

Funeral Notice



Rode

Norman Lee Rode, passed away peacefully in his home, Aug. 28, 2020. He was a devoted husband and father, watchmaker, hunter and fisherman, friend and family to everyone who knew him.

A resident of Brenham, he is survived by his children, Allen, Daphne and John; stepchildren, Todd and Carrie; brother, Daniel; brother-in-law, Jack; and grandchildren, Peyton, Matthew, Raven, et.al.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Memorial Oaks Chapel, 1306 West Main Street, Brenham, Texas 77833. To post a tribute to the family, visit www.memorialoakschapel.com.

DAILY BRIEFS

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING CANCELED

The city of Brenham's Board of Adjustment meeting regularly scheduled for Monday has been canceled.

LADIES LIONS CLUB TO MEET

The Washington County Ladies Lions Club will meet Monday at noon at the Cannery in downtown Brenham. New members will be installed. The service project for members to assist with handout of USDA food boxes Wednesday will be discussed. Progress on the membership blitz will be given. The public is invited to attend.

Burton school trustees to hear financial reports

By Alyssa Faykus

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The Burton school trustees will meet Monday at 6 p.m. to hear administrative reports in a virtual regular meeting.

The board will also hear financial reports for tax collection, revenue and expenditures, quarterly investment and review bills.

The board will meet in executive session to discuss personnel and district safety and security.

To join the meeting virtually, visit bit.ly/3ijUuFu, Meeting ID: 927 8435 8127. Password: 965454. Or call 1-346-248-7799. Meeting ID: 927 8435 8127. Password 965454.

Submit public comments via email to ekennedy@burtonisd.net between 5:15 and 5:45 p.m. Monday to be included in the meeting.

Commissioners to discuss county taxes

By Alison Bryce

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Tuesday's Commissioners Court will begin with a public hearing regarding the proposed 2021 budget for Washington County.

The proposed budget will raise \$540,009, or 2.886%, more revenue from property taxes than the previous year. The increase comes from new property added to the tax roll which, in total, is set to bring in \$594,000.

Commissioners will also discuss levying or adopting a tax rate of \$0.4950 per \$100 to provide more money for maintenance and operations.

Immediately following the public hearing, commissioners will take a record vote on the 2021 budget.

The court will also hear monthly reports from the sheriff's office, emergency medical services, Washington County E911, IT department and the veterans service officer.

Blinn trustees to discuss Brenham campus updates

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The Blinn Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the authorization to negotiate a contract for improvements related to the Leroy Dreyer Field on the Blinn-Brenham campus. The public is invited to attend in-person in Rooms 2 and 3 of the Blinn Student Center at 651 Blinn Blvd. here. The meeting will be streamed at YouTube.com/Blinn1883.

The trustees will also hear reports from the chancellor, financial reports and housing reports.

The board will meet in executive session to discuss the authorization to negotiate a ground lease with NCCD-Brenham Properties, LLC, related to the finance, design, construction and operation of additional student housing on the Blinn-Brenham campus.

Camp For All open for family escape

Special to the Banner

After six empty months of no campers, Camp For All will open in October to families looking for a weekend escape.

Traditionally, Camp For All has hosted camps for kids who come from all over the nation to enjoy a safe haven of fun and meet other kids who share the same set of different abilities. Now Camp For All is opening its gates to host family camps: Camp For Y'All.

Camp For All has previously only hosted campers through its 65+ Partners, making Camp For Y'All the first time that families can celebrate and experience all that camp has to offer in the Texas hill country according to a release. Families will be able to participate in beloved camp activities such as swimming, hiking, canoeing, horseback riding, archery, the climbing tower, s'mores night and more.

Family camps will consist of immediate families of up to four people who have been quarantining together. Additional family members can join (the cabins fit up to 15), with a flat fee for each additional person. Each family will be designated one of the 18 cabins and will complete their activities and meals as a family unit.

For safety precautions, temperatures will be taken daily and masks will be required when entering indoor facilities and participating in some activities.

This camp will be open during weekends and weekdays from October through December. Families must stay a minimum of two nights. For specific questions please call 979-289-3752 or email reservations@campforall.org. For more information and frequently asked questions, visit www.campforall.org/camp-for-yall.

Saddlehorn Winery, which is located on the way to camp, is offering wine

packages available for pre-order and pick-up. All customers staying at Camp For Y'All will have 30% of proceeds donated back to Camp For All. Contact Saddlehorn Winery at 979-289-3858 to participate.

Funds generated through Camp For Y'All make it possible for Camp For All to continue to serve its mission of bringing children and adults with challenging illnesses and special needs to its barrier-free facility.

In order to keep the camp running for the past six months and not institute layoffs, Camp For All held the Pie in the Face challenge, which raised more than \$120,000.

The pie challenge was created by Matt Mogas of Mogas Industries and Camp For All board member to help with the financial loss the camp is facing. Along with his father, Louis Mogas, the company matched \$50,000 in donations for the camp.



Alison Bryce/Banner-Press

Judging country creations

Washington County Fair Country Creations judges, from left, Karen Gass, Reneemarie Preston and Harrison Williams examine canned products Friday during round one of judging. The fair opened this weekend with multiple shows for the youth competitors.

Journeys

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local paper, and now you just Google it. When I applied, they actually called me and said, 'You meant to apply to Texas right?' since there's a Washington County up in Oregon and they wanted to make sure I knew what I had applied to," said Williams.

To keep relocation costs low, and because many things were closed due to the pandemic, Williams packed his car and stayed in a tent each night during his journey from Oregon to Texas.

"It took me a week," he said. "I packed a tent and everything I own in my mini cooper and drove and stayed at national parks that had been opening up. I took my time getting here and ate at grocery stores. Nothing else was really open so why not?"

Instead of worrying about things he cannot control, Williams viewed the move the same way he views his work: a way to have fun.

"It was kind of a once in a lifetime opportunity to drive across the U.S. for work. You have to have fun while you do it. Every day should be fun or there is no point in doing anything," said Williams.

However, starting a new job during a pandemic did not come without challenges.

"It's different because the events industry got hit really hard with the pandemic," said Williams. "The wedding industry got hit hard. Quinceañeras, celebratory kind of events had a hard time because events like that function off of having a lot of people and when you can't have that large volume of people or a space that can accommodate that kind of large volume of people, especially in a time of uncertainty, it makes it a little difficult. However, what is nice about Washington County, and what our saving grace has been, is livestock. Livestock is very easy to social distance and abide by mask requirements and sanitation requirements. That has been one of our saving graces to get through the pandemic."

Joel Knox did not have a major move like some during the pandemic, but he did make the journey into working a second full-time job.

After moving to Brenham in 2016 and becoming a pastor with his wife, Danielle, at the Vineyard Church of Brenham in 2018, Knox decided there was no better time than the present to find a second source of income. He had worked in IT previously for a school district and was originally hoping to find something within the field.

"I hoped to maybe find something

with Brenham ISD or something more part-time but there wasn't really anything available," said Knox about the job search.

According to Knox, the interview process was very similar to any other job, just with more precautions and masks. He has served as the IT specialist for Washington County since the beginning of August.



Knox

"There have definitely been some things that took getting used to," said Knox about beginning a new job during the pandemic. "Face masks are required in the courthouse and in all of Washington County facilities. And we are required to get our temperature taken each morning."

It wasn't just wearing face masks that took getting used to though; learning who people are under them also created problems.

"There were quite a few people when I first started that I didn't know what they looked like. It was kind of awkward making initial interactions," he said.

Though he has adjusted into his new role, Knox is ready to experience work without the pandemic.

"I'm really thankful for the opportunity and I am looking forward to work after the restrictions that are being imposed because of the pandemic are gone," said Knox.

With COVID restrictions and the safety of our family and friends a priority, the Children, Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren of Clarence and Bernice Gaskamp

Would like to invite you to a drive-by birthday/anniversary celebration in honor of

**Clarence's 95th Birthday,
Bernice's 89th Birthday and
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