and bulls sold \$4 to \$6 higher on approx. 225 hd. total. Quality of cows remains less than desirable.

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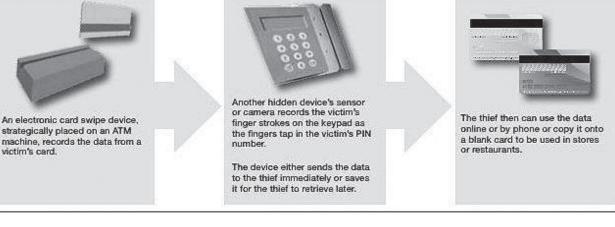
PACKER COWS: Canner & Cutter Cows: 49-69; Utility & Fat Cows: 46-63; Light Weight Canner Cows: 32-45; Poor/ Weak: 20-35.

PACKER BULLS: Heavyweight Bulls: 88-97; Utility & Cutter Bulls: 78-88; Light Weight Canner Bulls: 68-78.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CALVES AND YEARLINGS:

NO. 1 STEER & BULLS CALVES: Under 200: None; 200-300: 155-200; 300-400: 150-185; 400-500: 145-182.50; 500 - 600: 130-167.50; 600-700: 115-152.50; 700-800: 110-130.

NO. 1 HEIFER CALVES: Under 200: None; 200-300: 135-165; 300-400: 135-162.50; 400-500: 125-155; 500-600: 118-142.50; 600-700: 110-127.50; 700-800: 102-120. REPLACEMENT HEIFERS: 350-750: None.



Card Skimming: How It Works

specifically, he'd soon long to spot what he was public to phone in if likely timeframe. realize, each of his 12 complainants had used Pump No. 6, using the with fancy aftermarket however, Bennett was I-10 plate reader within store's pay-at-the-pump wheels, early afternoon hard on the culprit's trail. the next hour, some 10 credit card machine.

victim's card.

stopping along the way nett said, considering of the contested charges Bennett said. Just two to pick up a borrowed that no sooner than the were appearing at busi- were Dodge pickups, and credit card skimmer de- suspect parked his truck, nesses in the Luling and he was able to eliminate tection device from an- he stepped out-with a Seguin area, and by mere one by the color of its other department. Detec- key in hand to open up happenstance, a new bumper. tor in hand, Bennett went the pump—and installed charge happened to ocinspecting the suspect seconds flat. He brazenly Bennett was dealing with one Bennett was looking gas pump.

There wasn't any sign whatsoever that the card reader was tampered with in any way, Bennett told last week's council crowd, but sure enough, that detector told him otherwise.

Attached so neatly he might have easily overlooked it had it not been for the detector, the police chief said he found-and swiftly removed—the source of the problem, a tiny skimming device hidden deep within the pump itself.

Bennett then used the detector to check other nearby pumps to out the possibility of



Historical Facts about the world & America (Compiled by Murray Montgomery)

* A group of flamingos is called a "flamboyance".

World Wrestling (WWF) Federation had to change their name to World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) because of legal action taken by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

after, and it drove up in anyone recognized them. a big red Dodge pickup on Wednesday, Jan. 27.

So, the police chief Watching the video tion, the police chief guin store where the set out to investigate, was a bit chilling, Ben- had noticed that several suspect was last seen,

A total of 112 vehicles Before they could, would pass the nearest During his investiga- miles away from the Se-

One had a red bumto Fishbeck's and began his illegal skimmer in cur one day, right as per and the other—the

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The calf market in a very limited test continued to show strength in all classes. Exceptionally small run due to the weather today was not a real test. Like the cow/bull market, what was here sold well if not better than previous weeks.

PACKER BULLS: 70-84.

sell at a premium.

PACKER COWS: Canners & Cutters: 44-66; Poor & Weak:

15-35 **PALPATED:** 7 bred: 65-71.

PAIRS: None STEER CALVES: (Avg. High) Under 200 Lbs.: None; 200-249 Lbs.: None; 250-299 Lbs.: None; 300-350 Lbs.: None; 350-400 Lbs.: None; 400-450 Lbs.: 110-161; 450-500 Lbs: 100-150; 500-550 Lbs.: 101-141; 550-600 Lbs.: 101-134;

600-700 Lbs.: None; 700-800 Lbs.: 100-115.

BULL CALVES: (Avg. High) Under 250 Lbs.: 117-130; 250-300 Lbs.: 104-124; 300-350 Lbs.: 125-160; 350-400 Lbs.: 114-140; 400-450 Lbs.: 121-150; 450-500 Lbs.:113-130; 500-550 Lbs.: 108-125; 550-600 Lbs.: 104-123; 600-700 Lbs.: 103-127; Over 700 lbs.: None.

HEIFER CALVES: (Avg. High) Under 200 Lbs.: 106-110; 200-250 Lbs.: 105-115; 250-300 Lbs.: 100-127; 300-350 Lbs.: 116-128; 350-400 Lbs.: 103-126; 400-450 Lbs.: 100-122; 450-500 Lbs.: 108-126; 500-550 Lbs.: 102-122; 550-600 Lbs.: 101-118; 600-700 Lbs.: 100-112; Over 700 Lbs.: 100-112.

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Case No. 11465

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of C. W. Koehne, Deceased, were issued on January 26, 2021 to Charles Wayne Koehne, Jr., 795 CR 417, Taylor, TX 79574, Cause No. 11465, pending in the Probate Court of Hallettsville, Lavaca County, Texas. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows: Representative, Estate of C. W. Koehne, Deceased, c/o James A. Evans, P.O. Box 503, Hallettsville, TX 77964. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated 10 day of February, 202.

James A. Evans Attorney for Executor

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Lions Club conducts eyeglass collection campaign

JIMMY APPELT, STAFF WRITER

throughout the world for their work to improve the lives of the visually impaired and prevent avoidable blindness.

Hallettsville Lions Club in meeting this mission is collecting used eyeglasses for recycling and given to visually impaired individuals, especially students in school.

The Hallettsville Lions Club is conducting a eyeglass collection campaign during the month of February to collect old eyeglasses that are no longer needed.

or used by individuals, can help others Hallettsville Nursing and Rehabilitation Lions Club International is known through the recycling of old eyeglasses, Center, Stevens Nursing and Rehabilitaprescription lenses, over the counter suntion Center, Brookshire Brothers Grocery, glasses, or an individual's cheaters.

Collection boxes are set up a various One of the primary projects of the locations throughout Hallettsville in- longer use, please drop them off in one of cluding Walmart Pharmacy, Hallettsville the collection boxes located around town," Pharmacy, Lavaca Medical Center Gift Paula Parkinson, Hallettsville Lions Club Shop, Sacred Heart School, Sacred Heart School Library; Hallettsville High School, Jr. High School and Elementary, Vysehrad School, Ezzell School, Victoria Eye - Hallettsville location, Hallettsville Chamber of Commerce, the Friench Simpson Memo-

Glasses and frames, no longer needed rial Library, Hallettsville Tribune-Herald, and Star Cleaners.

"If you have eyeglasses that you no president said.

The glasses collected will be sent to the Conroe Noon Lions Club Eyeglass Center, where the glasses will be sorted, cleaned, and classified to help recipients find "near matches" to help them see clearly.

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years of continuous ownership and operation by the same family.

Instead of all that, however, Laurie said she got her certificate and commemorative book featuring 2020's Family Land Heritage honorees, right alongside her usual bills and junk sale flyers via standard mail delivery just

Hardly fitting for a place that's now gotten TWO of those 100-year award designations.

You see, Laurie's parents—Joe D. and Mildred Janak—landed that first centennial honor from the Texas Family Land Heritage program back in 1982. Now that the place was officially deeded to her, Laurie could apply for the certification once again to recognize the land's ownership change.

Still, Laurie says her experience was absolutely nothing like what her parents got back then.

Of course, 1982 was a momentous year in her family. Precisely 100 years before then—on Sept. 13, 1882—was when Laurie's great-grandparents, Frank and Rosalie Janak, first purchased the 195-acre tract near Wied from one L.E. Neuhaus to begin making their mark on the place.

They arrived in Galveston some nine years prior from Ticha, Czechoslova-

kia. They left behind countless relatives in their home country, along with the lie would raise 14 children, oppressive rule of the Austrian Empire and its Bohemian King Franz Joseph. They came here seeking a new life, Texas-sized opportunities and, as countless family stories always phrased it, "their own bit of paradise."

Departing Galveston, the Janaks first made their way to Fayette County, where they settled near the community of Hackberry. They then purchased their farming all the while, like first 70-acre farm in 1876 in his father before him, raisthe Vysehrad area.

It wasn't long, however, before they set their sights elsewhere, ultimately selling that first farm to one of their children a few years after finding the place Laurie says she's always known as home.

Growing up, she recalled stories her family passed down about how her great-grandfather came seeking that little piece of paradise and how, after seeing all those rolling hills and plush valleys—so reminiscent of his native Moravian homeland—he was certain he'd found it.

Together with five brothers who immigrated with him, their wives and children, Laurie's greatgrandfather Frank set to working his newfound

and poultry.

There, too, he and Rosathe last of whom-Laurie's grandfather Augustwould ultimately take up where Frank and Rosalie left off to carry on the family farming tradition.

Under August Janak's watch, that original parcel of land would more than double in size over several years' worth of steady acquisitions. There, too, he and his wife, Agnes, raised 10 children of their own, ing cotton, corn, maize, livestock and poultry.

Once again, it would be the youngest son of the Janak clan-Laurie's father, Joe D. Janak—who would take up the family farming mantle. On his 24th birthday, young Joe and wife Mildred bought out his father in 1951, paying \$110 an acre.

Like his father and father's father before him, Joe also started by farming the place, raising cotton, maize, hegira, cattle and poultry, and selling a few eggs to make ends meet. Joe and his wife, Mildred, would set up their home in the exact same house that Frank and Rosalie first built in 1882.

There they raised four children of their own, the land, raising cotton, corn, youngest of whom-Laucane for molasses, livestock rie—brings us to present

the most significant production changes in the long history of the Janak place when he decided, sometime during the early 1960s, to give up the farming operations and shift to

cattle exclusively. He was one of the first in Lavaca County to raise registered Charolais cattle, and he soon added a purebred Limousin herd to mix as well. It wasn't long before those Janak cattle were turning heads at livestock shows everywhere, with Laurie's father Joe building quite the reputation for raising show winners in places like Houston,

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and Denver.

her dad's Charolais cattle in Houston when she was just nine, and by age 18, she was crowned Miss Texas Charolais 1976, proudly representing Charolais breeders from across the Lone Star State.

and husband Rick con- he could see it from there. tinue that same ranching tradition her father started, with Charolais still the herd favorite on their

After she and her siblings split their respective shares of the homeplace in late 2016, Laurie and Rick claimed a roughly 47-acre tract, a spot with a tall hill that overlooks the gently sloping prairie for miles around.

Growing up, Laurie says her family affectionately called that particular patch of earth "the Back 40" for

Today, she and Rick call it LRB Ranch, as well as Center, and knows her job their home.

Just last year, the Brauns built a new house and adjoining shop atop that very same hill, overlooking their own little patch of paradise with each day's dawn. God willing, they both said, they'll get to collect that next Texas Family Land Heritage recognition when Police Department prior they break the 150-year to coming to Hallettsville.

sure of a man comes in the 2015. legacy he leaves behind for those he loves.

sider this: That same year Institute at Sam Houston Laurie's parents landed that first state-recognized centennial certification, back in 1982, someone in ficers License and has a their family put together running total of over 1,900 a massive genealogy with her great-grandparents, Frank and Rosalie, set Schlauch said Lt. Vaccaro is right at its heart.

names, back then, totaled have her serve as a leader more than 4,000 people. within the department.

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Laurie swears it would Laurie started showing have more than doubled in the roughly four decades since, all direct kin to the man who once looked out at those rolling hills, certain he'd found paradise.

He likely had it spot on from the start.

Because if that's not Not surprising, Laurie paradise, I'm pretty sure

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She began her employment as a corrections officer in the Detention Center on Sept. 14, 2000. Sgt. Perez was promoted to the rank of corporal in 2006 and in October 2010 she was again promoted to her current position of jail administrator and sergeant over the Detention Center.

According to Chief Deputy Daniel Peters Jr., Sgt. as long as she can remem- Perez had the ability to quickly sum up situations that occur in the Detention

Sgt. Perez also has a big hand in passing jail inspection each year.

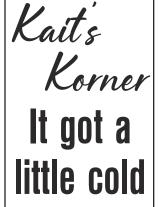
Lt. Erica Vaccaro was chosen as the Hallettsville Police Department's Officer of the Year.

Lt. Vaccaro spent 15 years with the Victoria

On Jan. 31, 2013, she After all, it's only 12 started as a patrol officer But it would be Laurie's years away. That's hardly here and was promoted to father Joe who introduced anything all, considering. sergeant June 6, 2013 and They say the truest meathen to lieutenant July 16,

> Lt. Vaccaro is a 2014 graduate of the Law En-And in that respect, conforcement Management State University. She also holds an Associate's Degree, a Master Peace Oftraining hours.

> Police Chief Randal K. a huge asset to his depart-The list of descendant ment and it is an honor to



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Sunday morning, 4:30 a.m.: I woke up to complete and utter silence and then a flash of light. The power was out, and I was definitely not expecting it. Five hours later, the power came back on, but I was still wary.

This got me thinking about how I could be prepared next time I was in an outage. So, here are some tips that I found in case of another winter power outage.

Something to do before an outage actually happens is have an emergency kit available as well as stock up on foods and water you can keep in the pantry. Also, make sure you have charged electronic devices like phones and tablets to pass time and contact people if necessary.

Next, stay warm. Dress in layers and pull out the fluffy blankets. Keep the doors and windows shut and maybe use towels or blankets to block drafts. During the day, open your curtains to let the sun in and naturally bring warmth in. At night, close them so the heat is trapped indoors.

Keep your food cold by not opening your fridge or freezers. Food can stay frozen for 24 to 36 hours if ity remains untouched. Try keeping a bag of ice in your freezer in case you are out of town. If the cubes melt and refreeze, the food in the freezer is most likely spoiled.

If you have electric heat or an electric water heater, leave taps dripping to prevent the pipes from freezing and bursting. My family has been doing this since the weather got this cold and so far, no bursts or frozen pipes.

When the power comes back on, depending on how long the power was out, you might want to check food for spoilage. Also, try to conserve energy in case of a second outage by keeping the heater set at about 68 degrees Fahrenheit and keeping some lights and appliances off if they're not needed.

I hope these few tips help you prepare for a power outage during winter.

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break out of the bitter cold

began late Sunday and

most likely will last until

history buffs, we have to go back to Feb. 2, 1951 for the

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