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Left to right, Canyon Cougarettes junior outside hitter Maya Jones, sophomore setter Megan Hawkins and senior outside hitter Kyla Malone stand for a portrait Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021 at the Cougar Den in New Braunfels. The Cougarettes will battle Grapevine in a 5A state semifinal matchup set for 1 p.m. this Friday at the Culwell Center in Garland. **ALMA E. HERNANDEZ | Herald-Zeitung**

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City working on new lines for its council districts

By Steve Knight
The Herald-Zeitung

New Braunfels has some redistricting to do and a short time to get there, as city leaders continue the process to redraw city council member district boundary lines following the release of 2020 Census figures before a January deadline.

Data from the Census is being used to redraw local, state and national voting districts and will determine control of both houses of the U.S. Congress, Texas Legislature, as well as city and county governments beginning with the 2022 elections.

Redistricting is prompted by the need to satisfy the legal principle of "one person-one vote," a requirement stemming from the United States Constitution.

It requires that members of an elected body who are elected from single-member districts have districts that are of substantially equal population.

Rezzin Pullum, an associate attorney with the Austin-based Bojorquez Law Firm, which is consulting the city on the redistricting process, told council members last week the new maps would be required to give each district roughly 15,062 residents and ensure minority voting rights are protected.

"Based on the U.S. Census Bureau data that we received, we go in and observe those demographics and look at how far out of balance each district is compared to what is an ideal target size for the districts," Pullum said.

An exact equality of population is not required, according to Pullum, but a total maximum deviation of no more than 10% in total population between the most heavily populated and the least populated council member districts.

District 2, which includes the southern and southeastern parts of the city, mostly in Guadalupe County, is the largest district by population, with 21,036 residents, 5,974 people over the target population, a deviation of 39.67%, while District 6, which includes the central part of town, is the smallest district, with 9,821 residents, 5,241 people below the target population, a deviation of minus 34.79%.

According to Pullum, that adds up to a total maximum deviation of 74.46%, prompting council members to elect to continue the redistricting process.

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Cougarettes all in for state Canyon volleyball's dream season continues

By Tucker Stephenson
The Herald-Zeitung

There was little doubt that Canyon's old nemesis — District 26-5A rival Dripping Springs — would be waiting for the Cougarettes in the 2021 Region IV-5A championship final.

After seeing its 2020 season end at the hands of the Lady Tigers, Canyon had made it a goal to battle back to the same round, but this time defeat Dripping Springs to earn a coveted regional title and a spot in the 5A state tournament in Garland. The long-awaited playoff rematch took place Saturday in San Antonio, and the Cougarettes dominated every aspect of the contest on their way to a 3-0 victory that was surprisingly brief.

Senior outside hitter Kyla Malone said she and her teammates were completely



The Canyon Cougarettes huddle at the end of practice Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021 at the Cougar Den in New Braunfels. The Cougarettes will battle Grapevine in a 5A state semifinal matchup set for 1 p.m. this Friday at the Culwell Center in Garland. **ALMA E. HERNANDEZ | Herald-Zeitung**

locked in.

"We had been waiting for that match since we lost to Drip last year," Malone said. "This time we were a lot more focused and stayed

cool, calm and collected."

The sweep of the Lady Tigers was the latest milestone during Canyon's dream season, which had already seen the Cougarettes collect an

outright district title, set a new program mark for wins in a single season and deliver head coach Heather Sanders

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LOCAL EVENT

Boozy bee brewing up funds for groups

Spelling event at Krause's to fundraise for United Way, Public Library Foundation

By Lisa Dreher
The Herald-Zeitung

Spelling bees are not just for kids as there will be a boozy "Brains & Brews" bee on Dec. 6 at Krause's Cafe Pavilion to raise money for United Way of Comal County and the New Braunfels Public

Library Foundation.

It will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and tickets can be purchased online for spellers at \$35 each, which include a meal and two drink tickets.

Registration is open for no fewer than 20 teams of three, or 60 total participants. To just sit back and have fun,

general admission is \$30 tickets each for a meal and two drinks, as teams need cheerleaders and hecklers.

Costumes whether beer, bee or anything else are welcome. There will be a "best costume" prize and a "best team name" prize as well.

Proceeds after the event are split between United Way of Comal County and the New

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LOCAL EVENT

Santas set to cash in from annual local softball game

By Will Wright
The Herald-Zeitung

The New Braunfels Police Department is respected everywhere except on the softball field, where it has yet to win its first Blue Santa/Green Santa Annual Charity Softball title.

Players from the New Braunfels police and fire departments, Comal

County Sheriff's Office and a community team will compete in the Kiwanis Club of New Braunfels' 10th annual event on Saturday. Three games will be played beginning at 5 p.m. at the New Braunfels Little League Complex, 3565 Loop 337 in New Braunfels.

Proceeds benefit the Blue Santa

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