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Jorge Gonzales for Kerrville hits a chip shot on the 9th hole during the 75th Heart of the Hills Golf Tournament at Scott Schreiner Golf Course on Wednesday, the second day of play. Results will be published in an upcoming edition of The Kerrville Daily Times. (Times photo by Tom Holden/photo@dailytimes.com)

**IMMIGRATION**

## 4 jailed on human smuggling accusations



From left, Kerr County Precinct 1 Commissioner Harley Belew, Precinct 2 Commissioner Tom Moser, Kerr County Judge Rob Kelly, Precinct 3 Commissioner Jonathan Letz and Precinct 4 Commissioner Don Harris at a public meeting Monday morning at the Kerr County Courthouse. (Times photo by Sean Batura/photo@dailytimes.com)

### Officials, residents discuss illegal immigration

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The uptick in accusations of human trafficking — with four men arrested this week — spurred county leaders and residents to discuss the issue of illegal immigration.

During the Monday meeting of the Kerr County Commissioners Court, Kerr County Sheriff Larry Leitha announced his office was involved in apprehending a human smuggling effort in the Mountain Home area.

At 2:38 a.m. Monday morning, one of his deputies began to follow three vehicles on Texas 41 near Mountain Home, according to Leitha. The deputy obtained probable cause to conduct a traffic stop after seeing a discarded cigarette butt emerge from one of the vehicles, he said.

The deputy apprehended a human smuggler and detained five other people, while the Kerrville

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**EDUCATION**

## KISD asked to approve HB 547 measure

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The Kerrville Independent School District Board met in regular session on Monday evening and several speakers requested the board to ratify the “Tim Tebow” bill, HB 547, which allows homeschooled and private school students to play in UIL-approved sports and extracurricular activities through the public school system. While the bill was passed by the Texas Legislature, it is up to each local school district to approve the measure.

Mario Garcia, his wife, Sandra, and his son, Roman Garcia, who is on the Kerrville City Council, urged board members to consider the move to approve the action. The bill waives the requirement in the current UIL regulations that homeschooled and private school students attend a public school for a minimum of four hours per day.

Members of the Texas High School Coaches Association oppose this bill, as do the Association of Texas Professional Educators, citing the inability of the school districts to determine whether students are qualified to participate. The prior system of “no pass-no play” cannot be enforced with homeschoolers, since neither the state nor the school districts can access records of those students.

“I just want what is best for my children,” said Mario Garcia. “We pay our school taxes, so why can’t we have access to the same benefits as other parents whose children do attend public school?”

Sandra Garcia echoed his sentiments, saying that not being allowed to participate in the local school athletic program places a real hardship on those families.

“I spent hours driving back and forth to San Antonio five or six days per week so that my children could have sports and other activities in their lives,” said Sandra Garcia. “Not to mention purchasing all of the equipment required to play that would normally be absorbed by the district.”

For now, the school board has taken the subject under advisement, since no discussion of the subject was allowed during the public forum.

In other board business, Andrea Hayes was nominated for the open position on the board of directors for the Kerr Central



GARCIA

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**COUNTY**

## Crowd opposes Center Point Village

### Attorneys hint at litigation, points to developer’s history

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During a commissioners court meeting Monday, officials said there’s little they can do to stop a proposed high-density neighborhood in Center Point if its water supplier guarantees the neighborhood will be supplied for the next 30 years.

But even if the county approves the plat for Center Point Village, it may not be smooth sailing for the developer, warned Kerr County Judge Rob Kelly during the meeting.

“I did hear one new thing today that I hadn’t heard, and I’ve visited with a lot of you and some of your neighbors,” Kelly said. “But I’ve heard that

this is probably not going to end here — that there’s going to be litigation no matter what happens at this level, and it’s important for the developer to understand this is a long, expensive road.”

Neither the developer nor any residents spoke up Monday in defense of the proposed neighborhood.

Earlier in the meeting, Kerrville attorney Richard Mosty and retired attorney Robert Bettac were among residents who addressed the court in opposition to the project. The two men, both property owners in Center Point, brought up various legal concerns they had. Mosty, whose family has deep roots in the

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Residents opposed to Center Point Village converse at the Kerr County Courthouse on Monday. (Times photo by Sean Batura/photo@dailytimes.com)

**ELECTIONS**

## Local attorney, judge seeks 198th post

### Incumbent Emerson opts not to run for re-election

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Local attorney and Kerrville municipal judge M. Patrick Maguire put his hat into the ring for 198th district judge this week.

“In light of Judge Emerson’s announcement that he will not be seeking re-election, I am

announcing my candidacy for the position of 198th district judge,” reads a Wednesday press release from Maguire. “I hope to earn the opportunity to serve as the next 198th District Judge and continue the tradition of honorable service that we have all grown accustomed to with Judge Emerson.”

Maguire has practiced law in Kerrville for 21 years and lives in Kerrville with his wife, Tara, and their three children. The family attends First United Methodist Church in Kerrville, according to the release.

“In my 24 years of practicing

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MAGUIRE

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