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Tyson Complex Manager Jess Chadick shows off his special thank you poster from Ball Pre-K students. The gift was to show their support to Tyson for helping purchase learning backpacks for students.

Tyson Foods provides matching grant for Ball Pre-K program

Cindy Aguirre-Herrera

(Seguin) - Tyson Foods is not only "Feeding you like family," it's also supporting its family with educational resources.

Tyson Foods recently was recognized by the staff at Ball Early Childhood Center for donating matching funds which will help cover the cost of its "Making Learning Fun at Home" program.

Seeking the grant for the Seguin ISD campus was Pre-K Bilingual Teacher Dee Molina. Molina says thanks to Tyson Foods, kids now have the right tools to be successful.

"This project was called Making Home Learning Fun and they are transition backpacks with learning materials. It has scissors, pencils, colors, alphabet letters, numbers through 20. All these education

materials they can use at home and it has a calendar of activity for the parents to follow in English and Spanish being that it is a bilingual classroom, and they are not cheap. And it's a wonderful, wonderful project that was developed by two teachers in New York because we spend so much money on consumable materials and that's where you can go get funded. So, we really appreciate Tyson for doing this and this is the first year that they've done this, so we are lucky, and they've funded several projects for Seguin so we are grateful," said Molina.

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Molina says when these type of grant opportunities become available, she is reminded of the generosity of local businesses such as Tyson who step up and show their support. Tyson, pg. 3



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Seguin ISD's top administrator picks up nomination for TASB Superintendent of the Year award

Cindy Aguirre-Herrera

(Seguin) – The leadership efforts of Seguin ISD Superintendent Dr. Matthew Gutierrez are not going unnoticed. The Seguin ISD Board of Trustees recently voted to nominate Dr. Gutierrez for consideration for this year's title of Texas Association of School Boards Superintendent of the Year.

School Board President Cinde Thomas-Jimenez says the nomination follows a challenging yet successful year for Dr. Gutierrez who has worked around the clock ensuring the safety and academic well being of all students.

Dr. Gutierrez says he appreciates the board for the recognition and believes his success is one to be shared by all families, teachers and community members.

"It's absolutely an honor but what an hour to be recognized by your board during a very challenging time for all of us, for the school district. We have all experienced hardships in some way and I'm just thankful that they have recognized my leadership through all of this, but I truly believe that my success this school year has to be attributed to our staff and to our parents and community. They have all given me so much grace this year and I think we are always surrounded by controversies that other school districts are experiencing right now during COVID since early on and even today and the Seguin community has truly come together because the community wants to ensure that students and staff are safe and so any and all major decisions - our community has asked questions, they've



been engaged but they've been supportive and I could not be more thankful for that," said Gutierrez.

Dr. Gutierrez now waits to see if he is honored to hold the title for the region. He says the nomination alone is an honor.

"In the past, I've seen superintendents being nominated by their boards or worked with superintendents who have been nominated and I always thought that would be so neat for me the day when I become a superintendent and so for it to be happening is certainly something that makes me proud and proud to being serving the Seguin ISD," said Gutierrez.

Following its vote last week, The Seguin ISD Board of Trustees authorized that a resolution in honor of Dr. Gutierrez be sent to TASB. The resolution as stated by the board nominates him for "his exemplary and visionary leadership toward improving student performances in our schools."

Dr. Gutierrez has served as superintendent of schools for the Seguin ISD since July 2017.

ARRESTS



DRUGS PLUS money seized in Guadalupe County

Cindy Aguirre-Herrera

(Schertz) – Two area men were arrested following a narcotics operation on the west end of Guadalupe County.

The Guadalupe County Narcotics Task Force conducted the operation on March 25 in the 17,000 block of IH-35 Frontage in Schertz. The operation resulted in the arrest of two 23-year-old males and the seizure of narcotics. The task force also seized 210.62 grams of methamphetamine, 10.82 grams of marijuana, U.S. Currency, and drug paraphernalia.

Taken into custody were Joshua Cantu of San Antonio and Nathan De Los Santos of New Braunfels. Both were arrested and booked into the Guadalupe County Adult Detention Center on charges of manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance in penalty group between four and 200 grams.

De Los Santos also had an active arrest warrant for a parole violation for an original offense of manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance in penalty group between four and 200 grams.

The Guadalupe County Narcotics Task Force is composed of narcotics investigators and detectives and criminal interdiction units from the Cibolo Police Department, Guadalupe County Sheriff's Office, and the Seguin Police Department.

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Tyson, continued

"Donor.org is kind of like a GoFund for public education teachers nationwide and teachers can write to ask for any materials they want for their students. Tyson is matching donations, so I have an anonymous donor from Maryland that gave \$300. Tyson comes and matches this. Allstate has also matched some funds for us and so because of that funding you are able to get all of these materials free for your students and they ship it to your school. You can write grants under technology. You can write grants under literacy. You can write grants under STEM projects. They have guidelines that you have to follow and one of the things that we have to do is we have to show through photos the kids using the materials in the classroom or at home and so this is the beginning. We have to thank the major donor which was Tyson for this donation because this is over \$800," said Molina.

Molina says the best part of the process might just have been the simplicity of applying for the funds.

"Tyson had already told us that they would fund projects in Seguin for teachers because we have a plant here. Because Tyson is doing a campaign for education this year, they will match funds for teachers up to \$1,000 so we had the opportunity to go ahead and write those grants and submit them and then they will go in there and rate them and they select, and they send you an email overnight and say 'Guess what? Your project is getting funding. It's on its way and we get it," said Molina.

Although kids were gifted with backpacks, it was perhaps Tyson's Complex Manager Jess Chadick who walked away with the best gift of all that day. Not only was he given a handmade thank you sign and Easter basket, but he was also serenaded by an excited group of pre-k students.

"Mucho gracias. Mucho gracias...a Tyson.... We say thank you. We say thank you for our backpacks, for our backpacks. We say thank you. We say thank you...to Tyson...."

Chadick says his visit to Ball was definitely a highlight. He says going around presenting checks throughout area communities on behalf of Tyson Foods is always the best part of his job.

"We have an application process that is available for any groups or schools mainly in some of the public schooling type deals or food banks. We've done one of those lately and that application process is pretty self-explanatory. People can go online on the Tyson.com website and find the avenue to go in for the application. There is a choice that we make in those but schools, mostly anything that is located in the communities where we have facilities really has a good chance of getting grants through our company and to me, the more people that apply for it, the better. So, I encourage people to look at Tyson and look at what the application process is. Fill it out to their needs and apply for it because I'm here to tell you we do it all the time and it's something that our company takes pride in," said Chadick.

Those wishing to learn more about Tyson's corporate giving are encouraged to visit TysonFoods.com.



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Mules hand Matadors fourth straight DISTRICT LOSS

Mike McBride

(San Antonio) - Seguin finished up the first half of the District 26-5A baseball schedule with a 6-2 loss to Alamo Heights on Thursday at the Mule Yard in San Antonio.

The Matadors took a 1-0 lead in the top of the third inning when Alex Concepcion singled and came home on a base hit by Cory Mazzurana, but a momentum-turning play happened immediately after the run scored.

Tristan Moreno sprinted toward the plate behind Concepcion, and Alamo Heights catcher John Silva tagged Moreno out on a throw from centerfielder John York. After a hard collision between Moreno and Silva and some extracurricular pushing following the play, the home plate umpire removed Moreno from the game.

The domino effect from that decision took Moreno off the mound after he had retired the first six Mules in order over two scoreless innings. Tim Belicek moved from shortstop to pitcher, Micah Rodriguez from second base to shortstop, Concepcion from center field to second, and Marques Washington from the dugout to center field and the leadoff spot in the batting order. Belicek worked around an error to keep Alamo Heights scoreless in the third, but the Mules used three hits and two Seguin errors to break through with five runs (three unearned) in the bottom of the fourth.

Rodriguez singled to lead off the fifth, Drew Burnett reached on an error, Mazzurana loaded the bases with an infield single, and Heston Osborne walked to drive in Rodriguez. Alamo Heights left fielder caught a fly ball off the bat of Belicek for the second out and threw out Burnett at the plate to end the inning.

The Mules tacked on an insurance run in the bottom of the sixth. The Matadors stranded five runners over the final three innings.

Osborne went 3-3 at the plate, while Mazzurana and Rodriguez each finished 2-3.

Belicek allowed six runs (two earned) on four hits with three strikeouts in four innings.

Seguin is 2-6 in district play at the mid-point of the 26-5A schedule, 6-14-1 overall. The Matadors head back to San Antonio on Tuesday for a 7 p.m. first pitch against Veterans Memorial.

NAVARRO baseball holds off Hondo for seventh straight WIN

Mike McBride

(Hondo) - The Panthers pushed their winning streak to seven games on Thursday with a 5-4 road win over Hondo.

Jaxen Monkerud struck out nine to earn the win on the mound. After allowing the four Hondo runs in the first inning, Monkerud held the Owls scoreless for 4-1/3 frames.

Hunter Monroe relieved Monkerud in the sixth and induced the final five outs to pick up the save.

Monkerud went 3-4 at the plate, Jacob Frederick finished 2-3, and they each recorded a double and an RBI.

Aden Supak and Bryce Nall each drove in a run.

Navarro (18-3) concludes the non-district portion of the schedule on Friday, Apr. 9 with a 7 p.m. road game against Pearsall.



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Navarro softball handles Hays JV

Mike McBride

(Buda) - Navarro replaced its cancelled softball date against Incarnate Word with a road game against the Buda-Hays JV on Thursday, and the Panthers cruised to an 11-1 win in five innings.

Sam Wegman pitched a two-hitter and struck out three to log the win in the circle.

Sam Mundine led Navarro the plate with a 4-4 outing, three stolen bases, an RBI, and two runs scored. Kaislyn Tover scored twice, stole two bases, and drove in three runs. Laylin Sturm went 3-3 with a triple, two stolen bases, and three runs scored. Melina Tabares and Haileigh "Bear" Ortiz each collected two hits and an RBI.

The Panthers (13-6) open the District 27-4A schedule on Tuesday with a 7 p.m. home game against La Vernia in Geronimo.

Williams fuels Marion baseball to run-rule win over Mustangs

Mike McBride

(Marion) - Jayden Williams tossed a one-hitter and struck out eight on the mound while enjoying a 3-3 night at the plate with a double and three RBIs to spark Marion baseball past Nixon-Smiley 11-1 in District 26-3A on Thursday.

The win moved Marion to 5-0 in district play, 13-6 overall.

Jake Burris doubled twice and tripled to go 4-4 with two RBIs. Bryce Gonyer notched two hits and drove in three runs.

Ryken Autry, Chance Lowery, and Kallen Bek each went 2-4, with Lowery scoring three runs and Bek delivering an RBI. Ty Blake went 2-3, drove in a run, and scored once.

The Bulldogs look to win their sixth straight district game on Tuesday with a 4 p.m. first pitch at San Antonio-Cole.

Marion softball RALLIES past Nixon-Smiley to STAY UNBEATEN in district play

Mike McBride

(Marion) - The Bulldogs maintained their spot atop the District 26-3A softball standings Thursday evening with an 10-8 come-frombehind home win over Nixon-Smiley.

The Mustangs led 8-6 in the middle of the fourth inning, but the Bulldogs plated three runs in the bottom half and tacked on one more in the sixth to notch the two-run triumph.

Alyssa Robles doubled twice, scored twice, and drove in three runs. Kristina Miles logged

a double and two RBIs.

Jaslyne Williams recorded two hits and r un scored. Lily Bek doubled, drove in a run, and scored three times. Alyana Robles chipped in with an RBI double and run scored.

Williams struck out four in seven innings to earn the complete-game win.

Marion is 5-0 in district play, 8-11-1 overall. The Bulldogs host San Antonio-Cole in a district contest on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.



Tuesday Schedule

Seguin softball @ Kerrville-Tivy, 7 p.m. Seguin baseball @ Veterans Memorial, 7 p.m. Navarro softball vs. La Vernia, 7 p.m. Marion softball vs. S.A.-Cole, 6:30 p.m. Marion baseball @ S.A.-Cole, 4 p.m. TLU baseball @ Concordia, 6:30 p.m. TLU volleyball vs. Schreiner, 1 p.m./ 5 p.m.

Friday Schedule

Seguin softball vs. Buda-Johnson, 7 p.m. (6:45 pregame) on KWED 1580-AM and Seguintoday.com. Seguin baseball vs. Kyle-Lehman, 7 p.m. Navarro softball vs. Cuero, 7 p.m. Navarro baseball @ Pearsall, 7 p.m. Marion softball @ Luling, 6:30 p.m. Marion baseball @ Luling, 7 p.m. TLU softball vs. U. of Dallas, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday Schedule

TLU softball vs. U. of Dallas (DH), Noon, 2 p.m. TLU baseball @ U. of Dallas (DH), Noon, 3 p.m. TLU volleyball vs. U. of Dallas, 10 a.m./ 2 p.m. TLU women's soccer @ Schreiner, 12:30 p.m.

Sunday Schedule

TLU baseball @ U. of Dallas, 1 p.m. TLU men's soccer vs. Colorado College, Noon

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ZUNKER

Dr. Vernon George Zunker, age 93 of San Antonio, formerly of Seguin, passed away on March 26, 2021. Vernon was born on September 18, 1927 in New Berlin, Texas to Nelda (Petry) and Louis Adolph Zunker. A graduate of Texas Lutheran University, Dr. Zunker received his EdD degree from the University of Houston, with postdoctoral training at the University of Texas medical

School at Galveston where he completed a residency in clinical psychology. Vernon will be remembered as having served as Dean of Men and Dean of Students at Texas Lutheran University and later had a joint appointment during most of his tenure at Southwest Texas State University (Texas State), where he was Director of the Counseling Center for 18 years and taught graduate courses in counseling psychology for 24 years prior to being named Professor Emeritus. At Texas State, he established a student learning resource center, a career development resource center, and was instrumental in the development of a testing center and the university's credit-by-examination program. A licensed psychologist, Dr. Zunker was also a consultant to the Texas Rehabilitation Commission for more than two decades.

He is the author of the college textbooks, Career Counseling: A Holistic Approach and Using Assessment for Career Development – both in multiple editions and widely used internationally. He also authored two editions of A Dream Come True: Robert Hugman and San Antonio's Riverwalk.

He considered his almost 3 years of sailing in the Merchant Marine as one of his greatest learning experiences. He often told his students that as a teenager on his own in a number of foreign countries, he learned to appreciate the significance of cultural differences.

Vernon was a life-long faithful Christian believing in God's promises of grace and forgiveness and was a member at Emanuel's Lutheran Church in Seguin, Texas and Christ Lutheran Church in San Antonio, vTexas. At the heart of this incredible man was his love for his wife Rosalie.

Vernon is preceded in death by his wife Rosalie Streng Zunker, his parents and brothers, Louis, Harry Lee, and Edward Zunker.

Survivors include his nephews, Dr. John Zunker and Tommy Zunker.

Private graveside services were held at San Geronimo Cemetery in Seguin with the Rev. Leslie Price and the Rev. Howard Stendahl officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Dr. Vernon G and Rosalie (Streng) Zunker Faculty Development Fund, Texas Lutheran University, Development Office, 1000 West Court Street, Seguin, Texas, 78155-9989. You are invited to sign the guest book at www.treshewell.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Tres Hewell Mortuary, 165 Tor Dr., Seguin, Texas, 78155, 830-549-5912.





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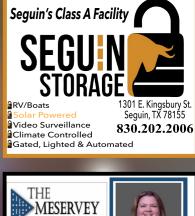
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P. C. Rust and Eli Gantt.

OHNSON

Martha Ann "Schatzy" Rimmel Johnson, age 77 of Seguin, entered heavens gates on March 3, 2021. Schatzy the name given by her Opa Scheibe meaning "sweetheart" was born was born on February 21, 1944 in Seguin, Texas to Genevieve Scheibe Wagner and Herbert Rimmel.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Rufus Johnson, Jr., daughter, Juanita Jo (Knoll) Schaefer, her parents, siblings, Gloria Wagner Fischer (Gary), Gilbert "Boy" Wagner, Jr., and Rebecca Wilkinson, grandparents Arthur and Martha (Friedeck) Scheibe and her former husbands, Wallace Knoll,

Survivors include her daughter, Tracy-Lou (Rust) Lovelace and husband Norman Funderburg; son, Stacy-Wade Rust both of Seguin; former daughter-in-law, Cally Bishop Rust; son-in-law, Alton Joe Schaefer; grandchildren, Cheyenne Rust (Richard Whitlock), Preston Rust, and Cody Rust; great-granddaughters, Devann Schaefer and Reba Whitlock; and expecting the arrival of a great-grandson; brothers-in-law and sister-in-law of Dripping Springs, Billy Rogers, Ronnie Johnson(Dorothy), and Linda Puryear; She also leaves behind nieces, nephews, cousins, her dog Daisy Mae, P.C.'s cat Charlie, and many other beloved friends and family members.

Schatzy was a loving wife to Rufus Jr. (Pop) for 23 and a half years until his passing; and after 23 and a half years they will finally be reunited again in heaven and laid to rest together here on earth. She enjoyed spending time with family. When her and her husband lived afar they would always come to Bee Cave for visits going to the river (Uncle Tommie's) and eating at Rosies. They loved going to the horse races, playing bingo, she even helped him when he was a government trapper (the stories she would tell). She loved playing board games like monopoly (which could go on for days), Wahoo, bingo and cards (especially 31). She was a survivor and self-made woman. She got her GED when her daughter Anita decided to get hers. Schatzy enjoyed trailriding in her early adulthood and dancing at Twin Sisters Dance Hall. She loved to sew, make wreaths, arts and crafts and to decorate for the holidays. Christmas was her favorite time of year to decorate and people would come by every year to see her yard art and lights (which got bigger and bigger). She enjoyed baking her dessert breads for everyone to enjoy. Her breads have gone all over the world (literally) and the border patrol always looked forward to their arrival. She was always trying new recipes or making some new concoctions of her own.

Schatzy held many positions in her life; truck driver, owned her own flower shop, bartender, secretary, security guard, title researcher, but the most important job she held was being a wife and mother to her three children. She was a Willie Nelson fan and "Will Always be on our Mind."

She lived each day as if it were her last; getting as much done in a day that was possible. So she danced her last dance, knowing that tomorrow may never come; we all new that she loved each of us.

Graveside services and interment will be held on Saturday, April 10, 2021 at 1 p.m. at the Fitzhugh Baptist Cemetery, (11607 Crumley Ranch Road, Austin, Texas 78736) near Dripping Springs, Texas, with Chaplain Karl "Rodeo" Long officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Blanco Cowboy Church, P. O. Box 839, Blanco, Texas, 78606 or to the Guadalupe County Humane Society, P. O. Box 1593, Seguin, Texas, 78155-1593 or a charity of one's choice. You are invited to sign the guestbook at www.tresehewell.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Tres Hewell Mortuary, 165 Tor Dr., Seguin, Texas, 78155, 830-549-5912.

You are invited to sign the guest book at www.treshewell.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Tres Hewell Mortuary, 165 Tor Dr., Seguin, Texas, 78155, 830-549-5912.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested to make contributions to the American Cancer Association. You are invited to sign the guest book at www.treshewell.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Tres Hewell Mortuary, 165 Tor Dr., Seguin, Texas, 78155, 830-549-5912.



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BAKER

Dudley Duggan Baker III, 84, a native of Seguin, Texas, died peacefully in his sleep at home in Austin on Tuesday, July 14, 2020. He was a loving husband and father, dedicated parishioner, and a lifelong fan of his beloved Longhorns. He was a patron of the arts, enjoying both symphony and opera. He enjoyed good wine and cheese but was also a fan of Tex-Mex food and dark beer. Dudley was an outdoorsman and enjoyed visits to the Texas coast for fishing, crabbing, and birdwatching. He was a kind and

gentle spirit and he will be greatly missed.

Dudley was born February 1, 1936, to Dudley D. Baker, Jr., and the former Agnes T. McKay. He attended schools in Seguin and graduated from Seguin High School as valedictorian. He graduated magna cum laude from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Science in Physics, followed with a Master of Arts in Mathematics. He was elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

He worked for 26 years as a research scientist for the University of Texas at the Defense Research Lab, which evolved into the Applied Research Lab (ARL), in the field of acoustics and sonar research. After he retired from UT, he went to work for with some former ARL colleagues at National Instruments, and later served as their Vice President for Marketing, retiring after 20 years.

He married the former Katherine Batey at the Chapel of the Abiding Presence on the Texas Lutheran College campus on July 22, 1959. Their union was blessed with three children.

Dudley was raised in the Episcopal Church, being baptized and confirmed at Saint Andrew's in Seguin. His home church in Austin was Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, where he sang in the choir, and served as a lay reader and lay eucharistic minister or chalice bearer. He was on the Vestry, and also served as Junior and Senior Warden. He was also a member of the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew and served this organization as a national officer.

Dudley had a beautiful tenor voice and loved to sing since childhood. He

performed for many years with the Austin Choral Union and its successor, the Austin Choral Artists, both under the direction of Dr. Morris Beachy.

He was a big believer in Boy Scouts and served in leadership roles, including Scoutmaster, in Troop 511. He was awarded the St. George award for service to both church and scouting.

He felt it was a part of his personal mission to donate blood for the benefit of others whom he would never know. He donated nearly 28 gallons through We Are Blood (the Central Texas Regional Blood Bank) in 220 pint-size donations. In addition, he leveraged his office and church networks by organizing blood drives, helping save even more lives.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Dudley is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Katherine; his children, Dudley D. Baker IV, MD and wife Julie, Eleanor M. Baker and wife Krista, and Mark C. Baker and wife Yolanda; grandchildren, D. Duggan Baker V, Kaeli, Erich, Willem, Luke, Grace, and Julianne; brother, Jack C. Baker and wife Janet; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family wishes to thank the many medical providers and caregivers who cared for Dudley over the last several years, especially Patience with Accountable Aging, Joel and his entire staff of The Village at The Triangle, and dedicated caregivers Kendell, Murray, and Nicole.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 10, 2021 at 11 a.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 201 E. Nolte St., Seguin, Texas, 78155 with the Rev. Billy Tweedie and the Rev. Stephen Shortess officiating. For those who desire services may be livestreamed at https://vimeo.com/event/797837. Private graveside services and interment will be held at San Geronimo Cemetery in Seguin.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a memorial donation to Power for Parkinson's in Austin, Texas or donate a unit of blood in Dudley's memory at your local blood bank. Dudley will sing a new song unto the Lord with each donation! You are invited to sign the guest book at www.treshewell. com. Arrangements are under the direction of Tres Hewell Mortuary, 165 Tor Dr., Seguin, Texas, 78155, 830-549-5912.



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Protective Benefits of mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines

(undated) -- A new CDC study provides strong evidence that mRNA COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective in preventing SARS-CoV-2 infections in real-world conditions among health care personnel, first responders, and other essential workers. These groups are more likely than the general population to be exposed to the virus because of their occupations.

The study looked at the effectiveness of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna mRNA vaccines in preventing SARS-CoV-2 infections among 3,950 study participants in six states over a 13-week period from December 14, 2020 to March 13, 2021.

Results showed that following the second dose of vaccine (the recommended number of doses), risk of infection was reduced by 90 percent two or more weeks after vaccination. Following a single dose of either vaccine, the participants' risk of infection with SARS-CoV-2 was reduced by 80 percent two or more weeks after vaccination.

It takes about two weeks following each dose of vaccine for the body to produce antibodies that protect against infection. As a result, people are considered "partially vaccinated" two weeks after their first dose of mRNA vaccine and "fully vaccinated" two weeks after their second dose. These new vaccine effectiveness findings are consistent with those from Phase 3 clinical trials conducted with the vaccines before they received Emergency Use Authorizations from the Food and Drug Administration. Those clinical trials evaluated vaccine efficacy against COVID-19 disease, while this study evaluated vaccine effectiveness against infection, including infections that did not result in symptoms.

"This study shows that our national vaccination efforts are working. The authorized mRNA COVID-19 vaccines provided early, substantial realworld protection against infection for our nation's health care personnel, first responders, and other frontline essential workers," said CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky, MD, MPH. "These findings should offer hope to the millions of Americans receiving COVID-19 vaccines each day and to those who will have the opportunity to roll up their sleeves and get vaccinated in the weeks ahead. The authorized vaccines are the key tool that will help bring an end to this devastating pandemic."

One of this study's strengths is its design: participants self-collected nasal swabs each week for RT-PCR laboratory testing, regardless of whether they had developed symptoms of illness. Researchers were able to look for evidence of SARS-CoV-2 infection irrespective of symptoms. A small number (10.7 percent) of infections in this study were asymptomatic (i.e., did not result in symptoms). **Continued on next page...**

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Coronaviruses, like the one that causes COVID-19, are named for the crown-like spikes on their surface, called **spike proteins**. These **spike proteins** are ideal targets for vaccines.

What is mRNA?

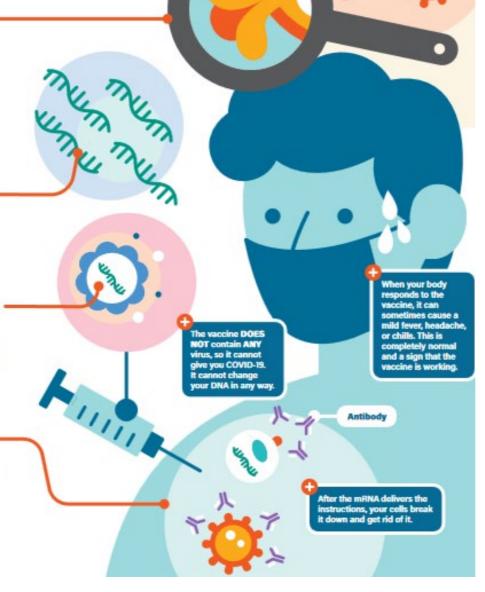
Messenger RNA, or mRNA, is genetic material that tells your body how to make proteins.

What is in the vaccine?

The vaccine is made of mRNA wrapped in a coating that makes delivery easy and keeps the body from damaging it.

How does the vaccine work?

The mRNA in the vaccine teaches your cells how to make copies of the **spike protein**. If you are exposed to the real virus later, your body will recognize it and know how to fight it off.



However, the majority of infections (58 percent) occurred among people whose infections were identified by testing before they developed symptoms or knew they were infected. The study demonstrates that these two mRNA vaccines can reduce the risk of all SARS-CoV-2 infections, not just symptomatic infections.

This is important because preventing both asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic infections among health care workers and other essential workers through vaccination can help prevent the spread of SARS-CoV-2 to those they care for or serve. Findings from this study complement earlier reports that these two mRNA COVID-19 vaccines can reduce both asymptomatic and symptomatic SARS-CoV-2 infections.

This study also provided positive news about partial (one-dose) vaccination. The one-dose VE estimate of this study (80 percent) is consistent with other recent VE studies following the first dose of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine among health care providers. Studies conducted in the United Kingdom and Israel showed that one dose was about 70 percent and 60 percent effective, respectively, against SARS-CoV-2 infection. The current results provide reassurance that people start to develop protection from the vaccine two weeks after their first dose. The greatest protection was seen among those who had received both recommended doses of the vaccine.

This CDC study was conducted through the HEROES-RECOVER network, a network of prospective cohorts that share a common protocol and methods. This network is part of a vaccine effectiveness surveillance system made possible by federal pandemic flu preparedness funding.

This study is the first of many planned COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness studies CDC is conducting to evaluate the benefits of COVID-19 vaccines in various populations and across different outcomes, such as preventing infections, doctor's visits, hospitalizations, or deaths. Results from these studies assist the medical and public health experts on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and CDC to make important vaccine policy decisions aimed at saving lives.

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COVID-19 Vaccine Waitlist

The Guadalupe Regional Medical Center, Guadalupe County and the City of Seguin will administer COVID-19 vaccines as they become available. All vaccines are free of charge and will be available by appointment utilizing the COVID-19 Waitlist at www. Seguintexas.gov/covidvaccine. Those without internet access or an email address can call 830-386-2219 and leave a message for assistance with registering for the waitlist. For questions about second dose appointment reschedules, email COVID19@ co.guadalupe.tx.

Damage Assessment Data Collection

The State of Texas has announced a statewide effort to collect damage assessment data from you or your business if affected by the freeze (i.e. no power, no running water, no natural gas, frozen or damaged water pipes, etc.), you are asked to visit https://arcg. is/uOrOb and fill out the online forms. The success of this effort will assist the local jurisdictions with the eligibility to potential federal programs.

Champions for Courageous Children

The Guadalupe County Children's Advocacy Center (GCCAC) will be raising funds and awareness online in April. Join a team, create your own, make a donation to the event or a specific team, and help spread the word. Email gccacinfo@gccac.net or visit GCCAC's Facebook, LinkedIn, or Instagram pages for more information. For a link to give, text GCCAC to 44-321.

Appraisal District Office Closure

The Guadalupe Appraisal District will be closed Wednesday, April 7 and will reopen at 8 a.m. Thursday, April 8.

Chamber Luncheon

The Seguin Area Chamber of Commerce will have its April Luncheon from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 7 at the Silver Center, located at 510 E. Court St. in Seguin. All registration must be paid prior to the event. CDC guidelines of 6 feet social distancing, temperature checks upon entry and masks will be required. Attendance is limited. For more information and tickets, call 830-379-6382.

Seguin Elks Lodge Wednesday Night Dinner

The Seguin Elks Lodge will begin serving its dinner menu for dine in or take out at 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 7 at 1331 C H Mathies Jr. in Seguin. For more information call 830-303-5844.

Cibolo Grange Hall Farmers & Artisans Market

The Cibolo Grange Hall Farmers & Artisans Market will be held each Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m. at Cibolo Grange Hall, located at 413 North Main Street, in Cibolo. For more information or questions, text 210-722-9054.

San Geronimo Cemetery Annual Meeting

The San Geronimo Cemetery will have its Annual Meeting at 5 p.m. Thursday, April 8 at the maintenance bald located in the cemetery at 1620 E. Walnut St. in Seguin.

Seguin Citizens Police Academy (CPA)

The Seguin Citizens Police Academy (CPA) is accepting applications for its upcoming class that begins Thursday, April 8. Classes will be held from 6-8 Thursday evenings with one Saturday at the range. Online applications are available at seguintexas.gov, on the Police Department's Crime Prevention page or can be picked up from the Seguin Police Department, located at 350 N. Guadalupe St. Must be 18 to participate. All applicants will undergo a background check. Space is limited to the first 12 applicants. For more information, contact Lt. McCann at 830-401-2378 or email crimeprevention@ seguintexas.gov.

City of Seguin Spring Clean-up Day

The City of Seguin Spring Clean-up Day will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 10 at Seguin Events Complex (Coliseum) parking lot. Participants must show a photo ID or utility bill to prove they reside within the city limits. City employees will be available to assist residents unloading vehicles and trailers. A maximum of 10 automobile tires will be accepted. Paper shredding, up to two bags or boxes, will also be available as a free service. Brush, hazardous chemicals, construction materials or building debris, old fences, sheds or torn down building materials will not be accepted. Appliances with Freon or other refrigerants are not allowed. For more information call 830-401-2416 or visit www.bit.ly/cleanupseguin.

Downtown History Walk

The St. Andrews Episcopal Church will offer a Downtown History Walk at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 10 beginning at the St. Andrew's Community Garden at the corner of Nolte St. and Crockett St. and progressing to the Heritage Village. The tour should last about an hour. For more information call the church office at 830-372-4330.

TruLight 127 Blue Jean Ball

TruLight 127 Youth Village will have its Blue Jean Ball fundraiser beginning at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10 at the San Marcos Hotel Conference Center & Spa, located at 1001 E. McCarty Ln in San Marcos. There will be a silent auction, dinner, program, and entertainment featuring the Spazmatics. Individual tickets are \$100 and sponsorships are available. For ticket information text BLUEJEAN2021 to 797979. For more information call 817-219-8316.

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Blood Drive

There will be a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 14 at 1945 W. Kingsbury St. in Seguin. To schedule an appointment, call 512-809-1497. All donors will choose from hundreds of gift cards.

Seguin Small Business Roundtable

There will be a Seguin Small Business Roundtable focusing on Seguin Small Business Growth at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 14 at the Sequin Area Chamber of Commerce, located at 116 N. Camp St. in Sequin and also online via Zoom. The speakers will be Josh Schneuker of the Seguin SEDC on Future Business, Kyle Kramm from Sequin Main Street on Downtown Opportunities, Jeffrey Coleman of Guadalupe County discussing County Bids, and Elton Price of the City of Austin discussing Small Business Certifications. Register online at www.sequinchamber.com/ events/details/seguin-small-businnroundtable-2610. For more information call 830-379-6382.

Zonta Club of Seguin Non Traditional Memorial Scholarships

The Zonta Club of Seguin will award two non tradititional memorial scholarships to two deserving Guadalupe County women who qualify. The deadline for applying is Thursday, April 15. Visit www.seguinzonta.org/Scholarship_

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application.html for requirements and application. For more information call 830-379-6790.

The Big Red Barn Farmers Market

The Big Red Barn will have its Farmers Market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the 1st and 3rd Saturdays. For more information visit http://texagedu.org/.

2021 Aggie Muster

The Guadalupe County Texas A & M Club will have their Annual Aggie Muster at 5 p.m. April 21 at the Texas Agricultural Education & Heritage Center (The Big Red Barn). The Speaker is Jim McAdams, class of '76. RSVP by Friday, April 16 to Chuck Willmann, class of '68, at 928-279-0499 or email blindsofallkinds2@gmail.com.

Gonzales Master Gardeners' Spring Plant Sale

The Gonzales Master Gardeners will hold is second Spring Plant Sale from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 17 at Texas Heroes Square in downtown Gonzales. For more information call 830-203-0311 or email fsaliger@gvec. net.

Community Rummage Sale - Vendors Wanted

The First United Methodist Church will host a Community Rummage Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 17 in the church parking lot located at 710 N. Austin St. in Seguin. Vendor Spaces are available for \$30.00 per space and vendors keep 100% of their proceeds. Call the church office at 830-379-4112 for more information or drop by the office to pick up a Vendor Application.

Dance

There will be a dance featuring Paul Sanchez & Wrangler Country from 8 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, April 17 at The Crystal Chandelier Ballroom (formerly known as The Silver Center), located at 510 E. Court St. in Seguin.. The doors open at 7 p.m. with a \$10 admission. For presale tickets or to reserve a table, call 830-303-6612.

Good Time Polka & Waltz Club Dance

The Good Time Polka & Waltz Club Dance will be held from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, April 17 at Eagles Hall, located at 257 E. South St. in New Braunfels. For more information call 210-566-5864 or 210-800-3625.

Outdoor Painting Event

There will be an outdoor painting event in downtown Seguin and Walnut Springs Park from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 18 and Friday, April 23. Show and sell your paintings to the public from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 24. There will be cash prizes, an opportunity to meet other artists and experience "plein air painting." For entry forms and full details visit seguinartleague.com.

VATS Golf Tournament

The 10th Annual Veterans Alliance of Texas State (VATS) Golf Tournament will be held beginning with registration at noon and a shotgun start at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 24 at The Bandit Golf Course in New Braunfels. Sponsorships are also available. For more information, email jjr112@txstate.edu. To register visit https://www.sdi.txstate.edu/ ProgramsResources/Veterans/ VeteransAllianceofTexasState/ VATSGolfTournament.html.

Leadership Seguin Class Project

The Seguin Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Seguin Class is raising funds in support of the preservation and renovation of the Heritage Village. The Class is selling bricks that can be purchased in honor of you or your family, or in memory of a loved one. There is also an opportunity to have your name or business on the plaque of new tables and benches that will be added to the property. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Children's Advocacy Center and Tru-Light Ministries. For more information call 830-379-6382.

Seguin Noon Lions Club Spring Fling

The Seguin Noon Lions Club will have its Spring Fling from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29 at the Silver Center, located at 510 E. Court St. in Seguin. Pork Steak Dinners are \$12 presale and \$15 at the door. Raffle tickets are available for \$1 per ticket or 15 for \$10. Bug races are \$10 per entry. Tickets are available from club members or at Dietz Flower Shop, Starcke Furniture, Ascot's Custom Travel, or Tri Country Air. There will also be door prizes drawings and a cash bar and sodas available at the event.

Buck Fever Casino Night

The Buck Fever will have a Casino Night will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 1 at Geronimo Community Center. Reserved tables are \$600 for 10 or open seating tickets may be purchased for \$60 each or \$100 for 2. The evening includes a steak and shrimp dinner, complimentary drinks, Casino fun, numerous games, raffles, and Live Auction. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Daniel Boenig at 830-305-4148.

Senior Center Dance

There will be a dance featuring Jay Eric & Friends from 7:30 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, May 14 at The Crystal Chandelier Ballroom (formerly known as The Silver Center), located at 510 E. Court St. in Seguin. The doors open at 7 p.m. with a \$10 admission. For presale tickets or to reserve a table, call 830-303-6612.

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Heritage Museum Calendars

The Heritage Museum is selling 2021 calendars for \$10 featuring historical buildings and information about Seguin. There is a limited supply and they are available for purchase at the Heritage Museum, Gift & Gourmet, the Aumont, the Seguin Area Chamber of Commerce and Parker's City Pharmacy.

RAPPS Individual Sessions

The Rural Area Parenting Program Services (RAPPS) will be providing Anger Management, Protective Parenting, Basic Parenting, Co-Parenting (Divorce), and Tobacco Awareness classes online through ZOOM. RAPPS classes are accepted by the Judicial System. To register or for or more information call 830-303-9225, email Seguinrapps@gmail.com, or visit seguinrappsorg.org.

To ensure non-profit organization's meetings and events appear in this calendar, send information to: communitycalendar@kwed1580. com, fax 379-2238, or drop off the information at the Seguin Daily News/ KWED offices located at 609 E. Court St. in Seguin. For best results, submit information at least two weeks prior to the event.

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The Country Church Attic

The Country Church Attic is now open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Wednesday and Thursday.

Clothing Ministry

The Refuge III Clothing Ministry continues to give away clothing, some furniture, dishes, and other items at 7535 Elm Creek Road in Seguin. For further information call 830-303-6478.

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