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On Monday morning the Kendall County commissioners held court in the third floor courtroom of the courthouse. Judge Darel Lax conducted the hour and a half meeting and all four commissioners were present - Christina Bergmann, Richard Elkins, Richard Chapman and Don Durden.

Paula Piiford, Deputy Clerk, passed with flying colors her first solo responsibility of taking the minutes at an earlier meeting and the budget workshops last week. That and the usual finance items were passed with no discussion.

A short presentation was made by Jay Puckett, Director of South Texas Blood and Tissue (STB&T), advising the court of a new blood drive room that has opened in Boerne. Located at 213 West Bandera, it has been in operation since January. This was appropriate timing as Tuesday was World Blood Donor Day. The commissioners hear about a Blood Donor Room in Boerne

Historic Landmark has a single agenda item meeting

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Last week the Historic Landmark Commission met for short, four-minute, meeting to handle a single agenda item. Chairman Ben Adams conducted the meeting. Commissioners Cali Redd, Justin Boerner, Patti Mainz and Sally Pena were in attendance. Cevar Hancock and Mike Nicholls were absent.

The single request was for a certificate of appropriate use for a monument sign to be located at 162 South Main Street. The ESC Unified Development Code has twenty-two pages of rules and regulations concerning signage. The that document a monument sign is “a freestanding sign that is supported by a base structure, with structural encroachments on at least one side other than the side on which the sign is located. The sign is in place. The new sign will be “30 inches by 47 inches, aluminum cut-out, powder-coated Black.” The sign will read Thirty Eight and Forty seven and Forty years. The Friends in Harmony in Song

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From September 2007 to June 2009, the San Antonio area had officially experienced the driest 22-month period since record keeping began 1885. The total rainfall of 23.90 inches broke the old record of 26.33 inches from December 2008 through September 2009. Typically, annual precipitation would be near 10 inches.

Drought: A very short history lesson

By Milan J. Micheler

This lack of rainfall prompted many Public Water Systems from San Antonio to Austin to initiate a variety of Drought Contingency Plans. These reduce water consumption as recharge to aquifers and refill surface water supplies was reduced and demand continued to increase. Moderate to heavy rain events brought relief in most of the drought-stricken areas during the second week of September and continued throughout October.

As much of this rain fell in the Recharge Zone of the Edwards Aquifer, this aquifer regenerated sufficiently for authorities to lower, or in many cases remove altogether, drought restrictions for most of San Antonio.

Similar relief was noted in many areas of the Trinity Aquifer.

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friends in Harmony and the Harmony Belles, both for twenty-six years (there’s far too many to list). Artie Dolt has single handedly kept an old music tradition going on the very well known secret here in the Hill Country. “We’ve got one guy that started when he was 14 and he’s 90 years,” said Kathryn Winkelmeyer, who sings in the men’s group Harmony Belles, while her husband George sings in the men’s group Friends in Harmony. “We’ve got kids that come and go. Anyone can do it.”

Artie entered the barbershop quartet world in New Jersey at just age 14. He was the first generation grandfather, who wore suspenders.

“Like most kids my age, I was more interested in rock and roll than I was old men singing songs.” Artie commented. “I went to them like performance, and I saw a young guy singing scat and I blew me away. That’s what I want.”

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RIBBON CUTTINGS

Fair Oaks Ranch Golf & Country Club’s Pavilion Re-Opening and Newly Renovated Barroom

We had a wonderful afternoon celebrating Klein Smokehaus’ Grand Opening of their newly expanded meat market and dining area with a ribbon cutting ceremony! Klein Smokehaus has been a Boerne treasure since 1950, and offers succulent smoked meats, sausages, hand-cut steaks and chops, exotic game, oak-smoked bacon and mouth-watering barbecue! They also have Klein Deer Processing, which honors the rich heritage of Hill Country hunting as well as the fine art of traditional Hill Country deer processing. Today and tomorrow they are celebrating the grand opening of their newly expanded meat market and dining area. You can now enjoy Klein Smokehaus to sit down with some barbecue and ice cold beer! Stop by tomorrow, May 22 between 10 a.m.-5 p.m. or call (830) 249-8063 for any barbecue orders! See them at their landmark, Main Street store at 342 S Main St., or give them a call at (830) 249-8063 for any questions! Congratulations Klein Smokehaus’ family; we are so excited for your growth in our wonderful Community and cannot wait to see all of the new menu items you make in your new dining room.

FOR introduces new employees

Barbary

At the latest Fair Oaks Ranch council meeting Joanna Merrill, Director of Human Resources and Administration, introduced the two newest employees for the city. Working with her in the Communications department will be Casey Parker. He is originally from Tennessee where worked on a mayor campaign before moving to Texas. He has a backbone of non-profits and recently worked with Meals on Wheels in San Antonio. Kelly Barber is actually returning to work for the city as she was employed from 2008 to 2015 as the city clerk. The only job she is returning to. While she was gone Kelly worked as a Court Clerk in Gillespie County and then as an insurance investigator in Kendall County as an operations clerk for Kendall County’s insurance. She is thrilled to be back. She has a 15-year-old son and is excited to be part of the special celebration and look forward to your next 50+ years of serving our community.

Hill Country Mission for Health 20th Anniversary

We had such a great night celebrating Hill Country Mission for Health’s 20th Anniversary today with a special ribbon cutting ceremony and After 5 Mingle! Hill Country Mission for Health is a medical ministry providing charitable primary healthcare for eligible low-income, uninsured adults residing in Kendall County and surrounding communities through non-governmental support. They offer primary care, prescription assistance, specialty care and more! Hill Country Mission for Health serves over 300 patients a month (or 41 patients a week) at their clinic and has served over 8,000 people in 5 years! The Hill Country Mission for Health’s 20th Anniversary was held at 122 Commerce Ave. Boerne. Congratulations Hill Country Mission for Health (HCMFH), we were so excited to be a part of this special celebration and look forward to your next 20+ years of serving our community.

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Located at 601 Esperanza Blvd. Boerne. Congratulations on your huge addition, Esperanza! Located in Esperanza, this is a great place to bring your 4-legged family member! Looking to learn more about how you can use the dog park while living in the beautiful Esperanza Neighborhood? Email connie@theholosgroup.com! Rover Oaks Dark Park at Esperanza is located at 601 Esperanza Blvd, Boerne. Congratulations on your huge addition, Esperanza!

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Rover Oaks Dog Park at Esperanza Grand Opening

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Researchers are “blurring the line” between humans and robots by developing “living skin” for machines. Scientists in Japan have created robotic finger tissue that “looks and moves just like ours,” according to research. Not only does the tissue have “the potential to make robots look more human-like,” according to the study’s lead author, the use of real skin components (collagen and fibroblasts) enables self-repair. The research could lead to more functional and “human-like” prosthetics and better skin care.

The Bank of Mum and Dad is seeing an influx of new customers. With property prices through the roof and mortgage rates rising, more and more parents are helping their children become home owners. Yet, there are several reasons why the move makes financial sense right now. For one, rental prices are so high that they can often be equal to mortgage payments. Real estate is also seen as a bridge against inflation at a time when the latter remains near 40-year highs. And couples can pass on $24 million to their beneficiaries tax-free through 2025, according to research. Not only does the tissue have “the right as summer tourist season was ramping up. The rains hit the national park and nearby communities Monday, washing out roads and bridges, cutting off electricity and forcing visitors to evacuate parts of the iconic park at the height of summer tourist season. All entrances to Yellowstone were closed.

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Mohammed bin Salman. Salman has been accused of numerous human rights violations, supported by the Public Investment Fund of Saudi Arabia that is controlled by Crown Prince. Those now banned from tour events are Phil Mickelson and Dustin Johnson. LIV Golf is Thursday are also no longer eligible to compete in tour events or the Presidents Cup. Among their membership before starting the LIV Golf event being held outside London that began

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Lights and L食べる時も，on the other hand，it is a nourishing dish that is often served during festive occasions, especially during the winter season in Japan. The dish is prepared by simmering a core of tofu with various ingredients such as vegetables, seaweed, and sometimes even fish. The tofu is then seasoned with an array of spices and herbs, creating a rich and flavorful dish. Tofu is a popular ingredient in Japanese cuisine due to its nutritional benefits. It is a excellent source of protein, calcium, and other essential nutrients, making it an ideal choice for those following a plant-based diet. The dish is not only delicious but is also considered to be auspicious during the New Year celebrations.

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David John Belter • 1973-2022

By Christine Rybol

Boerne City council considers $36M bond in November election

Boerne City council held its first meeting of the month on Tuesday evening. The fifty-five minute meeting was conducted by Mayor Tim Hardin. All council members were present along with citizens, Breyce Brooks, Quinton Scott, Nicki Caravella, and Mayor Ben Tucker was at a microphone but both council managers were there - Kristy Stark and Chris Gaddis.

Although there were several staff in the audience and one council member from one from the community in attendance for the presentation on the proposed bonds given by Kristy Stark, the council concluded that this was the fifth conversation that has occurred on the topic and the guiding principles in determining what the projects should be has been to be the bullet being considered of the community, public, regulatory, ensuring mobility and quality of life and taking into account the input from the council and community.

The first proposal had a $30 million price tag that included...
Focus On The Family

Father has difficulty relating to children - by Jim Daly

Jim Daly is a husband, father, former CEO of Focus on the Family and president of the Colorado Springs-based Center for the Family. He has been a father of five sons at various ages and is married to Maralee Marshall. 

Salute to Veterans at Triple H Equesterapy

By Denise Fortenberry

Saturday May 21 was Armed Forces Day, and Triple H Equesterapy celebrated by honoring those veterans served by their program. The event was for veterans and their families and featured the Derringer Band, a breyer horse and brunch.

Ginger Eways, executive director of Triple H, explained that Brett Clark organized the event in the past and held on July 4. A retired marine bartender, Brett is both a board member and a recipient of the Triple H programs. He said he felt it important to have a day to acknowledge those who not only completed the program but continue as volunteers and instructors.

The day began with brunch served by staff members. While eating, guests enjoyed music by the Derringer Band. Trick ropper Kevin Fitzpatrick performed on his horse. Romeo. He demonstrated spinning from horseback both standing and sitting in the saddle, continuing after dismounting. Brett also introduced the Texas Thunder Drill Team, who presented the colors for the national anthem and pledge. After handing off their flags they performed a drill to music for an appreciative crowd. Brett then spoke about his experiences as a combat veteran and a participant in the Horse Power For Heroes program, and explained that after completing both thebeginner and advanced program he felt compelled to give back and eventually became a member of the board at Triple H. Brett spoke about the long history of horses in battle, and the bond developed through centuries of shared experiences between horse and rider.

The unique services offered by Triple H were highlighted through horse and veteran experiences. The horses are considered the therapists. A bond is formed between horse and rider that allows the veteran a safe, non judgmental partner to experience trust and focus on the here and now.

Many examples were given of a myriad of symptoms made better by interaction with the horse therapy. An anxious veteran who had trouble going to sleep or take an afternoon off for an adventure with all the kids would let go of that emotion through riding, because when she was around the horse would matter that emotions and not settle. Veterans who have a hard time with focus are forced to pay attention to a horse which would otherwise wander. All examples, both experiences and research based, indicate that these experiences generalize to outside of the therapeutic riding - clients are less anxious after a session.

For more information about Triple H services, volunteer opportunities, and ways to donate – including sponsoring a horse therapist - please visit https://www.triple-h.org.

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The Pearl Antler

Local boutique aims for all customers to feel beautiful
Hi, I’m Reagan Harris, and I own The Pearl Antler. We want to be your favorite place to shop in Boerne. We offer sizes small through 3XL in most of our clothing, which is a great benefit to our customers to feel beautiful. We are so grateful for our customers! You can shop with us for something to wear on a girl’s shopping day and it is so refreshing to come in and feel comfortable to be themselves.

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a trauma, while the hero has a trauma of his own and they get thể another each on a dark empty night, which looks — yes, you know. It’s not, go read my mom’s dog-eared pages.

3) She may be meek, but by the end, she’s a fighter.

Every character always starts out as Cin- drella. She’s from an abusive household, and in her dreams, she wants to be the hero. She’s a fighter.

The key is to have donors for their life- saving gifts of blood.

Although there were no public comments at the meeting Don informed the beginning of the several new cases every week. Unfortunately the number of deaths in the county has risen from 119 to 122.

The donor room is open six days a week with varying hours. Jay suggested that it is best to go to their website to check their hours, which are posted on their door.

Now owned and operated by Leon Grivel III and Darcee Grivel, Vintage Reconstruction Inc. is a family-owned and operated full service Commercial & Resi- dential Roofing and Restoration Company with over 100 years of combined experience to assure that every project “small or large” is run smoothly and seamlessly.

The donors are very proud to provide top-quality service and workmanship done by their experienced property owners, large or small and, in some cases, residential disasters such as: water damage repair, fire damage restoration, or other Construction Services project “small or large” is run smoothly and seamlessly.

“... The burn ban remains in effect with no reason to discuss it. The judge stated “there is no reason to discuss the burn ban,” said Judge Boyd. “The ban is still under the direction of the county on many occasions.”

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The Boerne Village Band is a living history of German music.
Boerne ISD approves new compensation plan

Geneva School of Boerne's Nicholas Siller named TAPPS Fine Arts Male Student of the Year

Nicolai Soller's musical talents have been widely recognized throughout his time at Geneva. He is also an accomplished actor, he entertainved hundreds of people in his leading roles in Geneva's musicals "Flower Shoppe Run" and "Cinderella.

Not only does he excel in fine arts, he was also the Valedictorian of the GSB Class of 2022; a National Choral Federationist for the National Honor Society, a TAPPS State Choir State Meet medalist and was named to the All-State Choral Ensemble. "Nicholas Siller embodies all that Geneva's Fine Arts Department hopes to portray. He is a servant, scholar, athlete and artist. Every task that Nicholas works toward is done with excellence and grit. Our hope is that Nicholas will continue to be successful in his college career.

In addition, TRS health insurance premiums for permanent employees will see a 6.2% total decrease will mean our employees will see an average of $242 to $4,068 a year. The average insurance costs for BISD employees will range from $852 to $4,068 a year at the current rate based on the plan elections. Savings directly to employees will range from $482 to $4,068 a year. The average insurance cost savings for BISD employees will be $1,548. Together, the RISD salary increase and health insurance premium decrease should result in an average of 6.2% total increase for take-home pay as well.