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Growth in Bastrop County

Anyone who visits Austin regularly is likely not surprised it has been the fastest-growing metro area in the country for seven years in a row. But that growth is not limited to the city, and it's coming our way. In 2016, Bastrop County was ranked the eleventh-fastest-growing county in Texas.

During the past two

years, Bastrop County's population has increased at an average rate of about 3 percent, reaching an estimated 84,761 in 2017.

As the number of connections in our service area grows, Aqua Water is executing a long-range, strategic plan to ensure the changing water needs of our members are met in a sensible, sustainable and

responsible manner.

Aqua is working together with local cities and regional water utilities to serve the needs of Central Texas now and in the future. We will continue to make needed investments in infrastructure, while following accepted industry conservation practices, to support a sensible growth path that pays for itself.

Aqua Proud to Support Relay for Life

This past May, Aqua employees brought their "A game" in the fight against cancer, participating in the Southern Bastrop County Relay for Life fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. The "Aqua Superhero Angels" team raised about \$8,400 - surpassing their initial goal by \$1,000.

A number of Aqua employees worked tirelessly to organize the fundraising effort and generate donations, ranking #3 out of 27 teams in fundraising. Over-

all, the local Relay for Life event raised \$86,000 to help fund life-saving cancer research, patient support services, education, detection and treatment programs.

Kudos to Aqua employees Cheri Hilbig, Christie Nutt, Mia Altum, Elidia Alvarado, Jennifer Murry, Debra McCullough, Lissete Tullos and Charlotte Wood. In addition to supporting the Aqua team, Christie and Mia also served on the leadership

committee.

The signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, Relay For Life is staffed by volunteers in more than 5,200 communities and 20 countries. Visit www.cancer.org for more information.



Office Hours:
MONDAY - FRIDAY
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Drive-Thru Window:
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Consumer Confidence Report Available

The latest Aqua Water Consumer Confidence Report is now available. This comprehensive quality report covers testing for a range of potential contaminants, as verified by the independent Texas Commission on Environmental

Quality (TCEQ). To view and download the report, please visit: www.aquawsc.com/reports. Feel free to contact us at (512) 303-3943 or via email at info@aquawsc.com with any questions.

Community Happenings

Sacred Heart Homecoming Bazaar

Sunday, Sept. 2, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Rockne. Lunch served from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Adults: \$10; children: \$5. Games and refreshments at noon. Bingo 1:00-5:00 p.m. Live auction 1:30 p.m. Horseshoe and washer tournaments at noon.

Grace Lutheran Church Annual Bazaar

Sunday, Sept. 16, at the VFW in Smithville. Church service begins at 8:00 a.m. A delicious meal to be served starting at 11:00 a.m.; Cake wheel; Games for the kids; Country store. Live auction to begin at 1:00 p.m. For info., visit www.glcs.org.

St. Mary's Catholic Church in String Prairie

Sunday, Sept. 30, 405 St. Mary's Road, Rosanky. Mass at 10:00 a.m.; Beef BBQ lunch starting at 11:00 a.m.; Live auction starting at 1:30 p.m. Lots of games, kids' activities, music and a raffle.

Rosanky Community Center Fall Fling

Saturday, Oct. 6, starting at 4:00 p.m. with fried chicken dinner. There will be pumpkin painting and a new playscape for the kids to enjoy! Live auction starts at 5:30 p.m. with many great auction items. Located at 135 Main Street, Rosanky.

St. Mary's Fall Festival in Pin Oak

Saturday, Oct. 6, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 732 FM 2104 in Pin Oak. Barbeque pork and beef supper with all trimmings; serving starts at 5:00 p.m. Games; silent and live auction.

Delhi Volunteer Fire Dept Gun Raffle/Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, Oct. 20, at 6255 State Hwy 304. Serving at 4:00 p.m. followed by live auction; concluding with raffle drawing for 9 guns and 1 last gun auction. Raffle tickets \$20, call (830) 263-1555 or visit Delhi VFD Facebook page. 100% proceeds to benefit VFD.

St. Paul's Catholic Church

Sunday, Oct. 21, at 203 Mills Street, Smithville. Mass at 10:15 a.m. followed by lunch starting at 11:30 a.m. Live auction starting at 1:00 p.m. Lots of games and kids' activities all afternoon.

Bastrop County Veterans Honor Guard

Meetings are held the first Saturday of each month at the Smithville VFW at 10 a.m. "We served with honor" now "We honor those who served."

Bastrop VFW Post 12104

Meetings are held the first Sunday of each month, temporarily, at the Bastrop American Legion, 3003 E Loop 150, at 2:00 p.m.

Ernest Bartsch VFW 2527, Rockne

Post and Auxiliary meetings are held the second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Bingo Wednesday – Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; Games start at 7:30 p.m. Located at 1503 FM 20 in Rockne, 10 miles SW of Bastrop. Hall for rent; call (512) 321-2610 for information.

Elgin VFW 6115

1st Friday Fish Fry 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Free Texas Hold'em game starts at 6:30 p.m. Thursday Bingo doors open at 6:30 p.m.; Games at 7:30 p.m. Friday Karaoke starts at 8:00 p.m.

Lost Pines Leathernecks Detachment 1384

Marine Corps League in Bastrop County meets third Sunday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at the Bastrop American Legion Post. Good meal following meeting provided by members.

Bastrop County Audubon Society

Meetings held third Tuesday of the month (excluding July & August) in Community Room of the First National Bank at 489 Texas 71 W., Bastrop. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.; please arrive by 6:45 p.m. Visit www.bastropcountyaudubon.org.

Bastrop Public Library

We have year-round programs and resources for all ages! If you need space, technology, Wi-Fi, books, DVD's, copies, job hunting, research and more - programs, services and library cards are free to all. Visit www.bastroplibrary.org or tel (512) 332-8880.

***Please Note:** The Aqua Water Supply customer newsletter is published 4 times per year. To submit Community Announcements for publication in an upcoming quarterly issue, please send your news in writing to the main Aqua office or via email info@aquawsc.com by the fifth day of January, April, July or October.

Congratulations Aqua Scholarship Winners!

Aqua is pleased to announce the 2018 winners of the Ernest W. Bracewell, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Program. Each selected applicant will receive a scholarship in the

amount of \$3,000 to help support the continuing education goals of our members. Congratulations to all of this year's winners!

Claire Courtemanche is a graduate of Smithville High School. She plans to attend Texas A&M University at College Station pursuing a degree in Nursing. Claire is the daughter of Katherine Courtemanche and the late Trey Courtemanche of Paige.



Amber Mendel is currently attending Stephen F. Austin State University. She is pursuing a degree in Psychology with a minor in Educational Interpreting. Amber is the daughter of Gregory and Vivian Mendel of Cedar Creek.



Trevor Gruetzner graduated from Elgin High School. He plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin pursuing a degree in Finance and International Studies. Trevor is the son of Brian and Rita Gruetzner of Elgin.



Grace Oliver is currently attending Baylor University. She is a University Scholars major in the Honors Program and the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core. Grace is the daughter of Robert and Pace Oliver of Elgin.

Avery Koi graduated valedictorian from Bastrop High School. She plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin, double-majoring in Human Biology and Psychology. Avery is the daughter of Nathan Koi and Jacki King of Bastrop.



Ashley Svetlik graduated salutatorian from Cedar Creek High School. She plans to attend Texas Tech University and pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Ashley is the daughter of Charles and Jennifer Svetlik of Cedar Creek.



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