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WHERE TO VOTE?

Whether you live in Comal or Guadalupe County, the Herald-Zeitung has you covered with a full list of voting locations on **page 3**.

By Will Wright
The Herald-Zeitung

The future is now for New Braunfels' two public school districts, which are staging bond elections they

say are necessary to meet growth in Comal and surrounding counties.

New Braunfels ISD's three propositions seek \$348 million and Comal

ISD requests \$527 million — both for new facilities, upgrading old facilities, technology, safety and security, school buses and other necessities. Comal

ISD also is staging a Voter Approved Tax Ratification Election, which asks voters to OK to exceed the 3.5% tax hike ceiling to compensate teachers and staffers.

Both record-setting bonds and other measures await voters at 23 Comal County and 35 Guadalupe
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Sean Timmermann, owner of Gruene Botanicals holds a few popular delta-8 products at his shop Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2021 in New Braunfels. For now, Timmermann will continue to sell delta-8 products. **ALMA E. HERNANDEZ | HERALD-ZEITUNG**

A fight over delta-8

CBD shop owners keep selling products state says are illegal

By Lisa Dreher
The Herald-Zeitung

Local shop owners are confused, but keeping delta-8 products on the shelves — even after the state of Texas confirmed the substance remains illegal.

"We're going to continue to do what feels right to us," Gruene Botanicals owner Sean Timmermann said.

The confusion began after the Texas Department of Health and Human Services posted an online notice clarifying that delta-8 is still illegal in Texas — surprising



Kimberly Ashley-Stevens sits for a portrait Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021 in Cibolo. Stevens has cancer and said delta-8 has helped ease her pain from chemo treatment. "It's not recreational for me," Ashley-Stevens said. **ALMA E. HERNANDEZ | HERALD-ZEITUNG**

many CBD retailers who have been selling the products for months.

Texas House Bill 1325, passed in 2019, makes

products with delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol extract more than .3% THC illegal.

Delta-8 is legal un-

der the federal Farm Bill passed in 2018 as long as it contains less than .3% of delta-9 THC.

Although delta-8 products from gummies to powder have percentages lower than .3%, the state clarified that any concentration of delta-8 is illegal.

The agency is in the courts after a CBD retailer requested a temporary restraining order from making the substance illegal.

Another hearing is scheduled for Nov. 5, after a state district judge in Austin denied the request

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AREA FORECAST

Big temp changes, chances for rain ahead in forecast

By Steve Knight
The Herald-Zeitung

It might be time for that light jacket or fleece sweater and maybe an umbrella.

According to meteorologists at the National Weather Service, a cold front arriving midweek could mean big changes across South Central Texas at the middle to the end of the week.

Forecasters expect fair skies and unseasonably warm temperatures with a high in the lower 80s on Tuesday, but according to NWS Meteorologist Aaron Treadway, a fairly strong arctic cold front and an up-

per-level disturbance will bring showers and isolated thunderstorms Wednesday through early Thursday along with temperatures turning quite unseasonably cold Thursday through Saturday.

"A lot of our October fronts have been more Pacific in origin, so they've cooled us down 10 degrees for a couple of days — this one has a lot colder, more northern, more polar air mass behind it, which is what's going to cool us down more significantly this time around," Treadway

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NEW BRAUNFELS

New Braunfels man dies after being hit by train

By Will Wright
The Herald-Zeitung

Police are investigating how a 55-year-old New Braunfels man ended up being struck and killed by an oncoming train early Friday morning, officials said.

David Ferguson, city communications coordinator, said New Braunfels police and fire paramedics

were dispatched to the Landa and West Zink Street at 1:27 a.m. Friday after reports of a train-versus-pedestrian incident at the location.

"A male was struck and killed by a Union Pacific train," Ferguson said.

Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Mike Rust pronounced the man dead at

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COMAL COUNTY ECONOMY

Lack of workers squeezing daycares and parents looking for childcare

By Lisa Dreher
The Herald-Zeitung

After many calls, Casandra Ortiz got lucky and got the remaining daycare spot for her granddaughter.

"It was a challenge getting her back in [daycare]," Ortiz said. "Every place I called had a year or months-long waiting list. I

don't even know how First Protestant even had a spot open, it was a miracle."

Like many during the pandemic, Ortiz was working from home. Once schools opened back up, so did daycare slots. But now daycares are full again.

Hansel & Gretel Child Development Center owner Sharon

Wiedenfeld said they "can't get anybody to work."

Brilliant Starts Learning Academy owner and director, Trish Norman, said it is the same for them as well as other daycares.

"We've got a lot of kids, we just don't have staff to get kids in," Norman said. "I've already had four calls this morning try-

ing to get children in, everybody they've called has had the same problem."

Pre-pandemic, child-care workers on average made \$11.65 an hour, according to the biennial 2020 Early Childhood Workforce Index.

The industry is predominantly female and Black, Asian or Lati-

no, with many of those workers experiencing layoffs, furloughs and pay cuts, according to a survey by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Many daycares in New Braunfels are posting job

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