



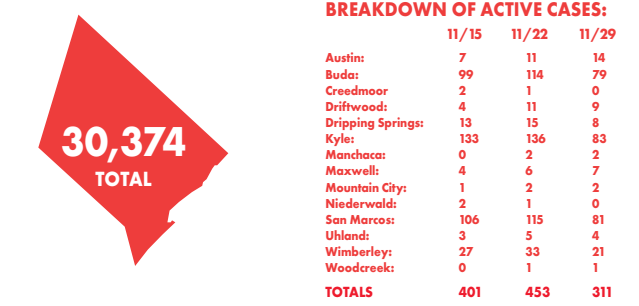
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CORONAVIRUS

311 CONFIRMED ACTIVE CASES OF COVID-19



There have been 30,374 total cases in Hays County, with 29,657 recoveries and 406 COVID-19 related fatalities, according to the county. Updated 11/29/21

Daily Record infographic by Colton Ashabranner

Hays County reports 2 COVID-19 fatalities in weekly report

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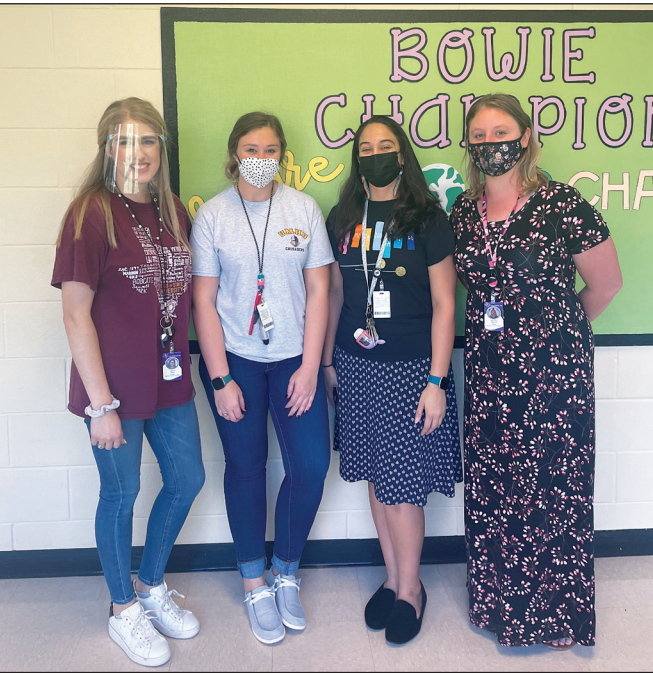
Two Hays County residents recently died of COVID-19, marking the 405th and 406th coronavirus-related fatalities. The Hays County Local Health Department also reported that the two county residents who died were

a Kyle man in his 70s and Wimberley man in his 50s. An additional 211 recoveries from COVID-19, 75 new lab-confirmed cases, 10 hospitalizations and 10 hospital discharges were reported in the local health department's weekly report, which in-

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HOLIDAY EVENT

LBJ Museum of San Marcos to host Christmas program



Bowie Elementary School first grade teachers Jessica Posey and Kasey Clanto, music teacher Melinda Armadillo and first grade teacher Patricia Morrow are working hard to get their students ready for the LBJ Museum program. Photo courtesy of LBJ Museum of San Marcos

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The Lyndon Baines Johnson Museum invites the public to its Christmas tree lighting, which will feature students from Bowie Elementary School, Mayor Jane Hughson and a visit

from Santa Claus. The event will take place Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 131 N. Guadalupe St., beginning with a cookie/hot chocolate reception at 5:30 p.m. and a ceremony at the

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HOLIDAY SHOPPING

KEEPING IT LOCAL

Shopping local throughout the Holiday season



Above, Kristan Alvarez, owner of KnD's Boutique, shows customers her merchandise at a booth on the lawn of the Hays County Historic Courthouse. Daily Record photo by Alyssa Gonzales

ALYSSA GONZALES
STAFF REPORTER

Now that the countdown to Christmas has officially begun, many are looking to get everything they need on their holiday shopping list. While it's easy to go online or larger corporate stores for gifts, you may find hidden gems within local businesses around town. Local shops and businesses make up a large portion of companies here in San Marcos. With the lingering impact of the pandemic, shopping locally can make a big difference in the community. "It is kind of like a dif-

"I think the main thing you can do just to help the community is just definitely buying local as much as possible. The amount that money goes back into the community is like night and day versus buying something from online." - Thomas Escalante, owner of Sundance Record Lagoon.

ferent, different traffic that goes through. Of course, our students are gone and I always just try to like, encourage my neighbors and stuff like, just to reach out to locals," said Kristan Alvarez, owner of KnD's Boutique. According to Alvarez, the

holiday season allows her to set up pop-up shops at holiday events in town. The boutique is close to celebrating its 10th anniversary and despite the challenges of the pandemic, 2020 was one of the businesses' most successful years.

"I was closed for a week and I remember being home with, you know, with my family, and I'm like, 'What am I gonna do?' Alvarez said. "She's like, 'Well, why don't we make masks?' So we made 50 that one night, and we sold out within seconds." Alvarez and her mother began making masks and within the past 6 months were making 100-200 masks a day. With business increasing, Alvarez was able to purchase a building downtown for customers to shop in person. "I think the main thing

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WIMBERLEY WALKABILITY

County secures funding for Wimberley Valley Trails Initiative

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Hays County recently secured \$971,000 in funding for the Wimberley Valley Trails Initiative, a multi-year vision aimed at improving connectivity in Wimberley and the surrounding areas. The Wimberley Trail Initiative includes a system of hike and bike trails, a

variety of transportation options, and other strategies to connect people with nature and link regional points of interest in the Wimberley community. The nearly \$1 million in funding comes from the Texas Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Set-aside and Safe Routes program. The county-funded planning

and design process included participation from the City of Wimberley, City of Woodcreek, Wimberley ISD, the Wimberley Valley Watershed Association, Parks and Recreation Departments, and local community members. "The realization of this project is a testament to the valuable partnerships that come together to address

the issues that make the biggest impact on our community. Pedestrian safety along [FM] 2325 has always been a concern," Wimberley Place 3 City Councilmember Christine Byrne said. "Safely connecting our schools, Market Days, library and downtown will benefit our community for

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