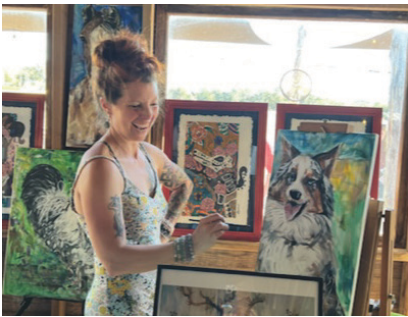




ART MARKETS
RETURN TO THE
TRIANGLE
PAGE 3



PETS OF
THE WEEK
PAGE 7



TIGERS BEAT
JAGUARS
49-34
PAGE 11

Dripping Springs Century News

33rd Year No. 39 September 26, 2024 drippingspringsnews.com 75 cents

DSISD sets 2024 school tax rate at \$1.1052

Ken Vargas
Managing Editor

Trustees of the Dripping Springs Independent School District

voted Monday to set the district's property tax rate for 2024 at \$1.1052 per \$100 in valuation. In 2023, the tax rate was 1.1075. While the

approved 2024 tax rate is lower than last year, the estimated taxable value of a home in the district is \$578,156 compared to \$558,247 in 2023.

For homeowners, that translates to an increase this year of about \$207, or \$17 per month on the average taxable home value in the district.

The rate set includes .7552 for maintenance and operations and .35 for servicing the bond debt and principal repayment. In June, Trustees

passed a \$100.4 million dollar budget and a projected shortfall of nearly \$2.8 million. Computing what tax

SEE DSISD PAGE 11



Dripping Springs student leaders meet with school board

The Lighthouse Team from Dripping Springs Middle School met with the DSISD board of trustees to share why they each serve as advisers to school principal Angela Frankhouser in order to make that school the best it can be from a student perspective. The team includes students from 6th, 7th and 8th grade.

PHOTO KEN VARGAS

Texas officials say they've scrubbed the voter rolls: Here's how to check if you're still on them

María Méndez
The Texas Tribune

"Texas officials say they've scrubbed the voter rolls. Here's how to check if you're still on them." was first published by The Texas

Tribune, a nonprofit, nonpartisan media organization that informs Texans — and engages with them — about public policy, politics, government and statewide issues. Texas voters have less

than a month to register for the Nov. 5 election. But as county elections officials work to get more people registered, more than 1 million voters have been deemed ineligible.

That includes people who moved out of state or are dead — and it's a routine process. "We do list maintenance every single day," said Trudy Hancock,

SEE VOTER PAGE 2

City of Dripping Springs sets budget, tax rate

Staff Reports

After months of budget planning and amendments, the City of Dripping Springs voted to adopt the budget for Fiscal Year 2025 totaling \$44.10 million. The fiscal year starts October 1. The budget passed unanimously at the council regular meet-

ing on September 16. The budget includes \$14.707 million for General Fund expenditures; \$27.664 million for utility services; \$1.221 million for Ranch Park and \$507,682 for the Visitors bureau. The city council also approved the tax rate at .1794 cents

SEE BUDGET PAGE 11

Little Gym opens in Dripping Springs

Ken Vargas
Managing Editor

An internationally recognized child development program offering "serious fun" and socialization for kids opened Sept. 14 in Dripping Springs. The Little Gym of Dripping Springs, owned and operated by local entrepreneur and mother Lucia Eraña, aims to provide movement-based learning for young children. A former Little Gym customer herself, Eraña enrolled her premature son, Luka, in parent/caregiver classes to help him reach developmental milestones. "I come from an education background, so I understand the importance of early

intervention," Eraña said. "I started looking for a program that could help build Luka's core strength—not something like physical therapy, but something more recreational. That's when I found The Little Gym." Eraña said the classes had a significant impact on Luka's development. "As a former customer, I've seen firsthand the positive effect The Little Gym has on both children and their parents," she said. "When I started thinking about opening my own location, I realized there was nothing like it in the area. After talking to local moms, they agreed this would be a fantastic addition to their families."

SEE LITTLE GYM PAGE 4



In addition to developing core physical strength and movement skills, The Little Gym offers children opportunities to develop their social skills in a group environment. The franchise in Dripping Springs is owned and operated by Lucia Eraña, who saw how it helped her son Luka's development before deciding to open her own location closer to her home in Driftwood.

PHOTO LUCIA ERAÑA



Five-Day Forecast

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High: 87 Low: 59 Sunny	High: 88 Low: 63 Sunny	High: 89 Low: 63 Sunny	High: 93 Low: 65 Sunny	High: 94 Low: 66 Sunny



OCT 5-6 2024

SACRED SPRINGS POWWOW

INDIGENOUS CULTURES INSTITUTE

Meadows Center • 201 San Marcos Springs Drive

SAT: 10 AM – 5 PM | SUN: 11 AM – 5 PM
Sat \$6 | Sun \$5 | Weekend \$8
Free Admission for children under 12
Parking @ Bobcat Stadium
1100 Aquarena Spings Dr.
Free shuttle service for all



Sponsored by : San Marcos Art Commission, Tomblin Family Foundation, Burdine Johnson Foundation, Texas Commission for the Arts, Texas State University, The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment, and Friends of the Sacred Spring PowWow

Sheriff reporting increase in local scam phone calls

Staff Reports

The Hays County Sheriff's Office is warning locals that another round of scammers are out in force pretending to be Sheriff's Office employees. "We've received over thirty calls today regarding a scam where the caller claims to be David Burns from the Hays County Sheriff's Office, discussing a civil dispute and requesting payment to resolve the issue," HCSO said on

Facebook Thursday. Some people who claimed to have been called by the scammer posted on social media that the calls were spoofing the Hays County Sheriff's phone number, even going so far as to have the correct extension number, so it appeared to be legitimate. However, the phone number provided for individuals to call back was not the same as the phone number showing up on Caller ID. "The Sheriff's Office will NEVER ask

for payment over the phone," the HCSO said. "If you receive this call, please hang up and block the number. Do not share any personal information or payment details." Those with questions or concerns can call the Sheriff's Office non-emergency phone number at 512-393-7896.



Courts decreasing days inmates wait for trial in Hays county

Staff Reports

The number of defendants in Hays County jail awaiting trial for more than 1,000 days has shrunk to one, a significant departure from early 2023. Jail reports show that 25 defendants were awaiting trial for more than 1,000 days as of March 2023. By July of that year, the number was 14. In January 2024, the number of defendants in that category was down to seven. As of last week, there is only

one. District Judge Tanner Neidhardt of the 483rd Court said these reductions were due. "When I took the bench in 2023," he said, "I was shocked to see the data showing how long defendants were waiting for trial." Neidhardt credits court personnel across the courthouse for the reductions. "The health of our legal system depends on the efforts of many — the courts are balancing and optimizing our dockets, the District Attorney's Office is looking hard at these

cases, the defense bar has been ready, and our clerks are keeping the system going, especially now." Neidhardt said support from the Hays County Commissioners Court for programs that aid the courts has also helped. "I think all these participants are committed to continuing these efforts to reduce wait times for trial," he said. "It's the right thing to do for defendants, victims and the public. But there is more to do, and we will not let up."

VOTER FROM PG. 1

the Elections Administrator for Brazos County. "So you know it's not something that's happened just overnight and something that's been put in place, but it is important to check your registration." Gov. Greg Abbott issued a press release last month touting the removal of ineligible voters, claiming some of them were possibly noncitizens. Experts quickly warned the governor's framing could be used to undermine trust in elections. At the same time, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton has sued to stop two urban counties from sending voter registration forms to people who are eligible to vote, claiming state law doesn't allow that kind of outreach and it would risk adding noncitizens to the voter rolls. Election officials have found no evidence of widespread voting by

people who are not citizens in U.S. elections. In 2019, Texas incorrectly flagged 95,000 naturalized citizens for removal from the voter rolls, but backed off those previous removal attempts to settle lawsuits over the matter. Federal law prevents states from systematically removing registered voters within 90 days of a federal election, though there are some exceptions if the voter has died, been convicted of a felony or been declared mentally incapacitated. Checking your voter registration to make sure it's active and up to date could save you trouble at the polls. You'll want to do that before the Oct. 7 deadline to register. It could also help us report on these issues.

How do I check if I'm registered to vote? Once you register to vote, you generally remain registered, but

there are various reasons why you may want to verify your registration status, especially if you've had a name or address change. You can make those updates online here. You can check to see if you're registered and verify your information through the Texas Secretary of State's website. You'll need one of the following three combinations to log in:

- Your Texas driver's license number and date of birth.
- Your first and last names, date of birth and county you reside in.
- Your date of birth and Voter Unique Identifier Number, which appears on your voter registration certificate.

How are voter registration applications reviewed? When a person submits a voter registration application, county and state officials verify the person's eligibility using various sources, including birth and death certificates and the courts system.

Local election officials will review the application to make sure the submitted address is a residential location within the county. They share voter registration records with the state daily. The state also reviews the voter registration before it becomes effective. Registered voters are sent a registration certificate within 30 days and it becomes effective 30 days after it is submitted. Voters receive a new certificate if they update their name or address. Otherwise, voters are sent a new certificate every two years, according to the state.

What does it mean if my voter registration is in "suspense"? If a county voter registrar receives a non-deliverable notice after sending a voter registration certificate or receives information that there's been an address change, a voter is placed on the state's "suspense list" and asked to confirm their address. Sometimes this can be due to errors at the post office or when a jury summons doesn't go to the proper address and is returned, said Trudy Hancock, the elections administrator for Brazos County. Voters on the suspense list can still vote as normal if they update or confirm their address before the voter registration deadline or fill out a "statement of residence" when voting. But if they have moved to a different county or precinct, they may have to vote at their previous polling location or vote a limited ballot.

If a suspended voter takes no action, they are removed from the voter rolls after about four years, according to the Texas Secretary of State's office.

How do I register to vote? You must complete and submit a paper voter registration application by Oct. 7. You can request a postage-paid application through the mail or find one at county voter registrars' offices and some post offices, government offices, or high schools. You can also print out the online application and mail it to the voter registrar in your county. Applications must be postmarked by the Oct. 7 deadline.

Download your application here. Additionally, you can register to vote through the Texas Department of Public Safety while renewing your driver's license. You may be able to register to vote online if you're also allowed to renew your license online. This is the only form of online registration in the state.

What if I registered, but moved after the voter registration deadline? You must reside in a Texas county by the voter registration deadline to vote in the upcoming election. Voters who are 65 or older, have a disability or will be absent during the entire voting period, such as members of the military of voters living overseas, qualify for an absentee ballot. You can read more about absentee and mail-in voting here. If you are a registered voter but moved after the Oct. 7 deadline, you can vote at your previous polling location if you moved within the same county or political subdivision. Or you can vote at your new polling location, but the ballot will only include races available to voters in both your new and old political districts, such as statewide races. Limited ballots are available only during early voting at a "main early voting polling place." Those are usually the office of the election administrator or county clerk who runs elections in your county. The main polling place should be noted in a county's list of early voting locations.

What do I do if I run into issues with my voter registration? If you have questions or concerns about your registration, you can find your county's voter registration contact here. Inside polling locations, there are typically "resolution desks" where poll workers can address registration issues. If you believe you should be registered but don't appear on the voter registration list at the polls, you can cast a provisional ballot. There's no guarantee that a provisional ballot will ultimately be counted. The best bet to ensure you don't have problems is verifying your registration is active and up-to-date ahead of the Oct. 7 deadline to register to vote. Your local voter registrar must review the provisional ballot and verify your registration within six days of the election. The registrar then passes that information to the local ballot board, which decides whether the provisional ballot is eligible to be counted under election laws, according to the Texas Secretary of State's voter education website. Provisional voters must be sent a notice about whether their ballot was counted no later than 10 days after the election is certified. You can also find more information on frequently asked questions from the Secretary of State's Office at votetexas.gov.

If you need help navigating voting issues, a coalition of voting rights groups has a helpline at 866-687-8683. The Texas Secretary of State's office has a helpline at 1-800-252-8683.

FOR BELIEVERS

Does it ever bother you that you have not been baptized in Jesus' name or been Spirit filled?

It should.

Glenn Howard
210-264-4969
gthoward2@aol.com

Dripping Springs Century News

STAFF

DALTON SWEAT — Publisher
dscenturynews@gmail.com

KEN VARGAS — Managing Editor
kvargas@drippingspringsnews.com

SHANNON WEST — Staff Reporter
swest@sanmarcosrecord.com

TERESA KENDRICK — Contributor
tkendrick@wimberleyview.com

MARCY HOLT — Advertising
mholt@sanmarcosrecord.com

KARITTA LOVE FITTS — Advertising
klove@wimberleyview.com

JONATHAN LIMA — Design

BRENDA JACOBS — Classified
wimberleyview@gmail.com

CONTACT

(512) 858-4163 • dscenturynews@gmail.com
P.O. Box 732, Dripping Springs, TX 78620

The Dripping Springs Century News (USPS 18035 ISSN Number 1047-0301), is published weekly on Thursdays in Hays County by San Marcos Publishing L.P., 101 FM 3237, Suite A, Wimberley, Texas 78676. Periodicals Postage Paid at Wimberley, Texas. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to: PO Box 732, Dripping Springs, Texas 78620.

The Dripping Spring Century News and drippingspringsnews.com, as well as any reasonable derivative of these names, are trademarks of San Marcos Publishing, LP and use of these trademarks without the express written consent of San Marcos Publishing, LP is strictly prohibited. The entire contents of each issue of the Dripping Springs Century News and drippingspringsnews.com are protected under the Federal Copyright Act. Reproduction of any portion of any issue will not be permitted without the express permission of San Marcos Publishing, LP.



San Marcos Academy

— Excellence in Christian Education Since 1907 —

PreK 3 - 12th Grade

BEGIN YOUR ACADEMY EXPERIENCE TODAY!

Now accepting applications for **Spring 2024** and **2024-2025 Academic Year**



www.smabears.org

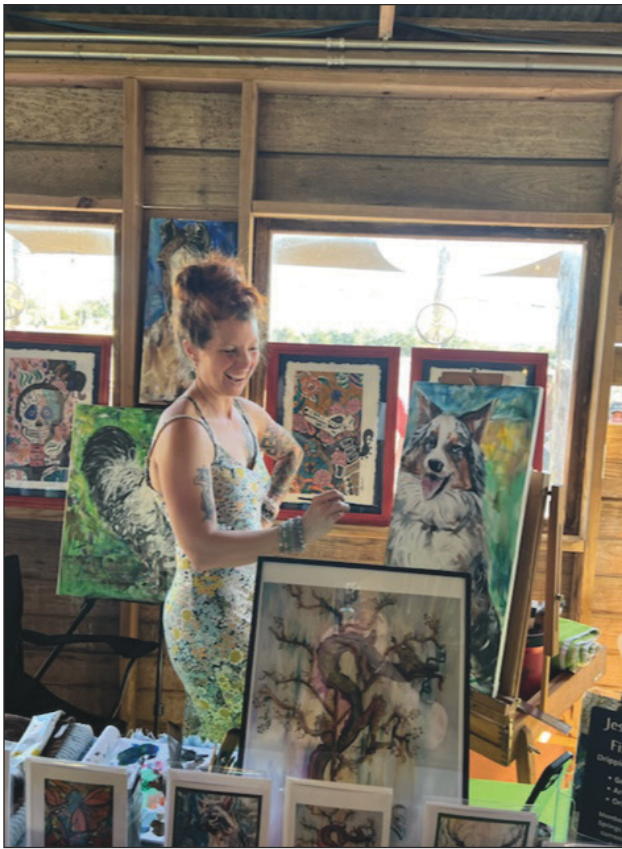


512-753-8000



ART BEAT

Presented by the Dripping Springs Art League



Art Markets return to the Triangle

Please join us for our amazing art markets this fall. For the community and visitors, you can peruse local paintings and handcrafted ceramics, metal art, jewelry and more. Perhaps you'll find that perfect piece for your home or unique gifts for the holidays while you enjoy local foods, beverages, and music too.

Creating in Solitude
For local artists, the art markets present a great opportunity to connect with the community. There are literally hundreds of local artists right in our own neighborhoods.

Some have art at Dripping's eye-popping galleries and elsewhere, but most are home studio artists who often have never shown their art beyond family and friends. For many creatives, art can be a bit of a lonely endeavor, often tucked in a corner of the house surrounded by supplies, practicing and expanding their craft. Many often wonder if others would appreciate their art but aren't sure how to bring their work to the people.

Sharing with the World
One of our artists was sparked to share their talents when a wise mentor suggested it was selfish not to, that others

needed to appreciate the talent and uniqueness of their art. At our art markets at Jester King Brewery earlier this year, over half of the 40 artists were first-time marketers. Nervous and excited, they displayed samples of their work and awaited the crowds. As they day went on, amidst the hundreds of people browsing the booths, I heard chatting and laughter throughout the pole barn. The artists were thrilled to share their art, their inspiration, and their technique with the curious shoppers.

At the end of the day, artists were quite pleased with their sales, but more importantly their spirits were high, buoyed by the interaction and questions, and excited for the new homes for much of their creations. These connections provide such motivation for artists to continue to explore, create, and share.

Art Markets return to the Triangle
As more artists revel in the experience, our members are seeking more art markets. Thus, the Dripping Springs Art League is thrilled to partner with the City of Dripping Springs to bring Art Markets back to the Triangle at the intersection of US290 and RR12 for the first time in five years!

We will host dozens of local artists along with food and beverage vendors and local live music starting October 5, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and returning November 9 and December 14. Artists will also return to Jester King Brewery on November 23 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Bring your kids, your friends, and your pets and enjoy a leisurely stroll, a snack and drink, foot-tapping music, and a wide variety of ceramics, jewelry, metal art, paintings and more

ranging from \$20 knick-knacks to \$500 show-pieces!
Calling All Artists
Art League members and non-members alike are invited to join any or all of the upcoming four Art Markets at www.artindripping.com. And for those relatively new to the Market scene, our Market Coordinator, Tiffany, has provided valuable tips and checklists to make sure your booth is easy and attractive. We offer lots of support.

A Special Memorial Fundraiser for James D. Neill benefitting

WAG
Wimberley Adoption Group & Rescue

James D. Neill (9/19/50-10/16/22) was an avid dog lover, survived by his daughter and grandson, local residents, who continue to support fundraising efforts that benefit rescue dogs in his honor. All Funds donated between September 19th and October 16th will be MATCHED by the family of James D. Neill in his memory

Visit Wimberley Cafe or Marco's for more details or donate directly below

Wimberley Adoption Group and Rescue  



**“All my child’s care, all in Austin.
That’s why Dell Children’s is my children’s hospital.”**

Your family never has to leave Austin for care, no matter how complex your child's needs. We offer the most pediatric specialties and the most comprehensive care for children in Central Texas — all from doctors who live here, work here, and take time to get to know your family. Start a conversation today.

Find the doctor who's right for your child at ascension.org/DellChildrens



Only in Austin. Only at Dell Children's.

Capital Highlights

Voter registration deadline nears for November election



Gary Borders
Texas Press Association

Eligible Texans planning to vote in the November general election have until Oct. 7 to register, Texas Secretary of State Jane Nelson reminds folks. The registration deadline applies to both early and election day voting.

“Texans have just a few short weeks left to register to vote, and I want to ensure all eligible Texans who want to make their voices heard are registered and prepared to do so,” Nelson said.

Instructions on how to register to vote and how to update existing voter registrations can be found at VoteTexas.org. To be eligible to vote, you must be a U.S. citizen, a resident of the county where you register and at least 18 years old on Election Day.

Texas officials say they have scrubbed voter rolls of more than 1 million voters deemed ineligible.

The routine process culls people who have moved out of state or are dead. Voters can ensure they are registered by going to the My Voter Portal on the secretary of state’s website, <https://teamrv-mvp.sos.texas.gov/MVP/mvp.do>

Early voting begins on Oct. 21 and ends Nov. 1. The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Oct. 25. Election Day is Nov. 5.

VENEZUELAN GANG DESIGNATED TERRORIST ORGANIZATION

Gov. Greg Abbott and state officials have labeled the Venezuelan gang Tren de Aragua as a “foreign terrorist organization,” the Austin American-Statesman reported.

The gang originated in Venezuela’s prison system a decade ago and first operated from the state of Aragua, from which it derives its name. Its criminal activities include drug trafficking, human smuggling, kidnapping, extortion and illegal mining, according to the report. State officials believe the gang is operating in Texas.

“Our goal is to defend Texas from the growing threat of the gang,” Abbott said.

“We will not let them use Texas as a base of operations to terrorize our citizens.”

Abbott has said El Paso is a locus of illegal activity by members of Tren de Aragua. A law passed in 2023 to target smugglers of undocumented immigrants will be used against gang members, he said.

JUDGE TOSSES PAXTON SUIT AGAINST BEXAR COUNTY

A state district judge last week threw out a lawsuit filed by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton against Bexar County’s plan to mail voter registration forms to country residents, The Texas Tribune reported. Since the forms have already been mailed, District Judge Antonia Artega ruled the case was moot.

Paxton sued the county to attempt to block the mailing of the forms. He asserted that the efforts in Bexar County, as well as in Harris and Travis counties, are a violation of state law and risk adding noncitizens to voter rolls. Bexar county commissioners called the claims misleading and unfounded.

A similar suit against Travis County has been

moved to federal court, where county officials are also challenging Paxton’s efforts to stop voter registration efforts. In addition, Jolt, a nonprofit that is pushing for increased Latino participation in the electoral process, has sued Paxton after being targeted in a separate investigation into its registration efforts.

PROJECT 2025 DATA SHOWS LITTLE EVIDENCE OF VOTER FRAUD

Data compiled by the Heritage Foundation, architect of the controversial Project 2025, indicates non-citizen voting in Texas is not a widespread problem, the Texas Newsroom reported.

A database maintained since 2017 houses state data since 2005. Only three instances of noncitizens casting ballots have been found since 2012, the database indicates.

The Heritage Foundation has recently sounded alarm bells about potential non-citizen voting in the upcoming general election. The American Immigration Council cited the foundation’s own data as proof that noncitizen voting is not a widespread problem.

“The lessons to take from Heritage’s own

database are that non-citizen voting is not a serious problem and that to the extent rare cases occur, they would be best addressed by better training government workers to recognize immigration documents and follow procedure,” wrote Aaron Reichlin-Melnick, a senior fellow at the council.

PUC URGED TO MORE CLOSELY VET PLANT LOAN APPLICANTS

The Public Utility Commission has drawn criticism after initially approving a power plant project in the Rio Grande Valley for a company whose CEO was convicted of embezzlement seven years earlier.

The application has since been canceled, the Texas Standard reported. Earlier this month, the Senate Finance Committee grilled agency leaders, who are tasked with approving loans out of a \$5 billion fund approved by lawmakers to boost the state’s power grid.

“The role of your organization has changed dramatically,” state Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston, told PUC Chair Thomas Gleeson. “We’re expecting more from you. You’re not just a [electricity] rate organization anymore.”

Gleeson said the PUC would review its processes and has penalized Deloitte, the

firm hired to administer the Texas Energy Fund, by cutting its contract by 10%. The agency is under pressure to finish loaning the \$5 billion by the end of 2025, according to the legislation.

TIME FOR FLU, COVID-19 VACCINES

Autumn has officially arrived, which means it’s the season to consider booster shots for the flu, COVID-19 and other immunizations, such as shingles or pneumonia. The Statesman reported healthcare providers say it’s OK to get both the flu and COVID-19 shots at the same time, but people should first check with their healthcare provider.

The federal Food and Drug Administration has approved three updated COVID-19 boosters, and the agency urges people of all ages to get vaccinated. The vaccines typically become effective in two weeks, healthcare authorities say. Most insurance plans cover the cost of the vaccines.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches, Lufkin and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texas-press.com

LITTLE GYM FROM PG. 1

With a nine-year background in teaching and working with children, Eraña is passionate about early childhood development. Her daughter, now 23 and on the autism spectrum, is pursuing a degree in child development at Texas State, inspired by her mother’s work.

“Heather is amazing with kids, and volunteers at our church nursery. She’s awesome with them. I mean, like she’s just, she’s got that calling, and I love that about her. And so when we were looking at this business because of how it helped Luka, I also saw a place for her to possibly be able to have a job that she enjoys and that she feels like she contributes and is valued,” Eraña said.

Lucia and her husband Luis live in Drift-



LUCIA ERAÑA

wood with their three children, Heather 23, Luka 3 and a newborn 7 month-old Isabela Pilar.

The Little Gym of Dripping Springs offers classes designed to be a springboard for life’s adventures. Programs focus on movement-based learning and imaginative play to improve coordination, listening, and intellectual skills. Popular classes include Parent/Caregiver & Child sessions, which foster motor and so-



PHOTOS LUCIA ERAÑA

cial-skill development, and preschool and grade school gymnastics, which teach tumbling and apparatus techniques using positive reinforcement. The gym also offers themed “Awesome Birthday Bashes,” featuring instructor-led

games and music.

With nearly 400 locations in 31 countries, The Little Gym teaches children social and physical skills appropriate to their developmental stages. Its mission is to build the foundation for lifelong success. Using a proprietary philosophy called Three-Dimensional Learning, the program supports growth in physical, cognitive, and social-emotional areas, helping children build self-confidence.

The Little Gym of Dripping Springs is located at 1055 Kibo Ridge Dr., Building 2, Suite 203, off Highway 290, below the Headwaters neighborhood. The gym is open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information or to enroll your child, call (512) 501-4046 or visit thelittlegym.com/texas-dripping-springs.

Food Bank, Pet Resource Center team up to feed people and pets

Staff Reports

The Central Texas Food Bank (CTFB) and Hays County Pet Resource Center (Hays PRC) will host a drive-up food distribution for people and pets on Saturday, Sept. 28, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at McCormick Middle School in Buda. The event is open to all Hays County residents, and pets do not need to be present to receive pet food.

Pet food for cats and dogs will be distributed along with the usual food provided. Assistance in Spanish will be available. This is the third pet food distribution event in Buda. In May, CTFB and Hays PRC served more than 400 pets in need of food assistance.

“Our first two distribution events provided pet food for a combined 429 dogs and 334 cats,” said Lee Ann Shenefiel, director of the Hays County Pet Resource Center. “These events are a lifesaver for many families who may not have access to affordable pet food. We look

forward to continuing to provide this service to the Hays County community.”

“Together, we’re nourishing our community—providing not only meals for families but also for their beloved pets,” said Sari Vatske, president and CEO of the Central Texas Food Bank. “It’s more than just food; it’s about fostering hope and compassion for every member of the family, human and animal alike. Central Texas Food Bank is proud to partner with the Hays County Pet Resource Center for our third distribution, and we look forward to continuing to work together to help our neighbors thrive.”

Bilingual volunteers are needed to assist with setup, greeting attendees, distributing food, gathering data, and teardown from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 28. If interested in volunteering, please contact hay-sinfo@austinpetsalive.org. McCormick Middle School is located at 5700 Dacy Lane in Buda.





Teal time: Early season underway for 16 days

Excellent conditions point to good season despite lagging numbers

**By Matt Williams
Outdoors Writer**

Those stately greenheads may be the sexiest of all the ducks on the pond, but blue-winged teal always grab the most attention with Texas’ early bird waterfowl crowds. The bell is ringing especially loud these days.

The statewide early teal season in Texas got underway at 30 minutes before sunrise on Sept. 14. The season runs for 16 consecutive days through Sept. 29.

Teal are always the first migrant ducks to pass through Texas each fall and the last to trek north in spring. Bluewings are the second most abundant duck in North America behind mallards.

Small and agile, teal aren’t the speediest of ducks. But they are among the most acrobatic and challenging to follow with a scattergun.

The birds are famous for zipping in low to the water like little fighter jets with whistling wings, often in tight groups. Some have likened their erratic moves to bats on crack.

Teal prefer to dine in the shallows, often in water so skinny that it’ll barely float a decoy.

The birds will eat insects and other invertebrates, but they really prefer new growth vegetation and seeds. Like other dabbling ducks, teal frequently feed by with a head down, butt up posture.

A second growth rice field spurred to life by timely rains can be a magnet for migrant teal looking for a spot to loaf and recharge for their journey south. The same is true of freshwater flats ripe with vegetation.

Experts say hunting conditions are ideal this year thanks to a bounty of inland and coastal rainfall in recent months. The bad news is teal numbers are lagging in comparison to the past. Prolonged drought is the culprit.

Population estimates are at a 20-year low across historic breeding grounds in Prairie Pothole Regions of North Dakota, South Dakota, Saskatchewan and Alberta, according to Kevin Kraai, Waterfowl Program Leader for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

“The population estimate this past May was 4.55 million birds and is down 15 percent from last year’s estimate,” he said.

The decline will result in a shortened season (16 days to 9 days) in Fall 2025.

On a brighter note, the biologist says above average summer rainfall across much of the birds’ northern breeding grounds is expected to have a positive impact on production and survival for 2024.

Legal for Teal

If you are planning to hunt during the early teal season, remember that blue-winged, green-winged and cinnamon teal are the only ducks you can shoot.

If you are unsure of the target, don’t pull the trigger. Fines for shooting other ducks out of season can be brisk. The daily limit on early teal is six per hunter, per day.

Also, remember to purchase a new hunting license and make sure to answer a short list of questions about last year’s migratory bird hunting successes required for HIP (Harvest Information Program). Additionally, you will need the migratory game bird and Federal Duck Stamp endorsements. The migratory game bird stamp costs \$7; the Federal stamp is \$25.

A person 17 years of age or older must possess a migratory game bird endorsement receipt to hunt any migratory game bird in this state. Waterfowl hunters 16 years of age and over are required to have a Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (commonly called a Duck Stamp; available at most post offices and TPWD offices).

Finally, remember to carry only steel or another nontoxic shot into the field. Shotshells containing lead shot are not legal for hunting ducks. Shotguns must be plugged to accept no more than three shotshells.

Sharing Water

Big water teal hunters should remember is they will likely be sharing their hunting areas water with fishermen, a vice versa. Be respectful of one another and use common sense to avoid accidents or



Contributed/USFWS
Drake blue wings have a slate gray head and neck, a black-edged white crescent in front of the eyes and a blackish crown.



Contributed/iStock
Blue-winged teal are streamlined little ducks well for zipping in low to the water with wings whistling. Texas’ early 16-day season runs through September 29.

confrontations.

Duck hunters are typically on the water well before daylight. It can be frustrating to make a long run a favorite fishing area and find it already occupied by duck hunters, but it happens pretty frequently.

Anglers should do the courteous thing and relocate to a different spot, or stay far enough away duck hunters so as not screw up their hunt.

Duck hunters, meanwhile, should be mindful of distant anglers and avoid taking risky shots in their direction. Shot-shell pellets can travel farther than you think. All it takes is one stray pellet to take out an eye.

Matt Williams is a freelance writer based in Nacogdoches. He can be reached by email, mattwillwrite4u@yahoo.com.

**Call
512-858-4163
to place your
ad here!**

**Call
512-858-4163
to place your
ad here!**

**Call
512-858-4163
to place your
ad here!**

**Call
512-858-4163
to place your
ad here!**

**Call
512-858-4163
to place your
ad here!**

**Call
512-858-4163
to place your
ad here!**



Dripping Springs CLASSIFIEDS

P.O. Box 732 Dripping Springs, TX 78620 512-858-4163

Public
Notice

CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
FOR A ZONING AMENDMENT
APPLICATION CASE #:
ZA2024-004
109 BONNIE DRIVE

Public hearings will be held at the City of Dripping Springs Planning & Zoning Commission meeting at 6:00p.m. on October 22, 2024 at the Dripping Springs ISD Center for Learning & Leadership Maple Room and at the City Council Meeting at 6:00p.m. on November 5, 2024 at the Dripping Springs ISD Center for Learning & Leadership Board Room, 300 Sportsplex Dr., Dripping Springs, Texas, to consider Zoning Amendment for an approximately 0.77-acre tract located at 109 Bonnie Drive, Dripping Springs, TX 78620. Legal Description: DRIPPING SPRINGS HEIGHTS, BLOCK B, LOT 15. The applicant is requesting a zoning change from Single Family Residential (1 acre) to Local Retail.

When Development Services is open, the proposed application is available for viewing at the Dripping Springs Development Services office, located at 661 West Highway 290, during regular business hours: 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m., Monday through Friday. If closed to visitors during this period, you can request a review of any documents by emailing planning@cityofdrippingsprings.com. If City Hall is closed to visitors on the day of the meeting, or the meeting is virtual for another reason, the City will post this information on its website at www.cityofdrippingsprings.com so that the public may have access to the meeting.

Comments regarding this project may be emailed to planning@cityofdrippingsprings.com or mailed to PO Box 384, Dripping Springs, TX 78620. Comments received by the Friday before each meeting will be included in agenda packets for the meetings. For more information call City Hall at (512) 858-4725.

Estate Sale

ESTATE AUCTION

September 28th beginning 10:00 AM. Antique Autos, Trailers, Tractor, Home, Office, Musical & Church (Pews, PA system, etc) Items. Farm/Ranch & Much More!! - 2254 Old Marble Falls Rd. Round Mountain, Tx 78663. For more info 325-372-1717 or F & F Auctioneers: David Fry on Facebook. B.P. \$0-10K 10%; \$10k.01-20K 3%; \$20k.01+2.5% TX License #17647

Public
Notice

CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
FOR A VARIANCE
APPLICATION
CASE #: VAR2024-007
PALOMA EVENTS

Public hearings will be held at the City of Dripping Springs Planning & Zoning Commission meeting at 6:00p.m. on October 22, 2024 at the Dripping Springs ISD Center for Learning & Leadership Maple Room and at the City Council Meeting at 6:00p.m. on November 5, 2024 at the Dripping Springs ISD Center for Learning & Leadership Board Room, 300 Sportsplex Dr., Dripping Springs, Texas, to consider a Variance Application for an approximately 2.56-acre tract located at 235 Sports Park Road, Dripping Springs, TX, 78620, Legal Description: MAGIC GREENS SUBD, LOT 1, ACRES 2.56. This variance application requests to allow a structure in a building setback.

When Development Services is open, the proposed application is available for viewing at the Dripping Springs Development Services office, located at 661 West Highway 290, during regular business hours:

8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m., Monday through Friday. If closed to visitors during this period, you can request a review of any documents by emailing: planning@cityofdrippingsprings.com. If City Hall is closed to visitors on the day of the meeting, or the meeting is virtual for another reason, the City will post this information on its website at: www.cityofdrippingsprings.com so that the public may have access to the meeting.

Comments regarding this project may be emailed to: planning@cityofdrippingsprings.com or mailed to PO Box 384, Dripping Springs, TX, 78620. Comments received by the Friday before each meeting will be included in agenda packets for the meetings. For more information call City Hall at (512) 858-4725.

Legal
Notice

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Late Hours Certificate by Wimberley Water Resort, LLC - The Lodge at Cypress Falls dba Dark Skies Tavern to be located at 1 Woodcreek Circle, Wimberley, Texas, 78676, Hays County, Texas. Managing member of said company is Gregory L. Jones, owner.

Legal
Notice

Public
Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

In accordance with the Texas property code, Chapter 59, RightSpace Storage - Wimberley, 16955 Ranch Road 12, Wimberley, TX, 78676, will conduct a public auction to satisfy a landlord's lien.

Units will be sold to the highest bidder online at Lockerfox.com. A \$100 credit card clean up deposit is required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw any unit or not accept any bid at time of sale. Sale will be held online at Lockerfox.com starting on or before Wednesday October 02, 2024, at 10:00 am and bidding will close on or after Wednesday October 09, 2024, at 10:00 am. General description of contents: general household/personal goods/other contents. Names of tenants as they appear on the lease:

Jennifer Schwab

Brenda Hickman

Tenants may redeem their goods for full payment with a money order or cashier's check only up to time of auction. Call RightSpace Storage - Wimberley at (512) 722-3296

Publishing dates: September 19, 2024 and September 26, 2024

CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
FOR A VARIANCE
APPLICATION
CASE #: VAR2023-0008
HILL COUNTRY SENIOR
CITIZENS
ACTIVITY CENTER

Public hearings will be held at the City of Dripping Springs Planning & Zoning Commission meeting at 6:00p.m. on October 22, 2024 at the Dripping Springs ISD Center for Learning & Leadership Maple Room and at the City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on November 5, 2024 at the Dripping Springs ISD Center for Learning Leadership Board Room, 300 Sportsplex Dr., Dripping Springs, Texas, to consider a Variance Application to allow a building within the setback, for a 2.34-acre tract located at 1310 W HWY 290, Dripping Springs, TX 78620, Legal Description: R J RAGLAND DRIPPING SPRINGS LOTS 6-7-20A GEO#90403361, R J RAGLAND-DRIPPING SPRINGS LOT 19 GEO#90403368 (EXEMPT % 08/12/10), and R J RAGLAND DRIPPING SPRINGS LOTS 5 & 20B GEO#90403370.

When Development Services is open, the proposed application is available for viewing at the Dripping Springs Development Services office, located at 661 West Highway 290, during regular business hours:

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. If closed to visitors during this period, you can request a review of any documents by emailing planning@cityofdrippingsprings.com. If City Hall is closed to visitors on the day of the meeting, or the meeting is virtual for another reason, the City will post this information on its website at www.cityofdrippingsprings.com so that the public may have access to the meeting.

Comments regarding this project may be emailed to planning@cityofdrippingsprings.com or mailed to PO Box 384, Dripping Springs, TX 78620. Comments received by the Friday before each meeting will be included in agenda packets for the meetings. For more information call City Hall at (512) 858-4725.

Make
everyday
EARTH
Day



TOGETHER
We Make
A Difference



Stay Drug Free

ADVERTISE WITH US TODAY!

DONATE
BLOOD

YOUR SUPPORT
SAVES LIVES!



Kindness

can go a long way.



Adopt a shelter pet today!



Call us at
(512) 858-4163

Subscribe TODAY!

- ★ City & County News
- ★ Dripping Springs Sports
- ★ News of the Arts
- ★ Classifieds

Only \$28 per year. Direct to your mailbox

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL: _____

Credit Card# _____ exp: _____

Dripping Springs Century-News

P.O. Box 732, Dripping Springs, TX 78620
(512) 858-4163
dscenturynews@gmail.com

SERVICE DIRECTORY

Air & Heating Services	Air & Heating Services	Tree Services	Tree Services	Tree Services	Tree Services	Landscaping Services	Landscaping Services
Air & Heating There's a new sheriff in town! Louis Nesby Air & Heat COMMERCIAL Local Independent & Insured TACL817073E 26/23 512-945-0616 RESIDENTIAL Sales Service & Installation louaustex@aol.com louisnesbyairandheat.com		TREE SERVICE Lees Trees 26/23 30+ Years Hill Country Experience Free Assessments & Estimates Marcus Lees • (512) 858-4018 • Insured  Pruning • Removal • Chipping Planting • Firewood Cedar Posts • Bulk Mulch Organic Dirt leestreeservices.com leestreestexas@gmail.com	Ogden's Tree Service  • Consult • Prune • Remove • Fertilize • Selective Land Clearing • Insured ISA Certified Arborist TX0111 Texas Master Naturalist Jon Ogden, 512.452.3987 Ogdenstreeservice.com	O'Kane Lawn & Landscape "settin' roots in our community" Time for Fall & Winter Tree Trimming • Tree Trimming • Irrigation Repair • Landscaping • Fertilizing • Lawn Maintenance LI 00021868 FREE ESTIMATES FULLY INSURED 512.738.2185 okanelawnscapes@gmail.com member  Ben O'Kane Owner/Operator			
Electrical Services	Electrical Services	Electrical Services	Electrical Services	Tree Services	Tree Services	Windows & Painting	Windows & Painting
Veteran Owned & Operated Employs Veterans  No problems, only solutions Personal attention and professional service 512-557-5605 21/23 wimberleyelectricians.com TECL# 29302		Red Grizzly Electric • Breaker Replacement • GFCI's • Light Fixture Replacement  • Hot Tubs • Ceiling Fans • Switch Replacement • Electrical Panel Repair Scott Weaver • Licensed & Insured TECL #23403 P.O. Box 2155 Wimberley, TX 78676 512-771-1764 redgrizzlyelectric.com	EYE SORES TREE AND HAULING SERVICE NEED HELP WITH: BRUSH/TRASH REMOVAL • DEMOLITION • FENCING & GATES • HOME REPAIR • PORTABLE BUILDING • CAR HAULING • BOBCAT/DIRT WORK • MOWING • LOT & ACREAGE CLEARING • TREE TRIMMING & REMOVAL 7 DAYS A WEEK DAVID BROWN 512-312-1227 • 512-689-3415/cell 	KLEEN WINDOWS  Hill Country Painting "Windows are a pane so call the professionals" (512-554-1401) Pressure Washing • Exterior Painting Deck Restoration www.kleenwindows99.com  FREE ESTIMATES			
Help Wanted	Help Wanted	Service Directory					
HIRING: TRADES Dripping Springs ISD is hiring: Licensed Plumber Licensed HVAC Tech Maintenance 12 PTO Days, Holidays, & Benefits! APPLY TODAY!  Visit: dsisdtx.us/jobs or Call 512-858-3054		Put your ad in the Service Directory. Call for deadlines and availabilty! For only \$100/Month! (512) 847-2202					



Wimberley

shop a little
bit of heaven

Let's Eat!

Place your ad here

Call Advertising at
(512) 858-4163

Dripping Springs Century News





BLAIR HOUSE

Inn & Day Spa

Come visit the *new* Blair House Inn & Day Spa!
Whether for a day trip, a weekend getaway
or a business retreat, enjoy unmatched tranquility
nestled in the hills.

- Guest Cottages and Suites
- Rejuvenating Day Spa & Massage
- Fine Dining at The Hill
- Luxurious Pool
- Cooking Classes
- Art Gallery & Classes
- Scenic Hill Country Views

For tours or information regarding the Inn and Spa,
please call for an appointment or visit our website.

(512) 847-1111 BlairHouseInn.com
100 WEST SPOKE HILL DRIVE, WIMBERLEY TX

WHATABURGER



The One

THAT STARTED IT ALL

It takes two hands to hold The Original #1 Whataburger
that our founder grilled up fresh for the first time in 1950
to make you say, "What a burger!" every time.





Website and app for
ALL things Texas wine

Plan a day wine
tasting or a weekend
getaway

Share your itinerary
and map with friends

Download Now

Add your business
today to the Guide
and app!

Find Businesses and
Services that support
the Texas wine
industry!

TXWineLover.com

Place your ad here

Call Advertising at
(512) 858-4163

Dripping Springs Century News



Herbert's Taco Hut

has been a staple
in the city serving
you THE BEST food
for 48 years and
counting!



419 Riverside Dr. • San Marcos, TX 78666 •
512-392-2993

Place your ad here

Call Advertising at
(512) 858-4163

Dripping Springs Century News

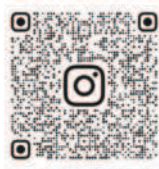




SHOP 1893

Shop 1893 for San Marcos' coolest selection
of vintage, collectibles, antiques, resale,
maker supplies, upcycled and original
creations & more!

More than 3-dozen unique vendors

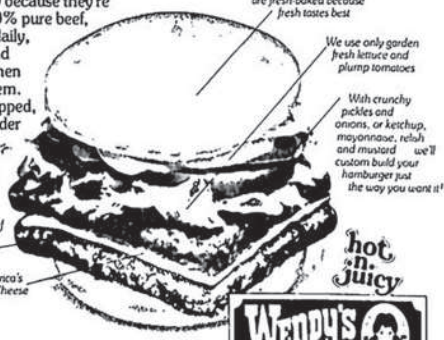


Hours: Wed-Fri: Noon-5pm
Sat: 10am - 3pm

The Price Center
222 W San Antonio Street
Downtown San Marcos

@SMTXPRICECENTER

Hot 'n Juicy Explained



At Wendy's our hamburgers
are Hot 'n Juicy because they're
made from 100% pure beef,
pattied fresh daily,
never frozen and
cooked just when
you order them.
Never pre-wrapped,
never held under
lights, they're
freshly made,
just for you!

Our hamburger buns
are fresh baked because
fresh tastes best

We use only garden
fresh lettuce and
plump tomatoes

With crunchy
pickles and
onions, or ketchup,
mayonnaise, relish
and mustard - we'll
custom build your
hamburger just
the way you want it!

Only 100% USDA beef
goes into a Hot 'n
Juicy Hamburger

Topped with America's
favorite American Cheese



Call Advertising at
(512) 858-4163

Dripping Springs Century News



Dripping Springs Century News

Phone: 512 - 858 - 4163

<https://www.drippingspringsnews.com>



Featuring local furry friends eligible for adoption & looking for loving homes!

Lizzy's Animal Hospice XO
Male
8 years old
Terrier mixvvvvvv



Hi there!
I'm XO, an 8 year old boy with a heart full of love and a tail that never stops wagging. I may look tough but I'm actually a big ol' softie. I love people and I get along super well with smaller dogs. I'm a quiet guy who rarely barks, but I do love zooming around the backyard for fun! I'm house trained, crate trained, and I've got some impressive skills like recall and sit. I'd be happiest as the only dog in your home where I can get most of the attention to myself. If you're looking for a sweet, loyal companion, come meet me and we'll hang out! Please visit LizzysHospice.com or email us at LizzysHospice@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to fill out an application.

Lizzy's Animal Hospice Euliss
Male
13 years old
Terrier mix



Howdy, I'm Euliss
Everyone who meets me says I'm a cheerful boy who loves life. I enjoy car rides and walk well on a leash, so I'm great for apartments because I'm quiet and well-behaved. I can get a little excited around small dogs, but I calm down quickly and I love meeting new friends. I'm smart and really good at learning new tricks, so I'm a pretty fun friend to have. I'm neutered, vaccinated, house-trained, and hoping to find a loving foster or forever family who will love me and care for me.
Please visit LizzysHospice.com or email us at LizzysHospice@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to fill out an application.

How to Foster/Adopt a Lizzy's Animal Hospice Pup

Lizzy's desperately needs foster families and forever families for their sweet pups. Lizzy's is a 501c3 non-profit elder care / hospice for dogs 10+ years, large and small - most of which are healthy. Lizzy's also has healthy pups under 10 years. Please go to lizzyshospice.com/adopt-or-foster and click on the Apply Here button to submit an application. Lizzy's is quick to process applications and to respond to emails. Email lizzyshospice@gmail.com with any questions.

Universal Crossword

09/22

THEMELESS SUNDAY 103 by Adrian Johnson and Kareem Ayas

ACROSS

- 1 "Send ____" (request for photo evidence)
5 "You're thinking of someone else"
15 User-friendly image
16 Period of time studying overseas
17 Auto at an auction, usually
18 Mindless entertainment
19 Prez on a five
20 Apply gently
21 Coined
22 ____ hockey (French kissing, humorously)
24 Golfer's peg
25 Urges strongly
27 Micro chips?

- 31 Barely sufficient
32 They stand up in the cold
34 Golfer's goal, at minimum
35 "Macbeth" witches
36 Southpaw
37 Actress Meyer of the "Saw" franchise
38 Mike and ____
39 Move like a crab
40 Provides (for oneself)
41 Wooden drawers?
43 What a rubber band can do
45 Rock grp. whose last letter stands for "Orchestra"
46 Topper for Papa Smurf or Mario

- 47 Hamster or capybara
50 ____ the jackpot
51 That: Sp.
52 Having a ball
54 The "N" of 54-Down, for short
55 "I'm not the only one, right?"
56 Fabric used for the black covering of Mecca's Kaaba
57 Annual Chinese celebration of bachelors
58 Greek war god

DOWN

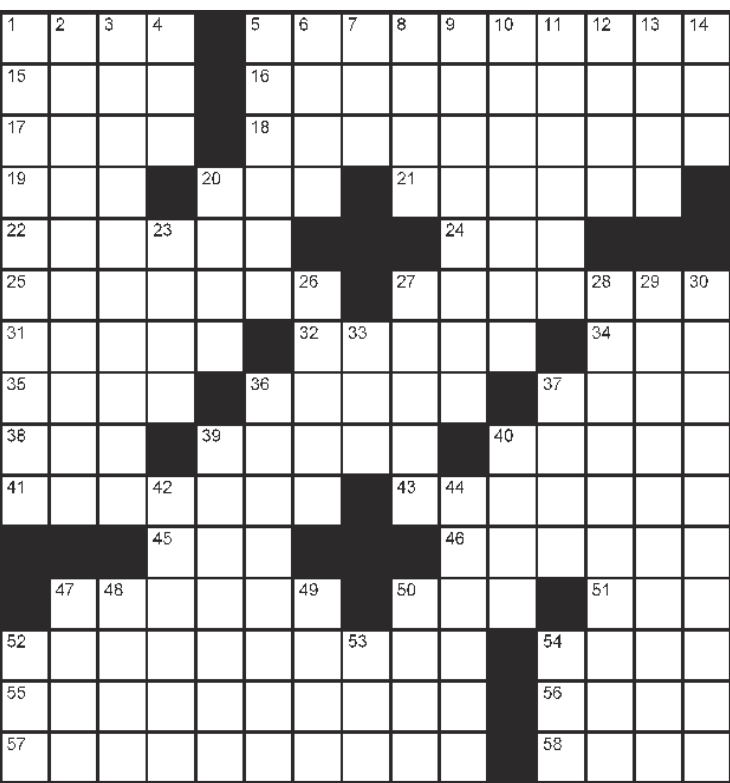
- 1 Where to find the Jolly Roger
2 Classic dessert

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

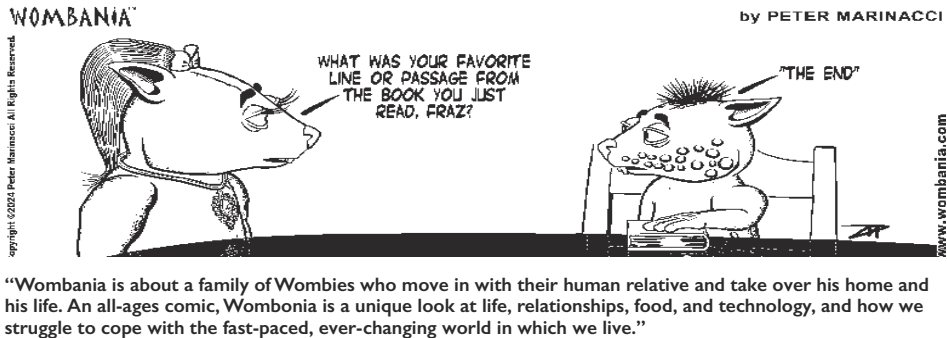
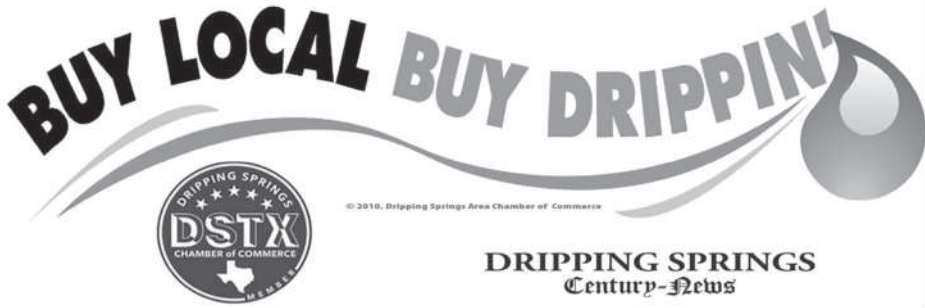
W	A	S	H	E	R		S	D	S	U			S	K	I
E	S	C	A	P	E	R	O	O	M	S			L	A	M
T	H	A	T	S	G	E	N	I	U	S			O	L	E
S	Y	N	E		I	D	A		G	R	I	P	E	S	
			R	U	M	O	R	S				P	E	C	S
			H	A	R	E			N	A	T	A	S	H	A
		R	O	D	S		A	R	O	S	E		T	I	G
L	I	V	E	U	P	T	O	T	H	E	H	T	Y	P	E
O	D	E		L	I	S	T	S			P	A	L	S	
G	E	R	M	A	N	E			G	A	V	E			
O	A	H	U			A	C	C	E	D	E				
G	L	A	N	C	E		H	A	L		D	U	M	P	
R	O	N		A	D	I	O	S	A	M	I	G	O	S	
A	N	D		M	E	R	C	H	T	A	B	L	E	S	
M	G	S		O	N	E	K		I	N	S	I	S	T	

© 2023 Andrews McMeel Syndication
www.upuzzles.com

- named for a compact refrigerator
3 European capital home to the bronze statue "The Little Mermaid"
4 ____-Caps
5 Juliet's cousin
6 Thyme, e.g.
7 Thin battery
8 Short cut?
9 Germ-free
10 Network division whose themes were composed by John Williams
11 Spoke formally
12 Shade of color
13 Org. promoting road safety
14 Joseph of ice cream fame
20 Unflattering rumors
23 Certain children
26 What a husky does, constantly
27 Links lead to them
28 Yet to be decided
29 Beach structure
30 Slams on the court?
33 ____-CIO
36 Malawi's capital
37 "The ____ is done"
39 Third letter of "yolk"
40 Apt rhyme of "sweat"
42 Giving up
44 Three times over
47 Rihanna, to fans
48 What's found in the center of Slovenia?
49 They bind
50 ____ skirt
52 Lead-in to "Cruces" or "Vegas"
53 Wee bit
54 Org. that Snowden exposed



Want more puzzles? Check out the “Just Right Crossword Puzzles” books at QuillDriverBooks.com



Community Calendar

Hays County Crime Stoppers Muder Mystery Dinner September 28

4 - 7 p.m.
Garbo's will host a Labor Day Lobster Boil at their Dripping Springs location. The dinner includes a whole lobster, Skip's clams, shrimp, corn, and potatoes, paired with a glass of wine or a pint of beer. Tickets \$125/\$50. Visit garboslobsteratx.com for more information or to purchase tickets. Garbo's of Dripping Springs • 136 Drifting Wind Run, Suite 101 • Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Dripping Springs Methodist Church Women in Mission Artisan Market & Bake Sale

September 28 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
September 29 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
An annual fundraising event that supports local and area charitable organizations. In addition to delicious baked goods, items for sale include jarred jams and veggies, jewelry, soaps, throw pillows, and many other items. Fellowship Hall • 28900 RR12 • Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Goat Couture Goat Fashion Show

September 28 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
A one-of-a-kind event that combines fashion, friendly competitions, and community support like never before at Goat Couture '24. Benefiting the Future Farmers of America in Blanco and Hays counties. This unique event features a fashion show where the goats are the models shown by local ranchers, first responders, and others for a day filled with excitement, laughter, and all things GOAT. \$10 general admission. Children 5 and under are free. Earlybird and VIP tickets. Visit goatcouture.org for more information and to purchase tickets online. Dripping Springs Ranch Park • 1042 Event Center Dr. • Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Coffee with Cars Dripping Springs - Monthly September 29

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
This is a local show and shine, presented by the Buda GearHeads, for any car, truck or motorcycle - mild to wild, stock to modified! For more information, visit facebook.com/coffeewithcars.

31430 Ranch Road 12 • Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Dripping Springs Farmers Market* October 2 Wednesdays

3 - 6 p.m.
Local producers offer produce, meats, and artisanal foods for purchase along with flowers, plants and hand-made crafts. Dripping Springs Ranch Park • 1042 Event Center Dr. • Dripping Springs, TX 78620.
*Please note the new hours for Fall starting October 2

Wimberley Art Crawl First Thursdays

October 3 5 - 9 p.m.
The Wimberley Valley Arts and Cultural Alliance presents First Thursday Art Crawl. Galleries on and around the Square will be open later than normal with special events, food, entertainment and more. Galleries and participating businesses will feature guest artists along with other activities.
Wimberley Square • 329 Wimberley Square • Wimberley, TX 78676

Touch A Truck October 5 10 a.m.

Touch-A-Truck is a family friendly event hosting a variety of vehicles for kids of all ages to touch including a dump truck, helicopter, tractors, bucket truck, fire truck, a crane, ambulance, tow truck, military vehicles, police cars, a K-9 unit and a special vehicle you will have to see to believe! There will also be face painting, arts-n-crafts, food trucks and music. Burke Center for Youth • 20800 FM 150 W • Driftwood, TX 78619

Art in the Triangle October 5 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Local artists showing a wide array of art, including painting, metalwork, jewelry, fiber, sculpture, glasswork, ceramics, and more. Food and music. Sponsored by the Dripping Springs Art League and the City Parks & Community Services Department. Veterans Memorial Park, a.k.a., "The Triangle," • 150 E. Mercer St. • Downtown Dripping Springs TX 78620

Lone Star Gourd Festival October 4-5

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Come see a variety of fantastic painted and embellished gourds at the 29th annual Lone Star Gourd Festival. 22 vendors, a juried artists' competition, and classes. Sponsored by the Texas Gourd Society. Dripping Springs Ranch Park • 1042 Event Center Dr. • Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Car & Bike Show October 5 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Show off your car or motorcycle and compete in the Hill Country Rally for Kids Car Show! Awards will be People's Choice Best Car, Best Truck, and Best Bike, and it will be presented by The Burke Center Boys. Speedy Springs 7100 Creek Rd • Dripping Springs TX 78620

Mini VIBE Market October 6 Noon - 5 p.m.

Enjoy a day of shopping LOCAL artists, makers & creatives with Vibe Artisan Markets at the Deep Eddy Tasting Room in Dripping Springs. 20 local artists, creatives and makers. Food, music & drink. Free admission. Deep Eddy Vodka • 2205 E HWY 290 • Dripping Springs, TX 78620

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND EDUCATION

City of Dripping Springs Public Meetings

The City of Dripping Springs welcomes residents and others doing business with the city to attend any of the public meetings below. Streaming option and meeting packets at: cityofdripping-springs.com. Meetings are held at City Hall Council Chambers • 511 Mercer St. • Dripping Springs, TX 78620.

September 18 • 6 p.m. Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting

September 19 • 12 p.m. Emergency Management Committee Meeting

September 19 • 4 p.m. Utility Commission Meeting

September 23 • 3:30 p.m. Transportation Committee Meeting

September 24 • 6 p.m. Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting

Hays County Commissioners Court Regular Meeting

September 17 • 9 a.m.
This is a regular meeting of the Hays County Commissioners Court, the governing body of the county. This group of elected officials and staff oversees the functions and budget for all county-related business. Hays County Historic Courthouse • 111 E. San Antonio St. • San Marcos, Texas. Streaming option available at hayscountytexas.com

DRIPPING SPRINGS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

DSISD Taxpayer Tuesday From Pennies to Programs: Navigating School Finances

October 8 • 9:30-11 a.m.
This 90-minute forum provides an opportunity for parents and community members to learn more about DSISD's operations, finances, programs, and successes, as well as meet district leaders. Attendees also have the chance to tour the campus and discuss topics relevant to the fast-growing district. visit dsisdtx.us/taxpayerwednesdays to register. Dripping Springs Elementary • 29400 Ranch Rd 12 • Dripping Springs, TX 78620

DSISD Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

September 23 • 6 p.m.
Live meeting of the DSISD Board of Trustees which sets policy, agenda and strategic planning for the Dripping Springs school district. Agendas and live streaming option available at dsisdtx.us. Live meeting at the Center for Learning & Leadership • 300 Sportsplex Dr. • Dripping Springs, TX 78620

SCOTT DAVES REALTOR®
SCOTT@STANBERRY.COM / WWW.SCOTTDAVES.NET

512.415.2265

THIS WEEK’S FEATURED LISTINGS



249 Sportsplex Drive #D
Dripping Springs, TX 78620
For Lease - \$2.25 + NNN

1,795 square feet of white box medical space, located in Downtown Dripping Springs. Includes \$25psf Tenant Improvement Allowance to build the office of your dreams!



000 Wallace Street
Dripping Springs, TX 78620
For Lease - \$1.25 + NNN

6,000 square feet of warehouse space located in the heart of Dripping Springs. Fenced in yard and 4 large bay doors makes it ideal for storage, parking, or distribution!



22601 RR 12 Unit# B
Dripping Springs, TX 78620
For Lease - \$1.15 + NNN

6,256sqft warehouse in shell condition, ready for your custom buildout! Office space and insulation can be added to suit your needs, TI negotiable. First building in a brand new site planned Business Park!



133 Glosson Ranch Rd
Dripping Springs, TX 78620
For Lease - \$1.00 + NNN

5,000sqft of HVAC Warehouse space, includes 750sqft of climate controlled office space with private bathroom. Loading dock and regular drive in loading through 4 large roll up doors!



STANBERRY REALTORS® STANBERRY COMMERCIAL

www.stanberry.com 512.894.3488

400 HWY 290 W / BLDG B / SUITE 101 / DRIPPING SPRINGS TX 78620

Breast Cancer Awareness Ribbons

"In memory of" or "Survivor"

Small: \$25 • Medium: \$50 • Large: \$100

25% of all ribbon proceeds will be donated to Community Action, Inc. of Central Texas!

1.5" x 3"

5" x 10"

3.25" x 6"

In Memory Of

Name goes here

Survivor

Name goes here

In Memory Of

Name goes here

San Marcos Daily Record
512.392.2458

TheWimberleyView
512.847.2202

Dripping Springs Century News
512.797.1178

More ways to save more

Save on hose-end timers and converting turf to drought-tolerant landscapes with **NEW** WaterSmart rebates. LCRA offers up to \$600 in rebates for upgrading irrigation systems, maintaining landscapes and pools, and testing soil.

www.WaterSmart.org/rebates

Eligibility requirements apply.







THE WIMBERLEY PLAYERS
AMAZING THEATER

now then &

AUTHOR Sean Grennan

DIRECTED BY Milton Zoth

September 13 - October 6, 2024

Fridays and Saturdays 7:30 pm | Sundays 2:30 pm



www.wimberleyplayers.org

Produced by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc.
www.playscripts.com

SPORTS

Ride to End ALZ bike ride set for Nov 9 in Wimberley

Staff Reports

The Alzheimer's Association is inviting cyclists from across Texas to join the fight to end Alzheimer's by participating in the Ride to End ALZ®, presented by H-E-B, on Nov. 9, 2024, in Wimberley. Participants will honor those affected by Alzheimer's while enjoying a first-class cycling experience. Riders will be supported from start to finish with fully stocked rest stops, curated routes, trained roadside assistance, and catered meals.

"This is an amazing ride for those passionate about spreading awareness for Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia," said Brenda Suggitt, senior associate director of the Ride to End ALZ. "People come from across Texas and beyond to share stories and enjoy the beautiful Hill Country views as we ride to end ALZ." The event starts and ends at Blue Hole Regional Park in Wimberley. The 10- and 20-mile courses, ideal for beginners, offer scenic views of cypress trees and wildlife along

the Blanco River. The more challenging 40-, 60- and 100-mile routes wind through the Hill Country, passing exotic animal farms and wineries near Driftwood. The Texas ride is one of six Alzheimer's Association cycling events in the U.S. this year, with a fundraising goal of \$800,000. Nearly 7 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's, including more than 459,000 in Texas, where over 1 million family members and friends serve as caregivers. For more information or to register, visit alz.org/ride.



Senior quarterback Maddox Maher, led the Dripping Springs Tigers to a 49-34 win against Buda's Johnson Jaguars Friday. Maher threw for 276 yards and 4 touchdowns. The Tigers next play Akins HS in a Thursday game, to open district play.

PHOTO RONNIE ADAIR

Tigers beat Jaguars 49-34

Carl Waits
Sports Reporter

For the second week in a row the Dripping Springs Tigers were forced to put up big numbers to stay ahead of their opponent. More than 900 yards of total offense was generated and once again it was not until late in the fourth quarter the Tigers could breathe easier as the Tigers held off the Hays Johnson Jaguars in an offensive show 49-34. It would push the Tigers season record to 3-1 as they get ready to begin District 26-6A play.

The Tigers kicked off and the Jaguars responded with a quick 6-play drive that incorporated the pass and run. The final 8 on a run. Jackson Mills blocked the EP to keep it at 6-0. Tristan Felder set up the Tigers with a 14 KOR to the 28. From there the Tigers moved the ball in ten plays with big DL Clive Wahl pounding it in from the 4. Aidan Burgess toed the first of his 7 EP's to make it 7-6 and a lead the Tigers would not relinquish.

Dylan Brasher would intercept a deflected pass and the Tigers were in business again. A Maddox Maher to Cooper Reid 7 pass upped the ante 14-6 after one. A Tiger fumble gave the Jaguars the opportunity to score from the 50. They did; on a 7 run. 13-14. Felder relieved the nervous situation when he took the KO at the goalline, broke free and

was finally overtaken at the four. Jack Tyndall took it in. 21-13. Johnson promptly scored on an 83 drive, scoring on an 11 run. 20-21. A 77 pass to Merrik Bloomgren and 13 pass to Reid with eight seconds left bolted the Tigers to a 35-20 half-time lead.

The lead was expanded to 42-20 on a J. Tyndall 21 run. It still was not comfortable as Johnson refused to quit playing. They would score on a long drive with 3.14 in the third 27-42. An interception on the Tiger 18 ended in an 8 run on the first play of the fourth. 34-42. Jackson Kinley recovered a fumble at the Jaguar 29. An 18 pass to Reid finished the scoring for the night.

The first district game is tonight (Thursday September 26), at Burger Center in Austin, against Akins. Kickoff is 7:30pm.

Next Friday will be the Tigers Homecoming game with Austin High.

Game stats (DS first): First downs 22-24; Rushing 31-183, 58-363; Passing 276-93; Passes 16-24-1, 6-11-1; Punts 0-0, 1-38; Penalties 5-40, 4-20; Fumbles 1-1, 1-1.

Tiger stats: Rushing: J. Tyndall 18-131 2TD; Maher 9-26; Jaceton Gotta 3-22; Wahl 1-4 TD. Passing: Maher 16-24-276-1 4TD; Receiving: Nick Tyndall 6-49; Reid 5-85 3TD; Bloomgren 2-82 TD; Jacob Rivas 2-41; J. Tyndall 1-19. KOR: Felder 3-121; Gotta 1-34; Liam Lawson 1-18. PR: Gotta 1-12.

Tacklers: Dylan Brasher 6-5; Wahl 5-4; Gavin Badger 4-2; Chris Gustafson 2-9; Kyle Daniel 2-8; Carson Treague 2-4; Gage De los Santos 2-4.

Team Tennis hits rough patch

Carl Waits
Sports Reporter

In the last two matches with Westlake and Wimberley, Dripping Springs encountered a drouth in wins. Wes Anderson won an 8-5 decision in singles for the only win in the 18-1 lost to Westlake. Wimberley officially won their match 10-2.

Wimberley results: Boys doubles: Wyatt Clark/Grover Bendall 6-2, 3-6, 6-10; Anderson/Isaiah Jackson 6-4, 6-2; Seb Zeinoun/Milton Lynn 3-6, 4-6; Savaar Khan/Axel Skinner 1-6, 7-5, 8-10. GD: Addie Clark/Isodora Barnes 2-6, 2-4; Vivian Kelly/Maggie Menard 2-6, 3-6; Kathleen Evans/

Bella Rose 5-7, 6-2, 3-10; Maddy Johnson/Campbell Owen-son 5-8. Mixed Doubles: Dayton Daniel/Julia Stankov 7-5, 6-7, 7-7. Boys singles: Anderson 8-0; Clark 2-8; Bendall 7-7, 5-7; Jackson 2-8; Daniels 3-8; Lynn 1-7. GS: Clark 4-8; Barnes 8-4; Menard 8-6; Kelly 7-6.

Lady Tigers spiking the season

Carl Waits
Sports Reporter

The Lady Tigers volleyball team is heading for the house with many victories as they enter the district race. At this stage of the season they have a 34-2 record, 2-0 in

district. They shutout Bowie 25-15, 25-18, 25-17 and then took on a tough Westlake squad. It was a little tougher match up but DS prevailed 25-17, 20-25, 25-23, 25-17. Stat leaders on the team after 34 games: Kills: Henley Anderson 382, Christa

Wilburn 220; Aces: Callie Krueger 46, Riley Certain 45; Blks: Ashley Euston 69, Eloise Roffers 59; Assists: Lourdes Frontera 571, Sydney Lund 278; Digs: Krueger 345, Wilburn 237; Serve Receives: Krueger 392, Anderson 319.

BUDGET FROM PG. 1

per \$100 in valuation for property on the city's tax rolls. That compares to a tax rate of .1718 in 2023. The

city expects to collect \$219,847 in new revenue from additional property added to its tax roll this year.

To view the approved budget in its entirety, visit the city's website at cityofdrippingssprings.com.

DSISD FROM PG. 1

rate to set to cover the budget is a lengthy and complicated process made more challenging by formulas and rules set by the State. School funding continues to be the top issue for lawmakers when they return to Austin in 2025. Trustee Rob McClellan praised the budget staff for keeping the rate as low as possible when other districts are asking their voters to increase their rates much higher. "That is a very good result, I think, for our district, McClellan said. "I think y'all have done a very good job understanding the will of this board and how we want to make sure we're a financially strong district, but also understanding the burden on the taxpayers." Taxpayers can learn more about the district's budget process by visiting the DSISD website at dsisdx.us/o/dsisd/page/budget. In addition, the district invites citizens to

learn more about how the district operates its budget process at its Taxpayer Tuesday meeting on October 8 at Dripping Springs elementary school. That

meeting is specifically covering school finances in the district. To register for that meeting go to dsisdx.us/page/taxpayer-tuesdays.



451 S. CANYONWOOD DR.
DRIPPING SPRINGS, TX 78620
512-894-8651
www.drippingsspringsauto.com



- BOARDING
- LESSONS
- TRAINING
- SALES

Wimberley, TX 78676
(512) 797-1178

VOTED BEST
2016 - 2022

BEST OF
DRIPPING SPRINGS
2022

Dripping Springs
CentralGarage
Complete Auto Repair
DSCentralGarage.com

Serving the community since 1939

**Serving Dripping Springs and the area
for 80 years and counting!**

120 Hwy 290 W. (512) 894-4114
Dripping Springs, TX 78620 (512) 858-4252

ADVERTISEMENT TO BIDDERS

SEALED PROPOSALS addressed to HM Parten Ranch Development, Inc. for construction of the proposed improvements, in accordance with the Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents prepared by LJA Engineering, Inc. (Engineer), will be received at the Engineer's office, 7500 Rialto Blvd, Building II, Suite 100, Austin, Texas 78735, until 2:00 p.m., October 17, 2024, and then publicly opened and read aloud. Any Proposal received after this time will be returned unopened. Proposals shall be plainly marked with the name and address of the Bidder and the following words:

PLANS OF PROPOSED
PARTEN RANCH, PHASE 8
PAVING, DRAINAGE, WATER AND
WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS

The Project consists of: Parten Ranch Phase 8, Paving Drainage, Water and Wastewater Improvements. All work must conform to Federal, State and local governmental rules and criteria.

Copies of the Plans and Specifications are on file at the Engineer's office where they may be examined without charge. Copies of the Plans and Specifications may be obtained from the Engineer on or after September 19, 2024, for a non-refundable fee of \$100.00 per set. Checks for the Plans and Specifications shall be made payable to LJA Engineering, Inc.

A cashier's check or bid bond payable to the HM Parten Ranch Development, Inc. in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the Bid Proposal submitted (Bid Security), must accompany each Bid as a guarantee that, if awarded the Contract, the Bidder will, within seven (7) days of award of Contract, enter into a contract and execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive any and all formalities in bidding. The Owner reserves the right to determine which Bids are lowest and are in the best interest of the Owner, and to award the Contract on this basis. The Bid Security of successful Bidder will be retained until such Bidder has executed the Agreement, furnished the required Contract security and met the other conditions of the Notice of Award, whereupon the Bid Security will be returned. If the successful Bidder fails to execute and deliver the Agreement and furnish the required Contract security within seven (7) days after the Notice of Award, Owner may annul the Notice of Award, and the Bid Security of that Bidder will be forfeited. The Bid Security of the other Bidders whom Owner believes to have a reasonable chance of receiving the award may be retained by Owner until the earlier of the seventh day after the Effective Date of the Agreement or the sixtieth (60th) day after the Bid opening, whereupon Bid Security furnished by such Bidders will be returned. Bid Security with Bids which are not competitive will be returned within seven days after Bid opening.

HM Parten Ranch Development, Inc. will hold a non-mandatory pre-bid conference at LJA Engineering Inc., Austin, Texas 78735, at 2:00 p.m., October 10, 2024, to discuss the process of the project.

BUSINESS

Texas MedClinic opens new urgent care office in Dripping Springs



Dr. Nathan Rylander, Medical Director Texas MedClinic.

Ken Vargas
Managing Editor

Texas MedClinic Urgent Care opened a new clinic in Dripping Springs on September 24 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony the day before attended by ambassadors from the Dripping Springs Chamber of Commerce and local businesses.

Located at 164 Belterra Village Way, Unit #A2 in Austin, the clinic is open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The Dripping Springs clinic is overseen by Dr. Nathan Rylander, M.D. Rylander serves as the clinic's medical director and is also the Austin area medical director for

Texas MedClinic. The clinic in Dripping Springs is part of an expansion by the company in the Austin metro area. The new location in Dripping Springs is the sixth Texas MedClinic in the Austin area. Texas MedClinic began in 1982 in San Antonio and was founded by Dr. Bernard T. Swift.

"We have a physician here most of the time, especially Monday through Friday. There are six on staff to begin with which include nurses, a nurse practitioner and physician assistant," Rylander said.

Texas MedClinic is an urgent care medical clinic. Its services include treatment for things ranging from sinus infections, ear-



Texas MedClinic staff and ambassadors from the Dripping Springs Chamber of Commerce celebrate the opening of Texas MedClinic of Dripping Springs with a ribbon cutting ceremony and tour of the new facility, located at 164 Belterra Village Way. The urgent care clinic is open from 8 a.m. - 11 p.m., 7 days a week.

PHOTO KEN VARGAS

aches, sprains and strains, to fractures, lacerations, burns and wound management.

Like all Texas MedClinics, the new clinic is also equipped with advanced diagnostic tools including X-ray, EKG and rapid PCR tests.

"The combined forces of a growing population, inundated

emergency rooms and a shortage of primary care providers in the U.S. mean that even in metropolitan areas it can be difficult to access timely medical care," said Jim Ashby, CEO of Texas MedClinic. "Our clinics provide the medical attention people need, when they need it — filling the gap between

emergency care for life-threatening issues and routine care that can wait for a primary care appointment."

Dr Rylander is an Austinite and lives in Austin with his family. He said he is an automobile enthusiast and enjoys Formula 1, especially when it comes to Austin. He said he is very excited

about experiencing the live music scene in Dripping Springs and meeting people in the community.

Texas MedClinic sees patients on a walk-in basis. People can learn more about their services, see accepted insurance plans and find the nearest location at [TexasMedClinic.com](https://www.texasmedclinic.com).



Garbo's, a fresh seafood restaurant started by sisters Heidi, Hannah, and Samantha Garbo, is now open in Dripping Springs. The eatery features fresh lobster, oysters, and other New England-inspired dishes. Ambassadors from the Dripping Springs Chamber of Commerce joined the Garbo's for a ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday to officially welcome them to the community.

PHOTO KEN VARGAS

Garbo's Seafood opens in Dripping Springs, offering a taste of New England

Ken Vargas
Managing Editor

Dripping Springs locals now have a new dining option with the opening of Garbo's Seafood, adding fresh seafood to an area known for its barbecue and Tex-Mex offerings.

For transplants from New England, the food will be familiar. For Texans who have never visited Maine or Connecticut, Garbo's offers a chance to try something new.

On Friday, Sept. 20, ambassadors and friends joined the Garbo family for a ribbon-

cutting ceremony to officially welcome the restaurant to the Dripping Springs community. The restaurant is best known for its lobster rolls, oysters, and caviar. The atmosphere is casual and buzzing with conversation as patrons enjoy fresh seafood sourced from New England.

Founded in 2013 by sisters Heidi, Hannah, and Samantha Garbo, Garbo's began as a food truck in Austin and has grown into a beloved brand. It is known for its authentic New England cuisine with an Austin twist. Over the past

decade, Garbo's has earned a reputation for its classic Maine and Connecticut lobster rolls, small plates, soups, salads, and a variety of desserts.

The sisters' latest venture opened in Dripping Springs earlier this summer. The 150-seat restaurant serves both classic dishes and a few exclusives to the location. Guests can enjoy a raw bar with New England oysters, beer-battered fish and chips, whole live Maine lobster, and more.

Beverage director Josh Loving has curated a menu of craft

cocktails, wines, beers, and non-alcoholic options to complement the fresh seafood.

"This really epitomizes exactly why we moved here to Dripping Springs from Austin. It's the sense of community, and that's what we're all about. We're really hoping to be a part of yours out here," Heidi Garbo said.

The restaurant also features an upstairs loft and will host events and private parties.

"I'm so excited to talk to everybody about the different collaborations we have going on upstairs and

in our private dining room," Heidi Garbo said. "We're going to have wine collaborations, a paper-mâché mask-making class, and an oyster-shucking and caviar class."

Garbo's is located at 136 Drifting Wind Run, Dripping Springs, TX 78620. It is open Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information, visit garboslobsteratx.com or follow them on social media @garboslobster.

Business Calendar of Events

Coffee Connector Business Networking
October 2 • 8:15 a.m.
Morning business networking with the Chamber of Commerce. Bring plenty of business cards and make new business connections. No Registration required for members. Non-member guests may attend once before joining and must register by contacting amanda@dstxchamber.com. Dripping Springs Distilling • 5330 Bell Springs Rd • Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Rotary Club of Dripping Springs Regular Meeting
October 2 • Noon
From the earliest days of the organization Rotarians have been concerned with promoting high ethical standards in their professional lives and serving the community. Come visit to learn more. Flores Mexican Restaurant • 2440 E HWY 290 • Dripping Springs TX 78620

Patriots' Hall Dripping Springs Ribbon Cutting
October 3 • 10:30 a.m.
Please join the business community for a Ribbon Cutting celebrating the opening of Patriots' Hall of Dripping Springs' new state-of-the-art facilities and take a tour of this marvelous campus serving our veterans and their families. 31 Patriots' Hall Blvd • Dripping Springs TX 78620

Gardien Wine Storage Ribbon Cutting
October 9 • 5 p.m.
Join us for a ribbon cutting and tour of the newly opened Gardien Wine Storage & tasting room and meet the owners Eric and Kris LaBrie. Gardien Wine Storage • 14510 Fitzhugh Rd Unit #600 • Austin, TX 78736

Capital area unemployment rate increased to 3.8% in August

Staff Reports

In August, the unadjusted unemployment rate in the Rural Capital Area of Central Texas rose to 3.8%, according to data released last week by the Texas Workforce Commission. This means 3.8%

of the workforce in the nine-county Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area (WSRCA), or 25,579 residents, were actively seeking employment. More than 41,023 job openings were available online across various industries.

Since August 2023,

the local labor force has grown by 13,881 residents, with 12,429 finding employment within the area. August unemployment rates in the WSRCA counties were:

- Blanco: 3.0% (up from 2.9% in July)
- Burnet: 3.4% (up from 3.2% in July)

- Hays: 3.7% (up from 3.6% in July)
- Lee: 3.5% (steady from July)
- Williamson: 3.8% (up from 3.7% in July)
- Bastrop: 3.8% (down from 3.9% in July)
- Fayette: 3.6% (up from 3.5% in July)
- Caldwell: 4.1%

- (down from 4.2% in July)
- Llano: 3.9% (up from 3.6% in July)

The region's unemployment rate in August was lower than the statewide rate of 4.4%, which remained unchanged. Nationally, the unemployment rate decreased to 4.4%.