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Thrall High School students voted to name Bobby Clark and Autree Kelm homecoming king and queen.
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Thrall royalty crowned

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THRALL – A new reign begins for two Thrall High School students. Autree Kelm and Bobby Clark were crowned homecoming queen and king.

During halftime of the game, Kelm and Clark were joined by the rest of the court on the field. Last year's queen, Addison Leschber, was unable to attend but sent

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The Taylor Fire Department will host a solemn march and program to honor the fallen 9/11 heroes at 7 p.m. today beginning at Seventh and Davis streets and continuing down Main Street to Heritage Square.



Duck City Sweets offers intensely unique edible art. Find out more on Page 2.



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Panelists (from left) Gary Westbrook, Tom Oney, Liz Jones and Will McAdams discuss water and electricity resources for Williamson County.
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Leaders tackle growth, promote unity at summit

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As the region begins to feel the impact of explosive, unprecedented growth, state and area leaders are embracing the change.

"The world's attention is on Taylor, Texas," said Adriana Cruz, executive director of economic development and tourism in the office of Governor Greg Abbott. "The impact that this is having is not just for you and for all your citizens and for your children and grandchildren, but really for communities all across the state of Texas."

This growth is made possible through the

PRE-LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT SERIES

Panel 1: Water & Electricity Resources on Sunday, Sept. 18

arrival of Samsung Austin Semiconductor and other high-tech manufacturers.

Cruz shared this message, along with why Texas has been a global leader in growth, as part of her keynote address at the Greater Taylor Chamber of Commerce's first ever Pre-Legislative

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Adriana Cruz, the executive director of economic development and tourism in the office of Governor Greg Abbott, gave the keynote address.

The world's attention is on Taylor, Texas."

- Adriana Cruz, director of economic development and tourism for the office of Gov. Greg Abbott

City targets street work

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Help is on the way for deteriorating streets and roadways in Taylor.

For fiscal year 2022-23, citizens can expect to see new employees for street maintenance, a significant effort to address maintenance and repairs of streets in serious condition, as well as milling and overlay and other enhancements to some major roads in town, city officials said.

"The streets and roads in the City of Taylor are an important part of our infrastructure," said City Manager Brian LaBorde in his monthly newsletter message to the community. "And your city council members have approved significant investments in road and street repair in the 2022-23 annual budget."

As part of the 2022-23 budget, approximately \$500,000 will be used from the city's Transportation Utility Fee (TUF) for materials and personnel to fund approximately five miles of repairs on roads throughout the city this year, said Public Works Director Jim Gray.

TUF is a fee on commercial and residential units in Taylor

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Fees to rise in FY 23

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The cost of living is going up, and the City of Taylor's new budget will likely reflect that through increased revenues from higher property values as well as higher fees for utilities, such as water and sewer.

"The city is not raising water rates and sewer rates just because we want to," said District 4 Councilman Robert Garcia at the City Council meet-

ing Sept. 8. "The cost of doing business is up everywhere. I know Georgetown is going up 11 and a half percent every year for the next five years. Water is becoming a very severe commodity, and we all need to preserve our water as much as possible."

At the meeting, the council moved forward with increasing some fees for services beginning

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New Taylor resident Stan Oliver used the citizens communication to protest his utility rates at City Council at the Sept. 8 meeting.
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that was approved by the City Council in 2016 for street repair and maintenance.

The repairs this year will be done to streets with a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) of 16-21, which are pavements deemed in serious condition, due to subbase failure, which causes cracking, potholes and other damage caused by the weight of vehicular traffic as well as the climate, Gray confirmed.

LaBorde said this initiative represents Phase 3 of the city's Level-Up Program, which the public works department established after a 2020 street study "to provide restorative maintenance on street sections to improve their conditions until major reconstruction will take place," said LaBorde.

"In this case, repairing means to bring localized areas of pavement failure to drivable conditions," LaBorde added. "The program is intended to improve streets for one to three years."

The first two phases have already addressed roads with a PCI of less than 16, which includes those that are in failed condition.

"The streets that were in the worst condition were addressed in the first two rounds of the program," LaBorde said.

"We now have passed through the streets that were failed, and they are still failed, but now they have this little topcoat on them that makes them easier to drive on," Gray said. "And they will still continue to fall apart, but we have least made the ride better because we didn't do a total rebuild."

In addition, three new employees will be hired this year to help with the Level Up Program and overall street maintenance,

bringing this division to eight employees, Gray said.

In August, the city council also approved a \$4 million project to mill and overlay several major roadways through town, including Second and Fourth streets as well as Mallard Lane, which will also receive "base repairs, pavement markings, curb ramps, sidewalks, and metal beam guard fences."

Gray said these efforts are all part of a three-part strategy to address the conditions of roads in Taylor.

"We have the Level Up, which is our lowest level of work," he said. "It's like putting a bandaid on, and its making it where it rides better, and if your road has been bumpy with potholes for forty years and we come in and do this, you are a lot happier."

"Then, if it's a mill and overlay, that's on a street that's in pretty good shape, but the asphalt top coat may be raveling and having some issues with that two-inches of asphalt, so we will come in and mill that two inches down and put a fresh two inches of asphalt down," Gray said.

"And then you will have the total rebuilt program which is normally the bond programs," Gray said. "And that is the one that we just finished where we did five streets completely, where they got five streets with new sidewalks, curb and gutter, drainage, new water lines, sewer lines, new base materials and base materials on top."

Gray said work has recently been completed on a multimillion-dollar bond issue passed in 2019 on sections of roads through Taylor, including West Lake Drive and North Lynn Street.

Duck City Sweets 'anything but cookie cutter'

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The piercing yellow eye of a Tyrannosaurus rex peering out from lush tropical foliage.

A sweet pink kimono with a yellow obi cinched around its waist, paired with a piece of sushi so realistic, the spicy mayonnaise drizzle on top seems to glisten.

These are just a few of the customized cookie orders that Duck City Sweets owner Tasha Wiginton has created for her customers since opening her home-based business in Taylor exactly one year ago.

"I take it pretty seriously," Wiginton said of her customized edible art, which also includes made-to-order cakes. "I am kind of a perfectionist in most things that I do."

Indeed, Wiginton incorporates a thorough process to make sure her cookie and cake orders are "anything but cookie cutter."

"I want all of the things to feel cohesive and like they belong together," said Wiginton, who has a background in graphic design, writing, and has even published a coloring book for adults. "If your decorations are a certain color and have a design on it, I feel like your cookies or your cake or whatever should look like it belongs."

To accomplish this, Wiginton requests that her customers provide the theme, color and design of any decorations her confectations will be served alongside. She also requests photos, web sites or any other sources of inspiration her clients may have.

And then she gets to work making mockups, stencils, cake toppers, or whatever the vision requires.

"Usually, I will start to just gather inspiration look at what cookie cutters I have, or I could get, and then I will sketch out something," Wiginton said. "And more often than not, I end up just hand-cutting my cookies out because I don't like the way the cookie cutters look, or they are not the exact shape or size or whatever, so I will just make like



Jurassic World-themed cookies

Photos courtesy Tasha Wiginton



Tasha Wiginton works from her home in Taylor

a template and then hand cut them and go from there."

In addition to baking, Wiginton has also started teaching at Wilco Art Lab at Old Taylor High. Next week, she will offer "Intro to Cookie Decorating" at 6 p.m. on Sept. 15. At the class, students will have the opportunity to learn to make 80s-themed sugar cookies, including techniques for working with royal icing, piping details and more.

Wiginton said her plan is to make the class a monthly offering and is excited to share her new-found passion with others.

"I love what I do," writes Wiginton on her bio for the art lab. "Not only because it's an honor to be a part of others' biggest days, but because it's always a challenge, and it's always something new."

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encouraging words to her predecessor. Kelm and Clark were crowned by high school principal Nicole Tindol and other staff members. The homecoming court included queen candidates Rachel Trussell, Miranda Ritcher, Kerrigan Hooker and Faith Patschke. King candidates were Cade Talley, Brandon Ford, Joseph Butler and Parker Dollins.



Bobby Clark was crowned homecoming king Friday night during halftime of the Tigers game.



Autree Kelm smiles as she receives her crown and flowers when she is named homecoming queen.

RIGHT: Thrall High School staff members prepare to crown the homecoming king and queen. Sashes and flowers were also presented to other members of the homecoming court.



Photos by Jason Hennington

SUMMIT • page 1

Summit Sept. 7 at the Williamson County Expo Center.

“We are the tenth largest economy in the world if Texas was its own country — and we used to be our own country,” Garcia said. “We are the nation’s jobs leader, with 694,000 jobs added in 2021, and we are the top exporter in the country for the 20th year in a row with exports valued at \$375 billion.”

Cruz said in addition to the state’s natural resources and infrastructure, the decentralized approach leaders take to economic development has been a key factor in attracting large global manufacturers like Tesla, Inc. and Samsung.

“It’s the partnership with the local community, that Texas team effort,” she said. “We saw that work to great effect with Samsung for example, working with the city, the county, the utility, the landowner, Taylor EDC, the school district,” she said. “Everybody was on the same page, singing from the same hymnal.”

Cruz said that this unity of purpose gave Samsung the information that they needed so they could make their decision.

While large manufacturers may be the ones in the news these days, Cruz said Texas is also seeing an unprecedented growth at the lower levels of the economy too.

“Texas is ranked number one in the nation for small business growth,” she said. “As we are seeing these announcements take place, the ripple effect is going to be happening.”

At the summit, a who-is-who of leaders at the city,



Ed Komandosky (left) greets Gary Westbrook of Post Oak Savannah GCD and Mayor Brandt Rydell during the pre-legislative summit last week.

Photo by Jason Hennington

county and state level joined with Samsung and other business representatives for a day of panel discussions and other presentations on topics such as managing water and electricity resources, economic development, infrastructure, workforce development and how to build strong partnerships.

About 175 people attended the sold-out event. Speakers, panelists, sponsors and attendees of the event included organizer and chamber President Tia Rae Stone, Commissioner Will McAdams of the Public Utility Commission, Commissioner Bryan Daniel of Texas Workforce Commission, Mayor Brandt Rydell and other members of Taylor’s City Council and staff, as well as County Commissioners Terry Cook and Russ Boles.

Jesse Ancira, Taylor’s former mayor and senior legislative advisor for the Texas Municipal League, said he found common themes running throughout the summit.

“Local partnerships, team sport, opportunities, planning-is-key, forward-thinking, all-hands-on-deck regarding financing, tell-us-your-plans, waiting-for-failure-is-not-an-option, teamwork, planting-seeds, tell-us-your story,” Ancira said. “Think about that as you conduct your business.”

“And speaking of business, I know it’s all about Samsung, but I appreciated that Adriana mentioned its about small business too,” added Ancira, the owner of Ancira Salsa in Taylor. “Taylor is proud to have a number of small businesses that make our local engine run.”

After the event, Stone said she was encouraged by feedback from attendees and is planning for another similar event in about a year.

“Yesterday was a good day for Taylor and for the region,” Stone said. “It was packed with information on how to prepare for growth and was a good step toward developing the partnerships across the region that will facilitate that growth. As business and community leaders, it is incumbent upon us to look forward and plan. That is what the summit was all about. We took a big-picture look at many of the issues that pose challenges to sustainable and resilient growth as the first step in planning for it. We were encouraged by the support we received and are already planning the next one.”

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Oct. 1, including a 10 percent increase in water rates and an 8 percent increase in wastewater rates, 3.4 percent increase for solid waste collection, as well as fee amendments for the airport, animal control, cemetery, parks and recreation and development services.

To help new residents and people not vigilant about how the system works, Chief Financial Officer Jeff Wood said they were also proposing changing monthly wastewater charges to an average of four months, from three.

“What we will do is we will drop off the highest of those four months so you will get the three lowest months will be your wastewater average,” Wood said at the meeting. “So that way if you have a one-off accident where you forget to turn off your sprinklers and you have an extra high usage month, you still have three other months to make sure you get that average back down and we will just use those three lower months.”

At the meeting, the Council also adopted the \$48 million annual budget for fiscal year 2022/2023, which is a \$12 million increase in expenditures from last year, and the council adopted a tax rate of \$.65 cents per \$100 valuation, which is 11 cents lower than last year.

According to city documents, despite this year’s lower tax rate, the budget will bring in more total property taxes by approximately \$1.8 million due to more properties being added to the tax role.

At the meeting, the ordinances for the budget and tax rate were passed 4-1, with At-Large Councilman Dwayne Ariola casting the lone dissenting votes.

Ariola said he wanted to emphasize that the council was obligated by state law to lower the tax rate due to property values rising so quickly.

“We are lowering the tax rate by law; otherwise, we would have to go to the citizens for anything greater than a three and a half percent increase of the revenue we had last year,” Ariola said. “It’s not the kindness of our hearts by law we are lowering the tax rate because our property values went up. I understand we need more revenue to give everyone raises to make all the improvements, but I want to make sure everyone is clear we are not lowering that because of the goodness of our hearts. We have to.”

In response Garcia asked Wood if the council could have raised the rate another penny, which Wood confirmed was true.

“OK, so we took a penny out of our hearts and took it down to .648,” Garcia said. Later, Garcia also pointed out a half cent sales tax that goes towards property relief.

SUNDAY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Woman at a square dance
 - 4 Some eat great white sharks
 - 9 Like morning grass
 - 13 Scrooge’s cry
 - 16 Shouts of enlightenment
 - 18 Intrinsically
 - 19 Upper regions of space
 - 21 Big rig
 - 22 What might be seen near a rave?
 - 24 Tibetan dogs
 - 26 Burmese ___ (invasive snake in the Everglades)
 - 27 Feast
 - 29 Facebook post
 - 30 Tag call
 - 32 Jamaican citrus fruit
 - 33 Skier McKinney
 - 34 “Boy!”
 - 36 Barbershop sound
 - 38 “Didn’t I tell you?!”
 - 39 Calf meat
 - 41 Winter hrs. in Manitoba
 - 42 Off-course
 - 44 Jetta or Passat, slangily
 - 46 Answer sheet
 - 47 “___ me guess ...”
 - 49 Meet someone from afar
 - 51 Oil job
 - 52 Brainstorm output
 - 54 Use colored pencils
 - 57 “Didn’t I tell you?!”
 - 58 Softest mineral
 - 59 Chef Matsuhisa
 - 60 Pixar clownfish
 - 61 Sighting for astronomers or paparazzi
 - 63 Dryer buildup
 - 65 Tetris console
 - 66 Whispery video acronym
 - 67 Bud

- 70 Thin part of a wineglass
- 72 (I’m a cow!)
- 73 Has sushi, e.g.
- 75 Roll on a golf course?
- 76 Put out, as heat
- 78 Its “A” stands for “ale”
- 79 Misses the mark
- 81 Radiologists’ scans (Abbr.)
- 83 Went for a volleyball, say
- 84 Early automaker
- 86 Campus official
- 88 “Leave that to me!”
- 92 BILLY bookcase seller
- 93 Russian refusal
- 94 Tiny bit
- 95 Spanish for “Come on!”
- 96 “Kinda”
- 98 Kinga follower
- 99 Satisfy, as one’s thirst
- 101 Wheel rod
- 102 Groan inducer
- 104 Molecule component
- 106 Uninspired routine
- 107 Neighbor on
- 109 Marx follower?
- 110 Existing from birth
- 112 Source of Buffalo’s lake-effect snow
- 114 Unexpected obstacles
- 116 Inanimate zodiac symbol
- 117 Some detect motion
- 121 For free
- 124 Super dupers
- 126 Travels by air
- 128 Geological spans
- 129 Shoot a basket, maybe
- 130 TV studio alert
- 131 Poker fee
- 132 Foxlike
- 133 Sci-fi vehicles
- 134 Styles of One Direction

- DOWN**
- 135 ___ Perignon
 - 1 React in shock
 - 2 “Greetings, sailor!”
 - 3 A pest can get on yours (In this answer, read letters 7-4)
 - 4 Standing offer (letters 6-3)
 - 5 Gun, as an engine
 - 6 Nursery bed
 - 7 On the ocean
 - 8 In stitches?
 - 9 Downpour
 - 10 Merman of Broadway fame
 - 11 2007 Linkin Park single with the lyric “I’ll face myself” (letters 7-3)
 - 12 Magic 8 Ball response
 - 13 Oscar won four times by Katharine Hepburn (letters 6-3)
 - 14 French loves
 - 15 Warn away from the Meow Mix, say
 - 17 Trendy NYC neighborhood
 - 20 Follower of Jah
 - 21 Inbox clutter
 - 23 Goes bad
 - 25 In the slightest
 - 28 Colorado Avalanche, formerly (letters 8-5)
 - 31 Standard Father’s Day gift
 - 34 Stare foolishly
 - 35 Actor McGregor
 - 37 Attack with snowballs
 - 38 Extraordinary
 - 40 Ray from the X-Men’s Cyclops
 - 43 Mostly poisonous trees
 - 45 ___-purpose
 - 46 Next of ___ (closest relative)

- 48 Name that anagrams to 86-Across
- 50 Songwriters’ dreams
- 53 European country dissolved in 1918 (letters 8-5)
- 55 Snowballs, in a snowball fight
- 56 Unit of language
- 62 Answer the email of
- 64 Removed by ripping
- 67 Mani’s go-with
- 68 In a frenzy
- 69 Au pair (letters 8-4)
- 71 Botched (letters 11-7)
- 74 Communicate with the hands
- 77 Lipton array
- 80 Stuff to the brim
- 82 Fountain drink
- 85 “Rugrats” dad
- 87 Dad’s mom
- 89 Place to catch a cab (letters 5-3)
- 90 Contents of Pandora’s box
- 91 Overflow (with)
- 97 Fan’s opposite
- 100 “Big Brother” network
- 102 Aquarius follower
- 103 Far from hip
- 105 ACT and SAT
- 106 Washes the suds off
- 108 Tent protector
- 111 “Woe is me!”
- 113 Back in?
- 115 Met ___ (annual fundraiser)
- 118 “Pick me! Pick me!”
- 119 Name hidden in “astronaut”
- 120 Practice punches
- 122 Really digging
- 123 Appear to be
- 125 Critical hospital dept.
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SHOWS UP

by Dylan Schiff, edited by David Steinberg

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ON MY
SOAPBOX

BY JASON HENNINGTON

Let's discuss
the bullying

This column represents the thoughts and opinions of Jason Hennington. This is NOT the opinion of the Taylor Press.

Bullying has been a topic of discussion recently – actually it's always been a topic of discussion but has been more prevalent in recent weeks.

The threat at Taylor Middle School two weeks ago could possibly be the result of bullying.

Understand, there is no excuse for making a threat of violence, especially a gun threat. However, when I read the press release, my first thought was, "somebody is getting bullied."

Based on social media comments – from both sides – it seems like bullying is a major factor in this situation.

Taylor ISD has addressed the situation, and I even wrote an article about how the district has a zero tolerance for bullying and terroristic threats.

However, there are several types of bullying, including social media. I'm not talking about the students though.

Social media pages are filled with adult bullies.

One opinionated post can quickly turn into a group of community members attacking a person, business, the school, city, or in this case, a student.

Yes, going on community pages and talking about a student you may not even know can also be bullying. There is a difference between saying, "A threat is unacceptable, and I hope the right punishment is administered," and belittling the student and his or her family. The latter is a passive form of bullying, but it is still bullying.

Staying with this specific situation, social media comments about how the school district doesn't care or calling a news report "bulls%&#" because of the district's response is bullying.

Subconsciously, the people who post these types of comments expect others to join the conversation with the same opinions. If an opinion from the opposing side surfaces, that person is verbally attacked as well by the group. Before too long, there is hive mentality with a negative connotation towards a specific target.

Ever heard of a person getting "jumped?" This is it.

Unfortunately, this is only one example. I could go on for days (or pages since it's in the paper) about the online bullying that happens, specifically in Taylor. It happens so often that I think most people expect it, but I imagine no one will realize they are being bullied. Bullies usually don't.

I grew up in a different era. To stop a bully, you stand up to them. I guess that's what I'm doing now.

I'm going to get off my soapbox now, but I want to say rest in peace to Queen Elizabeth. A 72-year reign as queen is impressive.

"I realized that bullying never has to do with you. It's the bully who's insecure."

— Shay Mitchell

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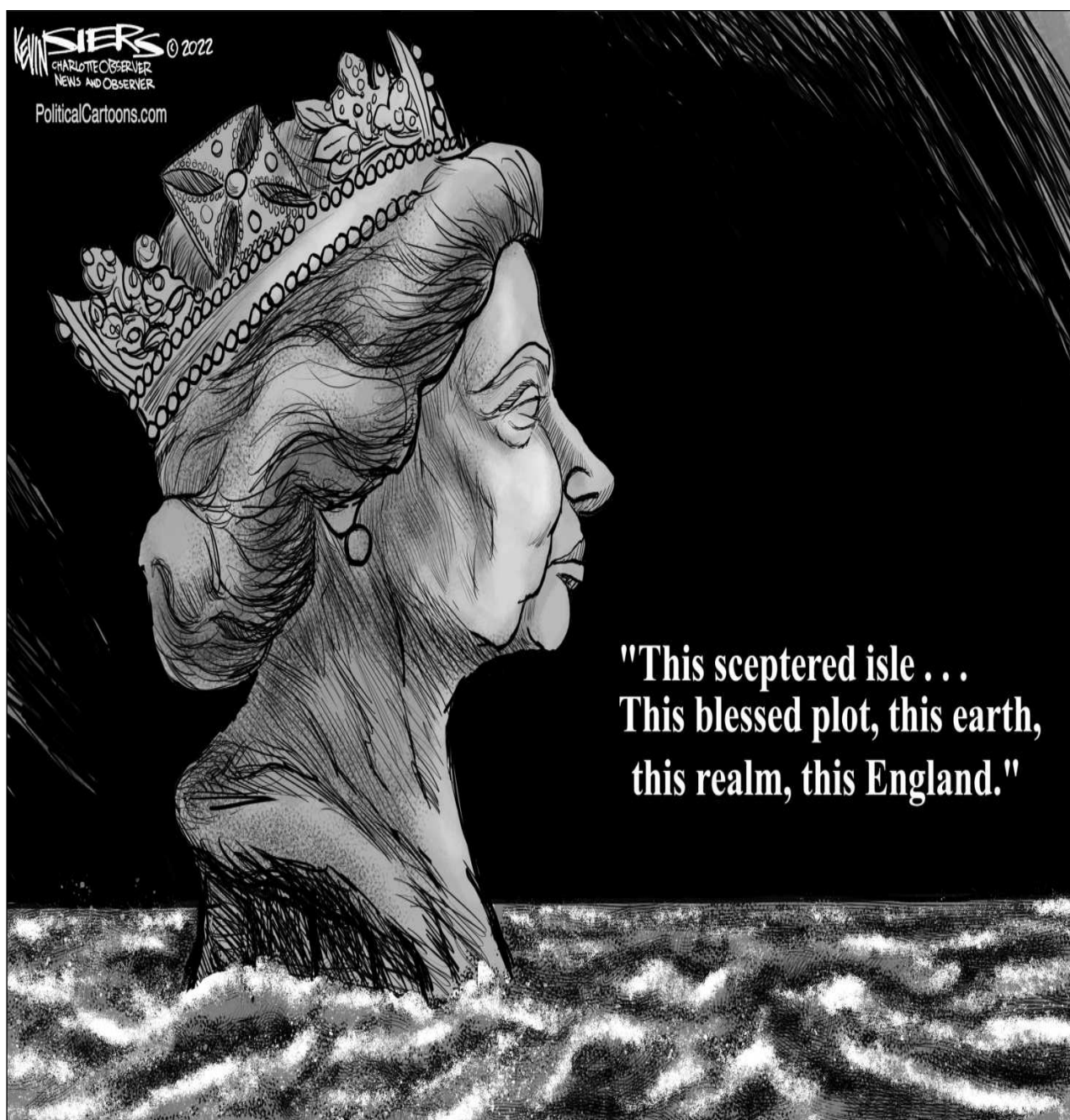
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this realm, this England."

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS | by Gary Borders

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The Texas Department of Transportation has adopted a 10-year statewide roadway construction plan with a record \$ 85 billion price tag, officials announced last week. The Unified Transportation Plan authorizes the distribution of construction money that is expected to be available during the next decade. Within that framework, TxDOT works with elected officials and local planning organizations, as well as the public, to pick and fund the state's highest priority transportation projects.

In addition to highways the UTP addresses public transportation, aviation, rail, maritime, and freight and international trade. Many projects in the plan are highways identified on the state's 100 most congested roadways list.

"The UTP reflects a continued focus on improving transportation safety as the top priority, maintaining our current system, addressing traffic congestion, and improving statewide connectivity over the next decade," said TxDOT Commission Chairman J. Bruce Bugg, Jr. Funding for UTP

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FOR GAS PLANT
WEATHERIZATION

More than 18 months after Winter Storm Uri shut down much of the state's electric grid, the Texas Railroad Commission last week adopted the state's first weatherization rules requiring natural gas facilities to protect gas flow to power plants.

"These new rules ensure our state's natural gas supply chain is prepared for extreme heat and freezing cold," said RRC Chairman Wayne Christian. "These rules will ensure that the natural gas facilities Texans rely on for reliable energy are operational when we need it most."

Fines for administrative violations could reach up to \$ 1 million.

TEXAS SEES FIRST
MONKEYPOX
FATALITY

State officials last week confirmed the first death of a Texas patient diagnosed with monkeypox. As

reported by the Austin American-Statesman, the adult in the Houston area was "severely immunocompromised."

The rare disease is generally transmitted by skin-to-skin contact with someone already infected. Its symptoms are generally less severe but can be extremely painful, with rashes and blisters arising. Fever, headaches, rashes and blisters can also occur.

The Texas Department of State Health Services has reported a total of 1,695 cases in Texas to date.

GRIM YEAR FOR
TEXAS COTTON
GROWERS

Cotton production has been largely wiped out this year by drought and extreme heat, the Texas Tribune reported. The loss to farmers mainly in the Texas High Plains will be at least \$ 2 billion, according to the International Center for Agricultural Competitiveness at Texas Tech University. Cotton isn't the only crop suffering from the heat and drought. Corn crops are in poor condition, and many pastures for cattle have been extraordinarily dry, forcing ranchers to sell their animals.

"They've had to

liquidate their cattle herds due to the fact that there's nothing for the cattle to eat without supplemental feeding," Brant Wilbourn, associate director of commodity and regulatory activities at Texas Farm Bureau, told the Tribune.

COVID-19 WORKERS'
COMP CLAIMS
UPDATED

More than 90,000 COVID-19 workers' compensation cases have been reported in Texas, along with 459 fatalities, according to the state Department of Workers' Compensation. Slightly more than half (51%) of the claims and 55% of the fatalities involved first responders and correctional officers.

Most of the benefits paid were for employer salary continuation or indemnity benefits in the cases of fatalities. The information was gathered through a conference call with 74 selected insurance carriers.

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ONLINE POLL QUESTION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

The fall sports season is underway. What level of Texas football are you most looking forward to this season?

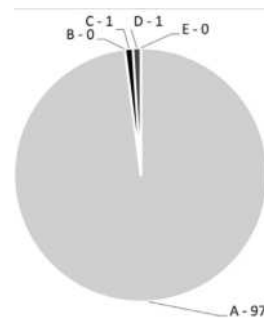
- A. Youth level
- B. UIL level (middle/high school)
- C. College
- D. Professional
- E. The band

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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

How do you plan to spend your Labor Day holiday Sept. 5?

- A. Shopping – 97%
- B. At the movies – 0%
- C. Getting together with friends and family – 1%
- D. Sleeping in – 1%
- E. Working – 0%



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TAYLOR POLICE DEPARTMENT ARREST REPORT

It is important to note that an arrest should not be considered as evidence of guilt. The defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

AUG. 29
La Runn Randle, 22, of Taylor, at 7:27 p.m., in the 500 block of Lenora Dr., officers apprehended Randle, who had an outstanding warrant out of the U.S. Department of Defense for desertion, a uniform code of military justice offense. Randle was arrested for the warrant.
Sergio Franco, 20, of Taylor, at 4:32 a.m., in the 1000 block of W. Sixth St., officers responded to a report of two individuals attempting to gain access to vehicles in the area. Officers located Franco with a backpack, flashlight and a t-shirt intentionally covering his face. An investigation revealed Franco had been attempting to burglarize vehicles in the area. Franco was arrested and charged with burglary of a vehicle, a class A misdemeanor. Franco posted bond that totaled \$6,000 and was released

AUG. 30.
Alexi Garza, 27, of Taylor, at 1:02 a.m., in the 5600 block of W. Second St., officers conducted a traffic stop on Garza, who was found to be intoxicated. Garza was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated, third or more offense, a third-degree felony. Garza was also found to be in possession of cocaine. Garza was further charged with possession of controlled substance, penalty group 1, over 1 gram, a third-degree felony. Garza posted bond that totaled \$40,000 and was released the same day.
Angel Beltran, 30, of Mission, at 5:45 p.m., in the 2700 block of Julie Cv., officers responded to a report of a burglary of a habitation. An investigation revealed Beltran illegally entered a residence and stole items from inside. A probable cause search warrant was obtained and led police to recover the stolen items from Beltran's residence. Beltran was arrested and charged with burglary of a habitation, a second-degree felony. Beltran is still

in custody at the Williamson County Jail on a \$100,000 bond.

AUG. 31
Bridgette Gordon, 36, of Taylor, at 10:09 p.m., in the 200 block of W. Lake Dr., officers conducted a traffic stop on Gordon, who had an outstanding warrant out of Pflugerville for theft over \$750, a class A misdemeanor. Gordon was arrested for the warrant. Gordon posted bond for \$2,000 and was released Sept. 1.

SEPT. 1
Steve Gonzales, 46, of Taylor, at 4:30 a.m., in the 200 block of S. Dolan St., officers apprehended Gonzales, who had an outstanding warrant for assault with injury/family violence-enhanced, a third-degree felony. Gonzales is still in custody on a \$7,500 bond.
Otilio Lucio, 41, of Taylor, at 12:25 a.m., in the 1400 block of N. Main St. officers stopped Lucio for riding a bicycle with no front light. Lucio led officers on a foot chase before being apprehended. Lucio was found to be in possession of methamphetamine.

Lucio was arrested and charged with possession of controlled substance, penalty group 1, less than one gram, a state jail felony. Lucio is still in custody at the Williamson County Jail on bonds that total \$155,000.
Juan Barcenas, 22, of Thorndale, at 3:50 p.m., at Taylor Village Inn, 1907 N. Main St., officers responded to a report of a disturbance. An investigation revealed Barcenas intentionally broke a window at the hotel. Barcenas was arrested and charged with criminal mischief over \$100, a class B misdemeanor.

SEPT. 2
Steven Caruther, 33, of Taylor, at 9:27 a.m., in the 400 block of E. Rio Grande St., officers located Caruther, who was reported to be in possession of a stolen vehicle. Caruther led officers on a vehicle pursuit, which ended in Thrall. Caruther was arrested and charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, a state jail felony, and evading arrest/detention with vehicle, a state jail felony. Caruther is still in custody on a \$40,000 bond.

Jolie Deary, 47, of Taylor, at 9:42 a.m., in the 1600 block of Jones St., officers responded to a report of a terroristic threat. An investigation revealed that Deary threatened the life of a member of the household. Deary was arrested and charged with terroristic threat/family violence, a class A misdemeanor. Deary posted bond for \$20,000 and was released Sept. 3.

SEPT. 3
Rolando Rodriguez, 30, of Taylor, at 1:37 a.m., in the 200 block of Doak St., officers apprehended Rodriguez, who had an outstanding warrant out of Williamson County for probation violation-possession of controlled substance, penalty group 1, less than one gram, a state jail felony. Rodriguez was also found to be in possession of methamphetamine, and was further charged with possession of controlled substance, penalty group 1 over 1 gram, a third-degree felony. Rodriguez is still in custody at the Williamson County Jail on bonds that total \$80,000.

TAYLOR POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR SERVICE

AUG. 28
Noise Complaint-No Report-1000 block of Talbot St
911 Call-No Report-100 block of Tennessee St
Unwanted Person-No Report-700 block of E Fourth St
911 Call-No Report-100 block of Royal St
911 Call-No Report-1500 block of S Main St
City Ordinance Violation-No Report-2000 block of Kent St
911 Call-No Report-100 block of Sams St
Suspicious Circumstances-No Report-McCoy's Building Supply 3401 N Main St
Citizen Contact-No Report-Taylor PD 500 S Main St
Assault-Report Taken
911 Call-Officer Advised-Baylor Scott and White Hospital 305 Mallard Ln
Reckless / Erratic Driver-Unable to Locate-Chandler Rd/FM 1660
Noise Complaint-No Report-800 block of Lizzie St
Unwanted Person-No Report-700 block of Yosemite Trail
Burglary of Building-Report Taken-200 block of W Lake Dr
Unwanted Person-No Report-500 block of Symes St
Criminal Trespass-No Report-2200 block of Whistling Way
911 Call-No Report-200 block of Tennessee St
Abandoned Vehicle-No Report-400 block of Sloan St
Parking Complaint / Violation-No Report-900 block of Debus Dr
Animal Complaint Dog at Large-No Report-S Dolan Ave/Carolina St
City Ordinance Violation-No Report-1100 block of Victoria St
Assist Citizen-No Report-1000 block of Scott St
911 Call-Officer Advised-2500 block of Holly Ln
Suspicious Vehicle-Unable to Locate-300 block of Threadgill St
Unwanted Person-No Report-Applebee's Grill and Bar 103 NW Carlos G Parker Blvd
Citizen Contact-No Report-200 block of N Main St

at Large-Unable to Locate-Carolina St/S Dolan Ave
911 Call-No Report-CR 404/CR 401
Burglary of Vehicle-No Report-900 block of W Sixth St
City Ordinance Violation-No Report-800 block of E Third St
911 Call-No Report-CR 401/CR 404
911 Call-Officer Advised-2400 block of Grace St
Assault-Report Taken-200 block of Oscar St
Unwanted Person-No Report-1600 block of Jones St
Welfare Concern-No Report-Walmart 3701 N Main St
Citizen Contact-No Report-100 block of E Second St
Threat-No Report
Burglary of Habitation-Report Taken-2700 block of Julie Cv
Warrant Service-Arrested-500 block of Lenora Dr
Welfare Concern-Unable to Locate-800 block of Vance St
Disturbance-No Report-Prince Food Mart 1101 N Main St
Theft-Report Taken-Walmart 3701 N Main St
Disturbance-Criminal Trespass Warning Issued-Prince Food Mart 1101 N Main St
Harassment-No Report-800 block of Debra Dr
Missing Person-No Report-Heb 100 NW Carlos G Parker Blvd
Suspicious Person-No Report-800 block of Vance St
911 Call-No Report-Lakeside Apartments 1209 Vance St
Burglary of Habitation-Arrested-2700 block of Julie Cv
Suspicious Person-Unable to Locate-Bancorpsouth Bank 3709 N Main St
Reckless / Erratic Driver-Unable to Locate-Us 79/CR 101

AUG. 30
Suspicious Circumstances-Unable to Locate-Murphy USA 105 NW Carlos G Parker Blvd
Suspicious Circumstances-No Report-Davis St/W Second St
Suspicious Circumstances-No Report-Applebee's Grill and Bar 103 NW Carlos G Parker Blvd
Assault-No Report-Baylor Scott and White Hospital 305 Mallard Ln
Suspicious Person-No Report-500 block of Lenora Dr
Suspicious Circumstances-No Report-300 block of W Ninth St
Suspicious Vehicle-No Report-Washburn St/E Second St
Suspicious Person-No Report-1800 block of Mallard Ln
Burglary of Vehicle-Report Taken-900 block of Yellowstone Dr
Road / Traffic Hazard-No Report-FM 3349/Us 79
Animal Complaint Dog at Large-Animal Impounded-Heritage Square 400 N Main St
Loose Livestock-No Report-7200 block of FM 619
Disturbance-No Report-300 block of E Eighth St
Juvenile Complaint-No Report-Taylor Middle School 304 NW Carlos G Parker Blvd
Theft-Report Taken-400 block of W Seventh St
Disturbance-No Report-1500 block of W Lake Dr
Suspicious Person-No

Report-5100 block of FM 619
Theft-No Report-1500 block of Prather St
Disturbance-No Report-Baylor Scott and White Hospital 305 Mallard Ln
Animal Welfare-No Report-Walmart 3701 N Main St
Civil Matter-No Report-500 block of Symes St
Accident Minor-Report Taken-Mallard Ln/NW Carlos G Parker Blvd
Theft-No Report-Twin Liquors 100-102 NW Carlos G Parker Blvd
911 Call-Officer Advised-4100 block of W Second St
911 Call-No Report-1700 block of Davis St
Motorist Assist-No Report-700 block of E Fourth St
Welfare Concern-No Offense-Arbors of Taylor 201 Highland Dr
Road / Traffic Hazard-Unable to Locate-2400 block of E Fourth St
Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle -Report Taken-Walmart 3701 N Main St
Suspicious Circumstances-Unable to Locate-1800 block of Cedarlawn St
Citizen Contact-No Report-400 block of E Martin Luther King Jr Blvd

AUG. 31
Citizen Contact-No Report-200 block of W Lake Dr
Shots Fired-Unable to Locate-Sunny Lane Apartments 2700 Sunny Ln
Suspicious Circumstances-Unable to Locate-300 block of E Seventh St
Suspicious Vehicle-No Report-E Third St/N Main St
Suspicious Vehicle-No Report-Temple College 516 N Main St
Assist Citizen-No Report-Taylor PD 500 S Main St
Harassment-No Report-Burnett Place Apartments 405 Sloan St
Assault By Contact-Report Taken-Taylor High School 355 FM 973
Animal Complaint Dog at Large-Animal Impounded-1000 block of W Fourth St
Unwanted Person-Criminal Trespass Warning Issued-Prince Food Mart 1101 N Main St
Burglary of Vehicle-Report Taken-1800 block of Stasny St
Citizen Contact-No Report-200 block of Ferguson St
911 Call-No Contact-2100 block of Southwood Hills Dr
Disorderly Conduct-Report Taken-Main Street Intermediate 3101 N Main St
Parking Complaint / Violation-No Report-700 block of W Seventh St
Threat-Report Taken-Main Street Intermediate 3101 N Main St
Suspicious Vehicle-No Report-400 block of Lenora Dr
Suspicious Circumstances-No Report-300 block of S Doak St
Animal Complaint-No Report-Durcon 206 Allison Dr
Traffic Complaint-No Report-100 block of S Dolan Ave
Parking Complaint / Violation-No Report-200 block of Sloan St

Juvenile Complaint-No Report-Taylor High School 355 FM 973
Suspicious Person-No Report-W Second St/Hermann Sons Rd
Animal Bite-No Report-Baylor Scott and White Hospital 305 Mallard Ln
Assault-Report Taken-300 block of S Main St
Shots Fired-No Offense-500 block of NW Carlos G Parker Blvd
Burglary of Vehicle-Report Taken-2200 block of Gladnell St
Suspicious Person-Unable to Locate-1700 block of McLain St
911 Call-No Report-1700 block of Kimbro St
Citizen Contact-No Report-100 block of W Pecan St
911 Call-No Report-100 block of Pivot Dr
Accident Minor-Unable to Locate-3500 block of N Main St
Reckless / Erratic Driver-Officer Advised-6800 block of FM 973
Reckless / Erratic Driver-No Report-2700 block of N Main St
Warrant Service-Arrested-N Lynn St/W Lake Dr
Assault-Report Taken-Baylor Scott and White Hospital 305 Mallard Ln

SEPT. 1
Evading Arrest Or Detention/Possession of Controlled Substance-Arrested-1400 block of N Main St
Assault-Report Taken-400 block of Lenora Dr
Warrant Service-Arrested-Robinson Park 206 S Dolan Ave
911 Call-No Report-200 block of S Doak St
Animal Complaint Dog at Large-No Report-W Sixth St/Annie St
Possession of Controlled Substance-Report Taken-Taylor High School 355 FM 973
Animal Complaint Dog at Large-Unable to Locate-700 block of NW Carlos G Parker Blvd
Unwanted Person-Unable to Locate-800 block of Washburn St
Juvenile Complaint-No Report-Taylor High School 355 FM 973
Theft-Report Taken-400 block of E Third St
Animal Complaint Dog at Large-No Report-400 block of S Doak St
Shots Fired Hunters-No Report-Durcon 206 Allison Dr
Shots Fired Hunters-Unable to Locate-500 block of SW Carlos G Parker Blvd
Shots Fired Hunters-Unable to Locate-5400 block of FM 619
Animal Complaint-No Report-Durcon 206 Allison Dr
Citizen Contact-No Report-500 block of Rices Crossing Rd
Assault Fv-Report Taken-300 block of S Doak St
911 Call-No Report-12500 block of Us 79
Lost / Found Property-Report Taken-Taylor High School 355 FM 973
Harassment-No Report-St Vincent De Paul Thrift Store 209 N Main St
Civil Matter-No Report-500

block of Symes St
Suspicious Person-No Report-City of Taylor Water Dept 1201 N Main St
Possession of Alcoholic Beverage By Minor-Report Taken-Taylor High School 355 FM 973
Abandoned Vehicle-No Report-800 block of N Main St
Civil Matter-No Contact-600 block of Mariposa Ln
Juvenile Complaint-No Report-Taylor High School 355 FM 973
Juvenile Complaint-No Report-Taylor High School 355 FM 973
Animal Complaint Dog at Large-Animal Impounded-800 block of Kimbro St
Animal Complaint Dog at Large-Animal Control Advised-500 block of Debus Dr
Accident Minor-No Report-W Second St/N Main St
Motorist Assist-No Report-NW Carlos G Parker Blvd/Bill Pickett Trail
911 Call-Officer Advised-1100 block of CR 401
Road / Traffic Hazard-No Report-W Fourth St/N Main St
Criminal Mischief-Arrested-Taylor Village Inn 1907 N Main St
Road / Traffic Hazard-No Report-FM 973/SW Carlos G Parker Blvd
Threat-Report Taken-Taylor Middle School 304 NW Carlos G Parker Blvd
Criminal Mischief-Report Taken-300 block of S Doak St
Shots Fired Hunters-No Report-3400 block of N Main St
Shots Fired Hunters-Unable to Locate-4300 block of N Main St
City Ordinance Violation-Unable to Locate-1700 block of N Main St
Welfare Concern-No Report-Main Street Commons 3700 N Main St
Reckless / Erratic Driver-Officer Advised-S Main St/W Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Accident Minor-No Report-3800 block of N Main St
Assist Citizen-No Report-700 block of Debus Dr
Suspicious Circumstances-No Report-600 block of Ferguson St

SEPT. 2
Citizen Contact-No Report-700 block of Burkett St
Disturbance-No Report-500 block of Lenora Dr
Citizen Contact-No

Report-1500 block of N Main St
Evading Arrest or Detention-Report Taken-Mallard Ln/Davis St
Citizen Contact-No Report-Otis St/N Lynn St
Citizen Contact-No Report-Applebee's Grill and Bar 103 NW Carlos G Parker Blvd
Suspicious Person-No Report-Main Street Intermediate 3101 N Main St
Suspicious Vehicle-No Report-Taylor Regional Park 210 NW Carlos G Parker Blvd
911 Call-Officer Advised-1000 block of CR 401
Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle/Evading Arrest In Vehicle-Arrested-400 block of E Rio Grande St
Terroristic Threat Fv-Arrested-1600 block of Jones St
Theft-Report Taken-Tractor Supply Co 3600 N Main St
Possession of Controlled Substance-Report Taken-Taylor High School 355 FM 973
Motorist Assist-No Report-E Walnut St/FM 619
Unwanted Person-No Report-76 Gas Station 1702 N Main St
Animal Bite-No Report-2400 block of Meadow Ln
Reckless / Erratic Driver-No Report-1000 block of SW Carlos G Parker Blvd
Disturbance-No Report-60 block of Rices Crossing Rd
Motorist Assist-No Report-100 block of Rices Crossing Rd
Welfare Concern-No Report-400 block of Ferguson St
Welfare Concern-Unable to Locate-Kimbro St/W Lake Dr
Criminal Mischief-No Report-4400 block of W Second St
Theft-No Report-300 block of Branch St
Disturbance-No Offense-Walmart 3701 N Main St
Welfare Concern-No Report-600 block of W Fourth St
Suspicious Vehicle-No Offense-4000 block of Bill Pickett Trail
Credit Debit Card Abuse-Report Taken-600 block of E Pecan St
Disturbance-No Report-100 block of First Ave
Disturbance-No Report-600 block of Kyra Ln
Reckless / Erratic Driver-Unable to Locate-700 block of SW Carlos G Parker Blvd
Disturbance-No Report-300 block of S Doak St

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STUFF ABOUT GOD AND CHRISTIANITY

Faith-based computer networking

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Decades ago, I managed computer systems and network teams at the University of North Dakota's Aerospace College. Many intelligent people worked with and for me. Me? Not so much. I needed supernatural help on occasion (usually late at night when I was in way over my head!). I'd share those Spirit-enabled success stories with my wife but never labeled the practice until one particular evening.

I had invited a network



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administrator and his girlfriend to join us for a church-sponsored Valentine's dinner. During the meal, my wife said, "You know how you pray because you don't know what you're doing?" My cohort blurted out, "Ah — faith-based network administration!" I'll take it. After all, why break what works? But is praying for what I need

wrong or selfish? It depends.

God encourages us to pray in our time of need—in dire straights or innocent desire for good things, not selfish gain or ambition. Praying to find car keys to rush a sick child to the hospital would be good and selfless. Asking God for a red sports car when you only need to repair the car you have probably crosses a line. Let me offer some quick guidance about asking for Godly help before continuing.

Someone recently said something like, "If God can love people how I think He should, then I can love Him!" Well, we don't set moral stan-

dards; God does. He doesn't owe us anything, let alone His ear, and He certainly doesn't work for us! If our motives are impure or selfish, or we intend to rebel against His standards, God will not listen to us (Psalm 66:18; 1Peter 3:7; James 4:3). And we must be someone God knows in a complete (perfect) relationship if we expect anything from Him. Here are a few verses encouraging those in fellowship with God to ask for direction.

Remember that Jesus taught us to pray for deliverance from temptation and the evil one (Matthew 6:13).

One Psalmist begs for God to order his steps and keep sin from overcoming him (Psalm 119:133). And Jesus' brother James encourages us to ask God for wisdom and discernment (James 1:5). At the same time, Paul admonishes us to 'pray about everything' (Philippians 4:6). Do we have examples of this at work? Yep!

Paul got direction from God's Spirit to go to Macedonia instead of Asia (Acts 16:6-10). Gideon, seeking guidance from God, asked for certain conditions (dry fleece, wet fleece) to confirm the future (Judges 6:36-40). The Jews similarly cast lots to

receive guidance from God because they understood that He would direct the outcome according to His desires. Finally, King David continually sought wisdom from God. So should we.

In summary, God listens to His own and gives wisdom accordingly. What about the following article? Since we've touched on what God desires, let's talk about how He seeks partners, not affirmation, zombies, or spiritual couch potatoes! Questions or comments? Email publisher@taylorpress.net.

Blessings and peace,
Dr. Ron Braley

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OBITUARIES

Senaída B. Martínez

Senaída B. Martínez, age 94, of Taylor, passed away peacefully at her home Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022, with her family by her side.

Senaída was born on June 5, 1928, in Hondo, to Jose and Juanita (Lara) Botello. She grew up with two brothers (Santiago, Marcial) and two sisters (Juanita, Ponciana).

As a child and young adult, she traveled the west and Midwest of the USA with her family as farm laborers. She was a hard worker who loved to tell the story of being the fastest cotton picker in her family, able to fill a bag faster than anyone else.

The family settled in



Taylor where she met her husband, Thomas R. Martínez. They married Nov. 8, 1958, and together raised a family of six children – three sons and three daughters. Senaída loved to cook, keep a clean house, and ensure her children were educated, respectful, and hard-working, too. Some of her favorite hobbies were tending to her

many plants and flowers, growing a garden, caring for her birds, watching telenovelas, traveling, shopping and visiting with family and friends. Her greatest gift was sharing her love and devotion with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who affectionately called her “Momo.” The nickname stuck and for the last decades of her life, she came to be “Momo” to many others in Taylor, sharing her stories and wisdom with all who would listen.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and four siblings.

Senaída is survived

by her six children (and spouses), Thomas E. (Mary) Martínez, Adam D. (Greg) Martínez, Sandra (Mauro) Estrada, Dora (Johnny) Gonzales, Stella (James) Buzan and Joe (Cynthia) Martínez. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and numerous loving nephews and nieces.

Serving as pallbearers are her six grandsons Johnny Gonzales III, Andrew Gonzales, Justin Gonzales, Nicholas Martínez, Derek Martínez, and Moses Buzan. Honorary pallbearers are her eight granddaughters: Tabitha Gonzales, Allison Fuentes, Ashley

Estrada, Julie Martínez, Erica Estrada, Gabriella Morett, Amanda Martínez and Mackenzie Buzan.

The family thanks the many caretakers and loving providers who helped bring a smile to Momo's face every day, and is especially grateful for these nephews, nieces and close family friends, Janie and Patrick Olguin, Lou Ann and Quinto Rubio, Orlando Ramirez, Santiago Botello, Jr., John Botello, Christina Cruz, the late Frances Perez, Esther Alderete, Linda Ochoa, Robert Martínez, Rachel & Cecil Lopez, Lupe Flores, Jesse Castro, Virginia Castro, Lidia

Campos, Janie Morales, Tonia Velasquez and Bernice Casarez.

A visitation will be held Monday, Sept. 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. with a prayer service at 7 p.m., at Providence Funeral Home. A celebration of Senaída's life will be held Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 10 a.m. at Providence Funeral Home. Interment to follow at the Taylor City Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to Providence Funeral Home.

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Virginia Louise Fritz Crunk

Virginia Louise Fritz Crunk, 81, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 7, at Baylor, Scott & White Hillcrest Medical Center.

Virginia was born Jan. 26, 1941, in Taylor. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith at Immanuel Lutheran Church of West Taylor. She was a graduate of the 1959 class of Taylor High School. Virginia was valedictorian of her class. She graduated



from Texas Lutheran College in 1963 with a Bachelor of Arts.

She began a teaching career in math classes at Lake Air

Junior High School in Waco. She also taught one year of math at McGregor ISD.

Virginia married Keith T. Crunk. They had two children, Jeffrey and Derek.

Virginia returned to school at Baylor University and, in 1991, completed state certification to become a certified public accountant. She worked at the Texas Life Insurance Company

in Waco. Virginia was active in the St. Paul Lutheran Church, in Crawford. For many years she was one of several church organists as a member of St. Paul Lutheran.

Virginia was preceded in death by husband, Keith; parents, Henry Ray Fritz and Leona Decker Fritz; and brother, Jonathan Fritz.

She is survived by her sons, Jeffrey Crunk and Derek Crunk;

sister, Emily Fritz Simons; sister-in-law, Sharon Fritz; daughters-in-law, Sharon Siske-Crunk and Jennifer Crunk; grandchildren, Elliott Crunk, Elizabeth Crunk, and Ava Crunk; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Graveside services and burial will be Sept. 18, at 3 p.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 411 Co Rd 401 in Taylor, with Reverend Charlie Simons, brother-

in-law, presiding. The cemetery is behind the church. Visitation will be at Immanuel Lutheran following the burial.

A memorial for Virginia can be sent to the West Taylor Lutheran Cemetery, Taylor, Texas.

The family invites you to leave a message or memory on our “Tribute Wall” at www.WHBfamily.com.

David Lee Kruse

David Lee Kruse, 66 of Hutto, passed away Sept. 1, 2022, peacefully on his ranch, surrounded by family.

David was born Nov. 15, 1955, in Taylor, to Frank Edward and Bessie Lee Adams Kruse and grew up with his brother and sister.

Early on at Hutto High School, David met the love of his life, Sherryl Diane Finn Kruse and spent 45 wonderful years of marriage together. But if you asked David, he would tell you “I've been married my whole life!”

They had two sons, Adam and Brandon. David devoted his life to his family and friends. David coached both of his sons' little league baseball teams for many years.

He enjoyed spend-



ing time on his family ranch at Norman's Crossing. If he could be in the pasture on his tractor or gator, he was. His favorite times were driving the gator around in the pasture with his family.

David recently retired from the University of Texas, after almost 30 years. During his time at UT, he made many close friends. He was very passionate about his work and gave everything he had to make sure that no project was left undone and

completed to the very best satisfaction.

David was a true family man. He always made sure that his family had what they needed and was always there to help where he could. He was very firm, but fair. David was a very loyal husband, father and brother. He was a life-long member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Taylor.

Though our time with David was cut short, he will always be remembered and cherished through our time and memories with him.

David was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Keri Gavitt.

David is survived by his wife, Sherryl; son, Adam (Krista) Kruse and their children Skylar, Kip and Brooks; son, Brandon (Jennifer)

Kruse and their children Harrison, Conrad and Charlotte; brother, Michael Kruse;

Nieces Kamara and Kristina Gavitt; nephews, Kevin and Kyle Gavitt; aunt, Marilyn (Edward) Morgan; and cousins, Laura Mchugh and Steven Morgan

A visitation was held Tuesday, Sept. 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Providence Funeral Home, 807 Carlos Parker Blvd. in Taylor. A funeral service will be held Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 1 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 3503 N. Main Street in Taylor. Burial will follow at Taylor City Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family ask that memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church in Taylor.

Johnnie Mae Peterson

Johnnie Mae Peterson, 80, went to be with her Heavenly Father Sunday, Sept. 4, 2022. Johnnie Mae was born March 15, 1942, in Taylor, to John Frank and Ella Jean Bartek, along with her twin sister Joyce Ann. She grew up in Taylor and was proud to be a Taylor Duck. She was married to the love her life, Richard D. Peterson for 41 years.

Johnnie Mae was extremely proud of her family and leaves behind nothing but beautiful memories. She was a kind and compassionate lady, who was the life of the party.

Johnnie Mae loved telling family stories from long ago and sharing her baked goods with everyone. She also loved her plants and being outside in the yard. She could look at a flower and it would grow.

Johnnie Mae enjoyed baking, cooking, shopping, traveling, decorating for the holidays and spending time with family. Johnnie Mae was an amazing lady and will be missed by many.

Johnnie Mae was preceded in death by her husband, Richard; sister, Joyce Ann Sivills; and parents, John Frank and Ella Jean Bartek.

Johnnie Mae is survived by her loving and caring daughter, Jeanie Weiss (Mike) of Houston; granddaughter, Marissa Weiss of Houston; grandson, Matthew Weiss of Houston; and great-granddaughter, Aerowyn Weiss of Houston. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A celebration of life will be planned for some time in the spring.

Virgie Nell Ruthven Simcik

Virgie Nell Ruthven Simcik, 84, of Taylor went to be with her Heavenly Father Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022, with her family by her side.

Virgie was born Nov. 29, 1937, in Lee County to Haskell and Birdie Ruthven.

She grew up with two loving siblings, Doug Ruthven (Jan) and Audrey Zezulka.

She married the love of her life Ruben Eugene Simcik June 9, 1956. From this marriage came two daughters, Charlotte Niemtschk (Larry) of Thorndale, and Vicki Hall (Dudley) of Taylor.



Virgie was immensely proud of her family and leaves behind nothing but beautiful memories.

Virgie loved her plants and being outside with her flowers. She could look at a flower, and it would grow.

Her departure reminds us that angels

are watching over us. Last week Virgie rejoined her heavenly family and friends and gained her wings.

Virgie was preceded in death by her husband, Ruben; grandson, Kelly Gene Niemtschk; and brother-in-law Eugene Zezulka.

Virgie is survived by her daughters and three grandchildren, Haley Slaughter (Jace) of Waco, Cale Hall (wife Raelyn) of Granger, and Reese Hall (Matt Lopez) of Taylor. She is also survived by seven great-grandchildren, Jaideyn, Traycen and Teagen Slaughter, Caylen and Maysen

Hall, and Charli and Jax Lopez. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, Sept. 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Providence Funeral Home.

A celebration of life ceremony will be held Sept. 8, at 10 a.m. at Providence Funeral Home. Burial will follow at the Taylor City Cemetery.

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James H. Gaswint

James H. Gaswint, 67, of Granger, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022.

Visitation is to be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, at Providence Funeral Home, 807 Carlos

Parker Blvd N.W. in Taylor.

Funeral Services are to be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, at Providence Funeral Home with burial to follow at Machu Family Cemetery.



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PUBLIC MEETINGS

TAYLOR CITY COUNCIL
Second/Fourth Thursday at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 400 Porter St. in Taylor.

THRALL CITY COUNCIL
Third Wednesday, 7 p.m. at city hall, 104 S. Main in Thrall.

GRANGER CITY COUNCIL
Second Monday, 6:30 p.m. at city hall, 214 E. Davilla St. in Granger.

HUTTO CITY COUNCIL
First/Third Thursday at 7 p.m. at city hall, 500 W. Live Oak St. in Hutto.

COUPLAND CITY COUNCIL
Second Thursday at 5 p.m. at the Coupland Fire Station, 403 FM 1466 in Coupland.

TAYLOR ISD
Third Monday at 7 p.m. at ISD boardroom, 3101 N. Main St. in Taylor.

THRALL ISD
Fourth Wednesday at the Thrall High School Learning Resource Center Annex, 601 S. Bounds St. in Thrall.

GRANGER ISD
Second Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Granger Alumni Room, 300 North Colorado St. in Granger.

HUTTO ISD
Second/Fourth Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the administration building, 200 College St. in Hutto.

COUPLAND ISD
Second/Fourth Thursday at 7 p.m. at the school library, 620 S. Commerce St. in Coupland.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
Second Tuesday at 6 p.m. at city hall, 400 Porter St. in Taylor.

TAYLOR EDC
Fourth Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the TEDC Conference Room, 112 West Second St. Suite 203 in Taylor.

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Third Wednesday at 6 p.m. at city hall, 400 Porter St. in Taylor

MAIN STREET ADVISORY BOARD
Third Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at city hall, 400 Porter St. in Taylor.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Heritage Square Farmers Market
The Farmers Market is typically every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Heritage Square, 400 N. Main St. in Taylor. For updates, visit <https://www.facebook.com/heritagesquarefarmersmarket>.

Granger Farmers Market
Fresh fruits, vegetables, jelly, canned and baked goods, eggs, artisan crafts and more will be at the Granger Main Street Farmers Market on the first and third Saturdays from April through October from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the corner of W. Davilla and Walton streets in Granger.

Third Thursday
Every third Thursday of the month, Taylor's downtown businesses will be open past 5 until 8 p.m. and offer in-store specials, live music, door prizes and other activities. The event is designed to encourage residents to shop locally and become familiar with the shops in the downtown area.

Friends of Library
The Friends of the Taylor Public Library group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. in the library's board room at 801 Vance St. in Taylor. For more information, call Maria Newman at 512-966-9445.

American Legion Post 39
American Legion Graham D Luhn Post 39 holds monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at its post building at 1310 Sycamore St. within Murphy Park in Taylor. Veterans as well as American Legion members are invited to attend. For more information, visit <https://www.taylorxlegion39.org>, email taylorxlegion39@gmail.com or call 512-713-4543.

SPJST Lodge 29 Taylor
Every Friday, SPJST Lodge 29 hosts live music and dancing and serves hamburgers at its hall at 5025 FM 619 in Taylor. Bands play from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Admission is free. SPJST is a fraternal organization. Residents can purchase life insurance, annuities or other items in order to become a member of the SPJST. The hall is open for business Wednesdays through Sundays from 3 to 10 p.m.

Businesswomen group
The Taylor Area Businesswomen's (TAB) luncheon meetings are held at noon on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Gatti's Pizza, 2708 N. Main St. in Taylor. All current, former and interested businesswomen are invited to attend. Meals are \$10. Tell Gattis at the door you are with TAB and pay the treasurer in the meeting room. For more information, call Regina Carlson at 512-352-4321 or email her at regina.carlson@taylordec.org

Weight loss group
The Taylor Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 1343 will have in-person meetings of their weight-loss support group Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. at Grace Place, 301 Grace Lane in Taylor. Members are recommitting to continuance of their health journeys and invite others who've struggled with their weight to join them at the meeting. Attendees should use the office entrance to Grace Place.

Senior Bingo
Enjoy Bingo with seniors every Wednesday at The Tripp Center, 1517 McLain St. near Mills Lane in Taylor, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. People are encouraged to bring one or two prizes.

Senior games & meeting
On the second Tuesday every month, seniors are encouraged to partake in games and/or a meeting at The Tripp Center, 1517 McLain St. near Mills Lane in Taylor. The meeting will be at 9:30 a.m., and Game Day will be from 2 to 4 p.m.

Senior Dominoes
On the fourth Tuesday every month, seniors are invited to play 42 and Straight Dominoes at Taylor Brethren Church's Friends Fellowship, 710 Sloan St. in Taylor, from 2 to 4 p.m. Game awards are presented, and anniversaries and birthdays are presented. A light meal will be served. For more information, call 512-627-0685.

CIVIC ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

KIWANIS CLUB
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• Meets every Thursday at noon at Sirlain Stockade, 3607 N. Main St. in Taylor.

LIONS CLUB
• Meets every Friday at noon at Sirlain Stockade, 3607 N. Main St. in Taylor.

Are we missing your civic organization? Submit your group's info to news@taylorpress.net or by calling 512-352-8535.

Pinball Tournament
On the first Sunday every month, the Bat City Pinball Club will host a tournament at The Hangout Pinball Lounge. The Hangout is located in Room 102 at Old Taylor High, 410 W. 7th St. in Taylor. Tournament entry is \$10 with a 90% payout as prizes. Every skill set is welcome. For more information, visit <http://www.facebook.com/groups/BatCityPinball>.

Honor Guard Academy
Monday-Thursday, Sept. 12-15 — Civil service workers looking to become part of an honor guard can attend this class sponsored by the Taylor Fire Department and Taylor Professional Firefighters Association. The event will be at the Williamson County Expo Center. For more information, call TFD at 512-352-6992 or visit <https://www.taylorx.gov/1050/honor-guard-academy>.

NPES Open House
Tuesday, Sept. 13 — Naomi Pasemann Elementary School will host an open house at its campus

for all families to learn about the routines and procedures at the school. The open house will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Music on Main
Thursday, Sept. 15 — The Public Arts Advisory Board and Bogle Family Vineyards will kick off the fall season of the Music on Main concert series with Latin band Money Chica at 7 p.m. at Heritage Square. This event is free and family friendly.

Do you have a public event coming up in the next two months? If you would like for your happening to be included here, email your event to news@taylorpress.net or mail/bring it to our office at 211 W. Third St, Taylor, TX 76574. Listings for Upcoming Events are free. Submissions will be printed as space allows, so keep entries brief. Longer submissions may be subject to edits, printed elsewhere in the newspaper, or exclusion. If more exposure is needed, consider purchasing an ad. Call us at 512-352-8535 and we'll be happy to help you.



Music on Main starts back up again Sept. 15 with Money Chicha at Heritage Square. *Courtesy photo by Kendra Maness*

Music on Main kicks off fall season Sept. 15

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The weather may be cooling off soon, but the season for outdoor evening concerts is heating up.

Music on Main will launch its fall season with the nationally recognized Money Chicha at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15 at Heritage Square.

"It's got a Latin flair," said Janetta McCoy, the vice chair of the arts board, and an organizer for the event series. "It's very upbeat. It will be really, really fun."

According to National Public Radio, Money Chicha is "an Austin, Texas based group featuring members of the Grammy-award winning Latin orchestra Grupo Fantasma, and its offshoot fund outfit Brownout, which performs

a fuzzed-out, reverberated and percussion-heavy style of music inspired by the sounds of Peru and Colombia in the 60s and 70s."

At the event, there will be food trucks, and attendees are encouraged to bring their own chairs and picnic blankets. Vendors will include Bogle Family Vineyards, Hola Aloha, The Texas Beer Company and more.

"It's turning into a nice evening of picnics and music, and it's family and children and puppy dogs," McCoy said. "The whole intention is that it be a community event. People worry about what it means to grow, and lots of folks are worried about what's happening with Samsung; well, this kind of event will keep Taylor focused on the community."

Mamma Jamma Ride in Taylor Sept. 17

The 2022 Texas Mamma Jamma Ride will begin at 8 a.m. at Heritage Square on Saturday, Sept. 17 to raise funds in support of Lone Star Circle of Care's Big Pink Bus, which brings affordable mobile mammogram services to low-income and underserved women in the region. Since the ride was launched in 2009, more than \$2 million has been raised to combat breast cancer. Registration for the all-skills-level event is \$35 for each adult rider, who is required to raise at least \$300 to ride on event day and will receive the Texas Mamma Jamma Ride t-shirt, \$50 for under-18 riders, for whom fundraising is not required, and \$35 for virtual riders, with no fundraising minimum either. Participants can choose four different options for routes, that range from 15 to 70 miles in length. This family-friendly event will also



Participants can sign up to participate in the Texas Mamma Jamma Ride Sept. 17 to raise funds for affordable mammography services. *Facebook/MammaJammaRide*

feature local food, beer, and live music. For more information, or to register for the event, go to mammajammaride.org.

Polka Worship in Bartlett

St. John's Lutheran Church will host a polka worship service at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 18 at 30650 State Highway 95 in Bartlett. The Praha Brothers Polka Band will play hymns and the liturgy, and everyone is invited to attend. A home cooked German meal will be served immediately after the service, which can be eaten at the church or can be taken to go. Desserts will also be available. Though there is no charge to attend the polka worship service,



Polka music and home-made German food will be available at St. John Lutheran Church in Bartlett on Sunday, Sept. 18. *Facebook/stjohnlutheranchurchca7/*

meal tickets are \$12, and can be purchased at the door. For more

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Ducks fly over Rockets

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The Robinson Rockets crash landed against Taylor Friday night at the Duck Pond Friday.

The Ducks beat the Rockets 41-19 because senior quarterback Ryan Valdez and his receivers were clicking early.

In the second play of the game Valdez was able to find senior wide receiver Conner Cobb wide open for the opening score of the game. The Ducks were not done yet as junior outside linebacker Nikolas Garza-Walker recovered a fumble and set the Ducks up for their second touchdown.

After the fumble, Valdez worked the ball down the field and then found senior receiver Jarvis Anderson to put the Ducks up 14-0 in the first quarter. Robinson was able to find the endzone in the second quarter, but Ducks head coach Brandon Houston utilized his other option at quarterback.

Ducks junior quarterback Josh Mikulencak entered the game and made his presence known. Mikulencak was able to find the speedy Anderson on a deep pass for another touchdown and expand the lead.

Coming out of halftime, the Ducks had a 20-12 lead and Anderson continued to be a problem for the Rockets



Ducks' senior receiver Jarvis Anderson catches a pass that he runs un for a touchdown during game against Robinson Friday.

Photo by Larry Pelchat

defense. Anderson added two more touchdowns on the night to bring him to four total in Friday's win.

Anderson plays offense and defense, and Houston said the team makes sure they do not use Anderson too much, so he has enough energy throughout the game

"We try to use him (Anderson) when we really know we need him," Houston said. "We don't want him burning energy on plays we do not need him in, and I thought tonight was a really good testament to him knowing when he was ready to go."

After a five-touchdown performance in Rockdale, Ducks

sophomore running back Andrias Fisher found himself in the endzone late in the game to seal the win for the Ducks.

"It helps to have a lot of guys who can make plays," Houston said.

The Rockets' hurry-up style offense did cause a few problems for the Ducks, but Houston expected it.

"That's going to be the M.O. against us. We are not as big up front so speed is kind of our thing and when you get tired that kind of negates speed," Houston said. "We know that is going to be something from here on out."

The Ducks defense only

gave up one touchdown in the second half, and Houston gave all of the credit to his defensive coordinator Earven Flowers.

"I thought Coach Flowers and them did a great job in the second half of getting the substitutions at the right time and keeping guys fresh," Houston said. "To do what they did in the second half it really challenged them to finish empty and to leave it on the field."

The Taylor Ducks will continue their season on the road next Friday Sep. 16, as they travel to Smithville.

Hippos suffer first loss of the season

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Special to the Press

The Hutto Hippos' hopes of a 3-0 start to the season were diminished by the Cibolo Steele Knights Friday night.

Steele defeated the Hippos 49-16 and handed the Hippos their first loss of the season.

The Hippos offense was held in check all night by Steele, but head coach Will Compton said that was not the only problem Friday night.

"It was a combination of things. We didn't fit holes right, we didn't execute our offense the way we wanted to," Compton said. "It's all things that are correctable that we can come back in on Monday and take care of."

Steele won the coin toss, but the Hippos' defense came up big and forced Steele to punt the ball back to

the home team.

Hutto opened the scoring in less than a minute of the first quarter giving them a 7-0 lead early in the game. Steele answered quickly with a touchdown of their own making the score 7-7 with seven minutes remaining in the first quarter.

Late in the first quarter, Steele was able to add another touchdown giving them a 14-7 lead with two minutes left in the quarter.

Both teams struggled to find the endzone in the second quarter, but with two minutes left in the quarter, Steele broke through and scored another touchdown before halftime and extended their lead to 21-7.

Steele would add another touchdown before halftime, but the Hippos were able to gain some momentum heading into the break. The Hippos'

defense came up big before halftime securing a safety and giving their team an extra two points and heading into halftime down 28-9.

The safety did not seem to bother Steele as they came out of halftime and continued to dominate. Steele would put up another 21 points before Hippos' junior quarterback Will Hammond would be able to find the endzone again.

Compton knows his team is better than what they showed Friday and knows his team and staff will be prepared for next week.

"Our coaches do a great job and I think our kids do a great job to be prepared for the game," said Coach Compton.

The Hippos will be back in action on their home field next Friday, Sep. 16 as they welcome Judson.

Tigers fall short on homecoming

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The Thrall Tigers' homecoming was spoiled by the Lake Country Christian Eagles Friday night in Thrall.

The Eagles defeated the Tigers 41-25 Friday night. The Tigers were scheduled to play Rosehill, but Wednesday their new opponent became the Eagles because of a COVID-19 outbreak on Rosehill's team.

The game started a little rocky for the Tigers starting with an interception in the endzone and a fumble on the goal line and they found themselves down 7-0 late in the first quarter. The Tigers quickly responded with a touchdown of their own from junior quarterback Jack Watson running the ball in himself.

The Tigers and Eagles traded blows for the rest of the first half, but the Tigers got the last laugh heading into the break. Watson was able to find junior wide receiver Breken Proctor on the last play of the first half for a touch-

down to give the Tigers a 19-16 lead at halftime.

Coming out of halftime the teams continued to trade blows. The Tigers' defense forced the Eagles to punt, but the Tigers fumbled the punt and gave the Eagles a short field to score an easy touchdown.

Shortly after, Tigers senior wide receiver, Brady Burlison, took a hand-off and scored, giving his team the lead again. After Burlison's touchdown, the Eagles returned the next kick-off for a touchdown of their own and never looked back.

The Eagles scored two more touchdowns, one being a fumble returned for a touchdown. The Eagles took over the game, after they went up by two touchdowns, shutting down any and all plays the Tigers threw at them.

Despite the loss Tigers head coach Aaron Vanecek said he was proud of how his team came out and showed a lot of heart Friday night.

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Lions sting Hornets 28-20



The Granger Lions defeated the Holland Hornets 28-20 on their home field Friday night. The Lions are back in their home stadium after the score board was struck by lightning last week. Granger hits the road next week to face 0-3 Goldthwaite.

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Tigers junior quarterback Jack Watson hands the ball off to senior running back Joseph Butler during game against Lake Country Christian.

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Lady Ducks start district volleyball play

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The Taylor Lady Ducks volleyball team started district play on Friday Sep. 9 taking on Austin Achieve.

This is the first of 12 district games the Lady Ducks will play this season and head coach Kelsey Carr has big goals in her sights for her team.

"I am optimistic going into district. We played well against Troy on Tuesday and just came up a little short. Our Defense was able to adjust to a big hitter for them and our hitters are playing smart," Carr said. "As long as we can keep building off of that I think we have a good chance at playoffs this year."

With their sights set on the playoffs the Lady Ducks have a couple of games against good and competitive teams circled on their calendar.

"I am really looking forward to LaGrange and Giddings. Both are typically pretty good. I think they will be good match ups and can definitely have the potential to make differences in the standings," Carr said.

The Lady Ducks have a lot of talent on the defensive end

that has shown their talent a lot throughout the season. The team also has the ability to spread the ball around the floor with several players who are strong hitters.

Carr said those two factors are the team's biggest strengths they will utilize as they play more district games.

"Our Defense is pretty solid. They pick up a lot of balls and get them in good spots. Also, I think the fact that we don't have just 1 strong hitter helps us out too, so we can spread the ball out and have confidence that it will get put down," Carr said.

Every team struggles with something throughout the season and Carr said the team is no different.

"We have struggled a little with communication and everyone knowing what's going on lately, we need to clean that up for sure," Carr said.

Communication for the Lady Ducks will be the biggest key to success for them according to Carr. Despite the recent struggles Carr remains confident in her team and their ability to communicate effectively to win games.



Lady Ducks sophomore middle hitter Haley Harms prepares to serve the ball during a game against Rockdale.

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Hippos sweep Tigers in volleyball

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The Hutto Hippos volleyball team is heading into district play on a high note after winning a five-set match 3-0 Tuesday night against the Belton Tigers.

The Hippos won the three sets with scores of 25-19, 25-16 and 25-22 respectively.

"We lost to a really good San Marcos team that snapped a 10-game winning streak, so it is good to go into district play with a positive vibe," Hippos' head coach Andre Daversa said.

The third set brought a lot of adversity the Hippos way, Belton was not just going to roll over and admit defeat in the third set. Belton quickly jumped out to a 10-7 lead and was controlling the pace of the game.

The quick lead Belton built forced the Hippos to call a timeout to regroup and settle the game back down to their speed. The timeout proved fruitful as the Hippos outscored Belton 7-4 out of the timeout and tied the set at 14.

Belton would not back down from the Hippos and built a 21-18 lead and had their eyes



Hippos' senior libero Adrianna Gonzales prepares to serve during game against Belton Tuesday night.

Photo by Evan Hale

set on taking the set. With their backs against the wall, the Hippos' defense pushed back and only allowed one point against the rest of the set.

Daversa said he was proud of how his team responded in the third set to the adversity of falling behind and bat-

ting back to win.

"I told them that this is adversity, this is what we are preparing them for and they handled it just the way they needed too," Daversa said.

"They were positive, they were picking each other up and we got through that little rut."

The Hippos' over-

whelming defense played a big part in their win Tuesday and caused them to dominate the first two sets. Daversa said defense has been a key part to every practice with the team.

"We have made it a point to where they are actually taking pride in it and are looking for it," Daversa said. "It was one of those things from last year I thought needed to be improved just from looking at the film and we as coaches always look to get better but it has gotten so much better since day one."

Daversa said since his team is heading into district play, competition is about to get a lot tougher.

"Playing San Marcos last Friday, it was fast, we played a lot of smaller schools before that and it did not really prepare us for that game and it hit us. But having that game under our belt is big for us so now we have to adjust to that style of play now that they have a taste and I know they can," Daversa said.

The Hippos start their district matchups on Friday, Sep. 9, on the road against the Bryan Vikings.



Tigerette defenders jump up to block the ball during scrimmage.

Photo by Evan Hale

Tigerettes lose to Bulldogs

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The Thrall Tigerettes played a full five sets Tuesday night against the Iola Bulldogs but were unable to come away with a win.

The Tigerettes lost the match 3-2 and in the fifth and final it was a race to 15 points instead of 25. The Tigerettes did not back down and fought to tie the set at 16 but their efforts were unrewarded as they lost 18-16.

"It was an exciting game to be a part of. Both teams were playing great volleyball," Tigerettes head coach Bethany Grissom said.

Grissom said the excitement from the game felt like a playoff game and that both teams came to play.

"There were several super long rallies and a lot of good saves on both sides," Grissom said. "It made or some exciting volleyball."

While it was a road game against an Iola team who has only lost twice this season the Tigerettes showed a lot of heart, winning the second and fourth set both with the same score of 26-24.

The Tigerettes faced

a lot of adversity for the entire game, losing the first and third set then responded with wins in the second and fourth set that came down to the wire. The Tigerettes even battled back to give themselves a chance to win in the fifth set.

Obviously, the win was the end goal after the game but Grissom was very pleased with how her team fought all game.

"We were working through some adversity on our side of the net but the team really came through and played together," Grissom said.

The Tigerettes also dropped the first and third sets 25-17 and 25-20 respectively. Grissom said her team just struggled to find a rhythm in those sets.

"We couldn't find our rhythm in the first set. But once we settled down, I thought we played well," Grissom said.

The Tigerettes will now be prepping for their first home game of the season on Sep. 13 in Thrall. They will be welcoming in the Snook Bluejays and will be looking to get back on track ahead of district play.

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"We played a lot better than we did last week, and I am very proud of the kids for that," Vanecek said. "We have to continue to get

better and fix the small things, but I love the way the kids played."

Vanecek became emotional while talking to his team after the game.

"It is just heartbreaking when you have a

team that does everything right and they just fall short against a team that just had a little bit more at the end," Vanecek said.

Out of the 15 years he has been coaching, while holding back

tears, Vanecek said this is his favorite one.

"They are great kids. We are young, but we have such good kids, such good kids that love each other and they do all of our core values right. They play like a family, they are tough, they give great effort," Vanecek said with a tear in his eye.

Vanecek also spoke about senior offensive and defensive lineman Bobby Clark who was named homecoming king for Thrall. Clark was one of two players voted unanimously to the leadership group by all the freshman and sophomores on the Tigers football team.

"He is just a great human being, and he is going to make a great husband and father one day," Vanecek said.

The Tigers will be in action again Friday, Sep. 16, as they go on the road to face Lexington.

Thrall now sits at 1-1 on the season. Lexington is undefeated after a 33-18 win over Rockdale Friday night.



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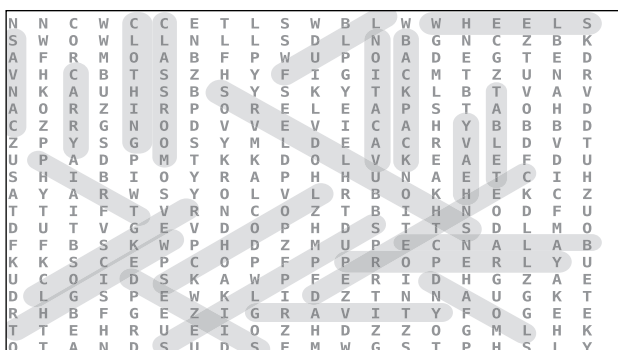
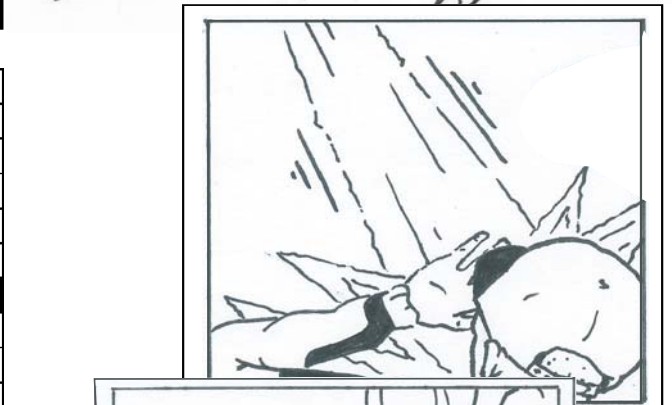
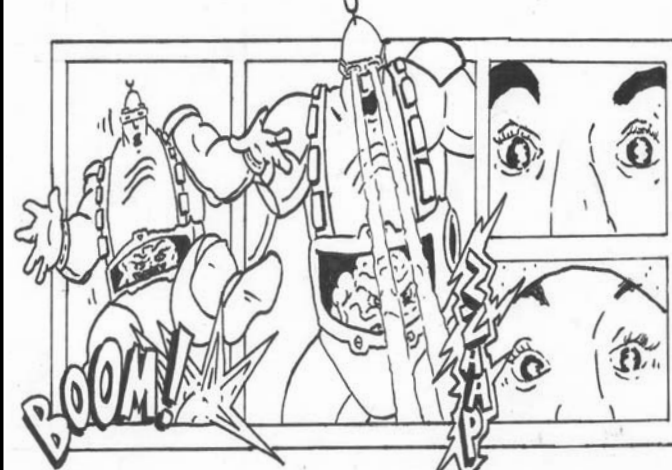
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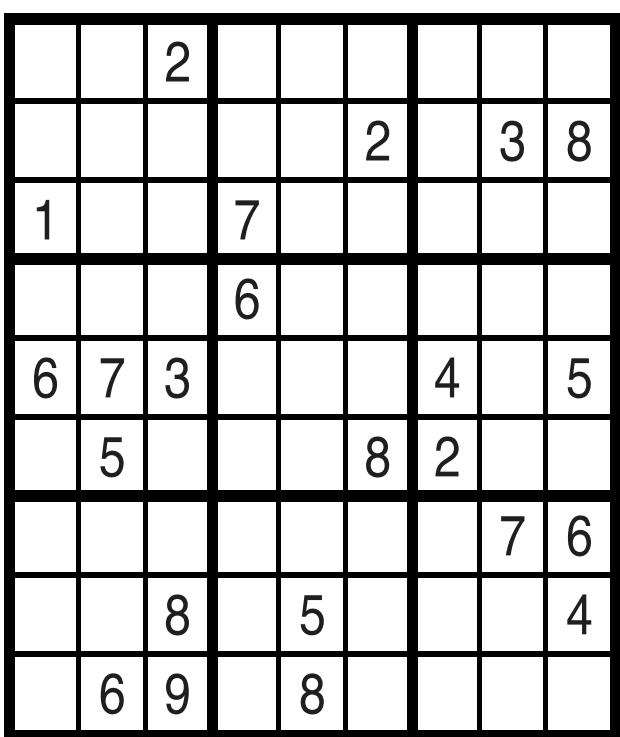
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GOOD NEWS

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Take the time to smell the roses

"Today, just take time to smell the roses, enjoy those little things about your life, your family, spouse, friends, job. Forget about the thorns - the pains and problems they cause you - and enjoy life."

— Kevin Clive

The fisherman and the businessman
 There was once a businessman who was sitting by the beach in a small Brazilian village.

As he sat, he saw a Brazilian fisherman rowing a small boat towards the shore having caught quite few big fish.

The businessman was impressed and asked the fisherman, "How long does it take you to catch so many fish?"

The fisherman replied, "Oh, just a short while."

"Then why don't you stay longer at sea and catch even more?" The businessman was astonished.

"This is enough to feed my whole family," the fisherman said.

The businessman then asked, "So, what do you do for the rest of the day?"

The fisherman replied, "Well, I usually wake up early in the morning, go out to sea and catch a few fish, then go back and play with my kids. In the afternoon, I take a nap with my wife, and evening comes, I join my buddies in the village for a drink — we play guitar, sing and dance throughout the night."

The businessman offered a suggestion to the fisherman.

"I am a PhD in business management. I could help you to become a more successful person. From now on, you should spend more time at sea and try to catch as many fish as possible. When you have saved enough money, you could buy a bigger boat and catch even more fish. Soon you will



be able to afford to buy more boats, set up your own company, your own production plant for canned food and distribution network. By then, you will have moved out of this village and to Sao Paulo, where you can set up HQ to manage your other branches."

The fisherman continues, "And after that?"

The businessman laughs heartily, "After that, you can live like a king in your own house, and when the time is right, you can go public and float your shares in the Stock Exchange, and you will be rich."

The fisherman asks, "And after that?"

The businessman says, "After that, you can finally retire, you can move to a house by the fishing village, wake up early in the morning, catch a few fish, then return home to play with kids, have a nice afternoon nap with your wife, and when evening comes, you can join your buddies for a drink, play the guitar, sing and dance throughout the night!"

The fisherman was puzzled, "Isn't that what I am doing now?"

— Paulo Coelho

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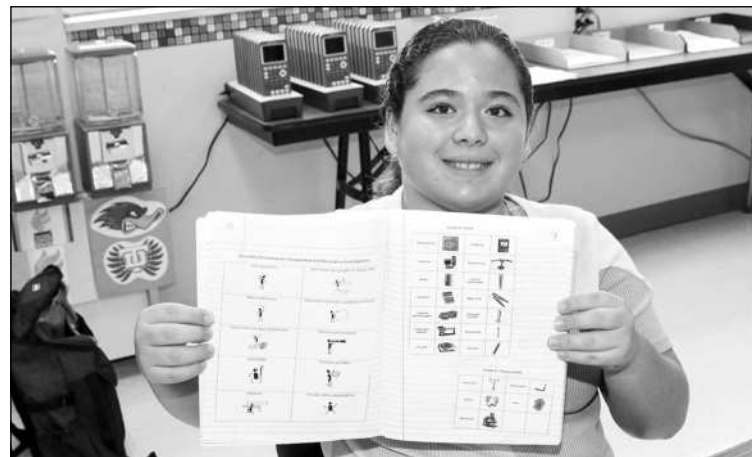
SETTING UP FOR SCIENCE



Taylor Middle School science teacher Briana Zana assists Kayden Leland (left) and Christopher Barzola with setting up their Interactive Science Notebooks.

Photos by Tim Crow

Young scientists prepare notebooks



Amyia Vasquez organizes charts and other resources in her Interactive Science Notebook.

Students in Brian Zana's eighth grade science class at Taylor Middle School are setting up their Interactive Science Notebooks (INS) for a year of learning. Throughout the year, the young scientists will take notes and paste resources in the notebooks to organize the information.

MSI STUDENT ADVISORS



Main Street Intermediate Principal Kerri Pierce meets with her Principal's Advisory Committee for the first semester. The student leadership group will help develop plans for schoolwide rewards, special projects and they will help resolve and brainstorm solutions to issues that arise. Committee members are (from left) Davian Meadows, Lillian Faris, Alice Kilian, Raegan Westerman, Pierce, Ruben Rochez, Isaac Gonzales Morales, Amy Robles and Harper Doss. Not pictured, Leyla Murray.

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Power Breakfast

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Hutto's Monthly Power Breakfast

Thursday, Sept. 8 8 to 9 a.m.
Address: 323 Ed Schmidt Blvd, Hutto, TX 78634
Williamson County ESD & the Hutto Area Chamber of Commerce have worked together to bring community leaders from government, education, and business for an informal update of the community activities and networking. This is an ideal opportunity to keep informed on the activities of key groups in the Hutto community and enjoy a light breakfast. This is a FREE event for anyone in the community to attend. Community updates are followed by a featured speaker.

STATE OF THE COUNTY LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH | 11:30AM-1PM

GUEST SPEAKER
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State of The County Luncheon – Wednesday, Sept. 14
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UPCOMING EVENTS

37TH ANNUAL HUTTO OLDE TYME DAYS

MUSIC LINE UP

	DYSFUNKSHUN JUNKSHUN 9PM - 11PM
	HAIR METAL GIANTS 7PM - 8:30PM
	AMERICAN GYPSY BAND 5PM - 6:30PM
	LUCAS SOUSA 3PM - 4:30PM
	CHRIS COSTANEDA 1PM - 2:30PM
	GARY CAIN 11AM - 12:30PM

10AM - 11PM | OCT 15TH

Hutto Olde Tyme Days – Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Located in Historic Downtown Hutto The 37th Annual Hutto Olde Tyme Days will be here before you know it. Join us Saturday, Oct. 15, to celebrate Hippos and Hutto. This annual event is a long-standing tradition of fun and community. More information to come. Follow the Hutto Area Chamber Facebook for the latest updates.

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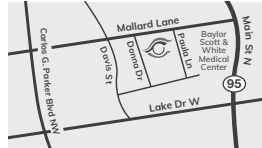
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Donations, vendors and adopters sought for upcoming Horse Expo

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The Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society is looking for horse adopters, vendors, sponsors and donations for their 15th annual Bluebonnet Horse Expo, which will take place from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8 at the Williamson County Expo Center, 5350 Bill Picket Trail in Taylor.

"After holding a virtual Expo in 2020 and a scaled back Expo in 2021, both thanks to COVID, we're so excited to be holding our biggest Expo yet," said Dr. Jennifer Williams, the Executive Director of Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society and the Expo's Coordinator. "The Expo is our biggest fundraiser, horse adoption event, and educational event of the year. The amount of money we raise during the Expo and number of horses we place with adopters determine how many horses we can help next year. And thanks to the drought and unusually high prices of hay and grain, there are going to be a lot of horses who need us."

The Expo will feature clinics and demonstrations by equine professionals, a Bluebonnet rescue horse training challenge competition, a used

equipment sale, a saddle auction and a vendor area.

In addition, the society will be hosting in-person adoptions of their rescue horses from pre-approved applicants.

"The Expo and Challenge is coming up soon, and we're going to have a lot of great horses available for adoption," said organizers on their Facebook page. "We're so excited to help make great matches and help people find their next horse. For horses in the Training Challenge, our Adoption Team [began] keeping a list of who is interested in which horse on Sept. 1, 2022 at 9 a.m."

"If you are interested in one of the Challenge horses, please get your adoption application in ASAP," officials added. "If you aren't sure whether or not you are approved to adopt or your membership is current, please email adoptioncounselor@bluebonnetequine.org to find out. Only approved adopters can get on the list for a horse, so you don't want to miss this step!"

In addition, the society is seeking donations of tack, which is any equipment used to handle, ride or care for domesticated horses. Organizers are also seeking donations of horse, farm, and western-themed home décor, jewelry or art.



The Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society is looking for donations and vendors to support their rescue horses.

Facebook/TrainingChallenge

Tickets for the expo are \$10 per person and are available at the door. Children 10 and under are free. Proceeds will be used to benefit the horses of the Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society.

For more information, please go to bluebonnethorseexpo.com or call (888) 542-5163.

FUTURE CAREERS IN SPORTS MEDICINE



Taylor High School head athletic trainer and sports medicine instructor Taylor Huffman (center) demonstrates how to tape a wrist with students Eli Laurence (right) and Joel Lopez. The Sports Medicine CTE program has a new classroom this year with plenty of room for anatomical models, supplies and treatment tables.

Photo by Tim Crow

HAVING FUN WITH GEOMETRY



Ayden Gutierrez smiles big in Sarah Stresing's geometry class at Taylor High School during a hands-on lesson using play-doh. Students used the familiar childhood toy to construct various lines and shapes.

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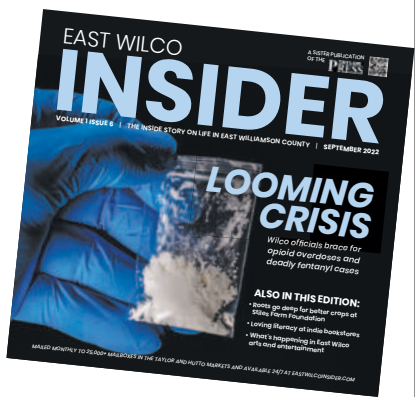
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E-EDITION HIGHLIGHTS

Here is a recap of what was featured in the Wednesday, Sept. 4, e-edition of the Taylor Press. The e-edition is mailed to subscribers and available at www.taylorpress.net.

TAYLOR STILL REMEMBERS FALLEN HEROES OF 9/11

For the 20th straight year, the Taylor Fire Department will host a solemn tribute to the fallen heroes who died in the tragedy on Sept. 11, 2001.

The Patriot Day Memorial March will begin at 7 p.m. this Sunday at Seventh and Davis streets and will continue down Main Street to Heritage Square for a program. Citizens will line the street to observe the procession, which will include fire, police, military and emergency service personnel from Taylor, as well from departments all over Central Texas, including Jarrell, Lake Travis, Elgin, Coupland, Ranger and Weir.

The featured speaker for this event will be Chief Chris Connealy,

the senior director of Williamson County Emergency Services. In addition, District 4 Councilman Robert Garcia will give the welcome address, Jarrell Fire Department Chief Mark McAdams the invocation, Pastor Jeff Ripple of Christ Fellowship Church the benediction, and Rennie Crain will perform the national anthem.

For more information, call 512-352-6992.

CALLING ALL DUCKS FOR HOMECOMING 2022

After a two-year absence due to COVID, all Duck grads are invited to a long list of festivities that will occur over homecoming weekend with a full day of activities on Friday, Sept. 23.

The celebration begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, with a community pep rally at Heritage Square. School groups will parade in from fifth street and lead the community in songs and cheers.

At 9 a.m. Friday,

Sept. 23, doors to the KC Hall will open for visiting and refreshments. A chopped beef sandwich lunch will be served at 11:15 for \$10 per plate, with tickets available at the door. This year's honor classes include those missed during the pandemic as well as current honorees. Those are the classes ending in 0 and 5, 1 and 6, and 2 and 7.

The program will begin at 12:15 p.m. and includes a variety of entertainment and sharing of memories from the good old days. Highlights include the Duck Hall of Fame induction ceremony, the Taylor High School mascot reunion, former cheerleaders leading a traditional cheer and a tribute to "Mama Duck" Naomi Pasemann.

FATAL COLLISION RESULTS IN TWO DEAD, ONE IN CUSTODY

On Monday, Sept. 5, at 6:16 p.m., Taylor Police received a 911 call reporting the collision in the 600 block of Carlos Parker Blvd. SW, at the intersection of FM 973.

The preliminary investigation revealed that a silver 2005 Dodge Pickup truck

driven by John Crayton Jr., 40, of Austin, was travelling north in the 100 block of FM 973 when he entered the intersection of Carlos Parker Blvd. SW and struck a 2013 Toyota Avalon driven by Christopher Ali Vassef, 38, of Elgin.

Leonora Naomi Soriano, 39, of Elgin, was a passenger in the vehicle with Vassef. Vassef and Soriano were pronounced dead on the scene. An investigation revealed Crayton was operating the vehicle while intoxicated and failed to stop at the red traffic control signal. A total of four vehicles were involved in the collision.

Crayton was arrested and charged with Intoxication Manslaughter, a second-degree felony.

This is the second fatal collision in Taylor this year.



Carolyn "Tutta" Jackson (Class of 1944) leads former cheerleaders in a cheer at Homecoming 2019. Mrs. Jackson plans to attend homecoming 2022 to continue the cheerleading tradition.

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Firefighters from all over the region will participate in the Memorial March this Sunday.

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