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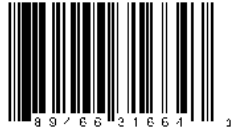
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Arctic air mass arrives Thursday

Wind chill of -8° predicted Friday

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While it won't be a "white Christmas," it certainly will be a cold one. An arctic air mass is due to arrive in Kerr County and the surrounding Texas Hill Country Thursday morning, Dec. 22, and will drop temperatures below freezing for a couple of days.

According to the latest report issued Tuesday morning by the Austin/San Antonio office of the National Weather Service, the prolonged period of freezing temperatures will include lows on Friday morning, Dec. 23, in the 10- to 20-degree range. High temperatures Friday will remain below freezing for a

large portion of the area. Gusty winds up to 35 miles per hour accompanying the front will produce wind chill values between -8 and 11 degrees across the area.

"As you can tell, this front is going to get cold and keep us cold for a couple of days. Now is the time to make your preparations to protect your family, your household, your pets and your plants," urged William B. "Dub" Thomas, coordinator of Kerr County Emergency Management.

"At this time, we are not expecting any precipitation, but if we do get some, then expect bridges and overpasses to freeze first. We would urge caution for all those traveling on the roadways over the holiday weekend," Thomas said.

Menorah illuminated at courthouse

By Irene Van Winkle
West Kerr Current

Members, family and friends of the Jewish Community of the Hill Country came together on Sunday, Dec. 18, for the 2022 Hanukkah celebration.

With prompts by Greg Bitkower and Don Burda, a giant menorah with a central light and four on either side was illuminated at the Kerr County Courthouse lawn, a short distance from the Christmas tree.

A sizeable crowd attended, and the band played many traditional songs like the Dreidel Song, Ma Oz Tzur (Rock of Ages) and Hava Nagila.

Michael Goldstein recounted the story of how the tradition of Hanukkah was derived. The word itself means dedication.

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Photo by Irene Van Winkle

The annual lighting of the menorah marks the start of the Jewish feast of Hanukkah. The lights will be visible at the Kerr County Courthouse through the holidays. The ceremony was accompanied by stories, music and prayers. In foreground are Carolyn Dreyer, left, and Mike and Karen Burkett.

Flower shop closing doors

By Irene Van Winkle
West Kerr Current

Showers of Flowers has been a mainstay of floral gift expression in Kerr County for about three decades, but as all good things must come to an end, so will this.

Although it may seem to be the end, in reality, someone else is already getting ready to step in and use the building early next year.

Showers of Flowers owner Christine Martin told the West Kerr Current that the flower shop, located on Hwy. 39 in Ingram, will be closing on Dec. 31, 2022.

"It's been here for 15 years," she said, adding that the decision was made for personal reasons.

"My mother needs me to be near her," Martin said. "She lives on the other side of

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Courtesy photo

Showers of Flowers owner Christine Martin, right, will be closing her Ingram store Dec. 31. She will be succeeded by Callie Ann Stelter, left, who is planning to open Callie Ann Designs by Feb. 1, 2023.

ITM launches P-Tech advisory board

Members help connect local resources with career program

By Kari Short
West Kerr Current

Ingram Tom Moore High School's Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-Tech) initiative blazed new trails in May with its first group of six students simultaneously graduating with a high school diploma and associate degree from St. Philip's College.

Even more students are on the same track for 2023 with the ultimate goal of giving every student the opportunity

to participate.

To foster even more opportunities for students, Ingram Tom Moore High School launched a P-Tech Advisory Board on Thursday evening with approximately a dozen community leaders.

ITM Principal Justin Crittenden stated, "While serving as an (advisory board) member you have the opportunity to help us connect with local resources in support of our program and our students."

He and the other staff leaders who hosted the meeting provided an overview of specific P-Tech academies in Health Sciences; Information Technology, Animal Science, Networking and

Cybersecurity; Education and Applied Agricultural Engineering.

"The P-Tech program is like a school within a school," Crittenden said. It helps students earn free college credits and offers certification in a variety of jobs, thus giving them not only an immediate opportunity for meaningful employment upon graduation, but also an advantage toward completion of a bachelor's degree.

Examples of employment opportunities range from phlebotomists and LVNs to welders and outdoor power equipment operators. The pay scales in these disciplines

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McKenzie clan's story steeped in history, adventures

Jack McKenzie is seen here held by his mother, Mary Sue Scott McKenzie. He later grew up and was a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, flying many missions to defeat the Germans.



EDITOR'S NOTE — This is 547th of a series of articles marking Kerr County's 2006 sesquicentennial.

By Irene Van Winkle
West Kerr Current

Janet McKenzie Reinwald of Hunt was "the girl next door" when her family moved next door to her now-husband, Ross, in Fort Worth, Texas.

On the Reinwald side, there are a number of divergent paths, but the McKenzie clan has a story steeped in history and exciting adventures.

First, however, take a look back centuries earlier for the McKenzies of long

ago. Clan McKenzie was one of most prominent Scottish families, with many stories. It is believed that the name Mackenzie is MacCoinneach in Scottish Gaelic which means "son of the fair bright one."

The surname is spelled dozens of different ways. They claim their traditional homelands are in Kintall and Ross-shire, and today their seat is Castle Leod. Eileen Donan was the clan's original home.

"For centuries the chiefs of the Clan Mackenzie ruled their lands from their formidable castle stronghold on the Island of Eileen Nonan. Today the restored castle, which is reached by a bridge from the mainland, is one of the most photographed and well known

places in Scotland. The castle may have been the clan's reward for helping to defeat the invading Norsemen at the Battle of Largs in 1263.

The clan lands ultimately included large areas of Wester and Easter Ross, including areas of stunning scenic beauty such as Kintail, Torridon, Applecross and Assynt.

The McKenzies grew in power, and by the 14th century Wars of Scottish Independence, it was a force to be reckoned with. According to tradition, Clan Mackenzie fought with Robert the Bruce at the Battle of Inverurie (1308) against Clan Comyn, who were rivals to

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HCTC is in the Christmas Spirit

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A Christmas message to Warrior Nation

To our Warrior families and all of Warrior Nation:

On behalf of the faculty and staff of the Ingram Independent School District, we would all like to wish you a very Merry Christmas. It's an honor each and every day to get to serve this remarkable little community.

Know that you have our deepest gratitude and we thank you for your steadfast support. Whether you are cheering on our athletic teams, our Ag, band, UIL teams or any of the countless other activities our kids do, you are always in their corner.

As we celebrate with our friends and families, let's not forget those that are not as blessed as we are. There are a great many people who are struggling with hard-hitting problems, known and unknown. Please keep them in your prayers and do a little something for them, if

Warrior Family

Bobby Templeton

you are able.

Right now ... at this exact moment, there are lots of folks including doctors, nurses, police, firefighters and service men and women who are cold and exhausted, away from their families and, in many cases, literally putting their lives on the line for our safety and freedom. Let's keep them and their families in your prayers, too.

Please stay safe, unplug, remember to give more than you receive, relax if you can and enjoy time with your family. It truly is an honor to be of service to you all. We wish you a wonderful Christmas.

Bobby Templeton is the superintendent of Ingram Independent School District.



West Kerr Current photo

Mountain Home stop light

Travelers from Ingram to Mountain Home may encounter a red light as traffic narrows to one lane while a new bridge is being built at Fessenden Branch on Hwy. 27. The Texas Department of Transportation project is estimated to cost \$1.837 million; a completion date is not listed.

Hill District Grandstand youth stock show Jan. 15-21

FREDERICKSBURG — The Hill District Grandstand Show is scheduled to take place from Jan. 15 through Jan. 21, 2023.

In 2022 the Grandstand Committee and Hill Country District Junior Livestock Show representatives joined forces, and in 2023 they are working to create a tradition.

The show is building a tradition of excellence that highlights 4-H and FFA youth from across the state and rewards their commitment to the agriculture industry.

Grandstand feels that raising show animals is critical to the development of young people, and it is its goal to provide a show and sale that is worthy of their hard work and efforts.

As a result, in 2022, Grandstand awarded more than \$662,000 to our 4-H and FFA exhibitors to help support their agricultural education.

Exhibitors, 116 lots, went home with no less than \$3,000 each (cattle no less than \$5,000 each) to place towards their education and future

projects.

"We are extremely grateful for those who joined our efforts by supporting our motto, 'Their Future is Worth the Finish!'" said a Grandstand spokesman. "Our communities have given selflessly to help us accomplish these goals. What a wonderful example they all set for our youth!"

Each project is an investment of time, money, hard work and persistence. This

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West Kerr Current will not publish Dec. 29

The West Kerr Current will not publish a Dec. 29, 2022 edition to give employees time off for the holidays.

The Current will resume publishing with the Jan. 5, 2023 edition.

The staff of the Current wishes all a Merry Christmas and prosperous new year.



Upper Guadalupe River Authority Weekly News

Rainwater Catchment Rebate Program

Submit your receipts for rainwater catchment system equipment to UGRA to apply for a rebate up to \$500. UGRA offers this rebate program to anyone with a Kerr County address and each address is eligible once per calendar year. Visit our website or stop by 125 Lehmann Dr. for program guidelines and an application. Be a watershed steward and promote water conservation by installing your own system today!

This rebate program is open to businesses or individuals in Kerr County. For more information, visit: www.ugra.org/major-initiatives/rainwater-catchment

Death notices

Timothy Wayne Kennedy, Kerrville, passed away peacefully Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022 at his residence after a brief but brave battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 70 years old. Funeral arrangements are by Wright's Funeral Parlor.

Funeral arrangements are by Grimes Funeral Chapels.

William Dennis Mitchell, 74, of Kerrville, Texas passed from this life on Dec. 13, 2022 at a local care facility. Funeral arrangements are by Kerrville Funeral Home.

Kerrville, Texas passed away on Dec. 16, 2022. Funeral arrangements are by Grimes Funeral Chapels.

Robert DeLane Todd, 89, of Kerrville, passed away Monday, Dec. 19, 2022 at his residence. Funeral arrangements are by Grimes Funeral Chapels.

At 12:33, Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2022, **Paul Thomas Shackelford**, age 60, from Kerrville, Texas, passed away in a San Antonio hospital as a result of injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident that occurred on Nov. 3, 2022.

Rudy Brondo, 64, of Kerrville, Texas passed from this life on Dec. 14, 2022 at his home in Kerrville. Funeral arrangements are by Kerrville Funeral Home.

Daniel Kirsch, 74, of Kerrville Texas passed from this life on Dec. 19, 2022. Funeral arrangements are by Kerrville Funeral Home.

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