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Complaint filed against Hipolito alleging campaign finance violation

Dalton Sweat and Shannon West

A complaint has been filed with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement against Hays County sheriff candidate Anthony Hi-

politito over an alleged campaign finance violation. The complaint, which alleges a Class A misdemeanor, stems from an \$8,000 payment Hipolito's campaign made to his wife

last year that has since been refunded. According to Hipolito's campaign finance reports, an \$8,000 payment was made to his wife, Peggy Hipolito, on July 24, 2023. When previously questioned about

the payment, Hipolito responded on Facebook that he believed the payment was legal, according to screenshots provided by the advocacy-based publication Caldwell/Hays Examiner. The Examiner first

reported the alleged violation. In a Facebook comment, Hipolito said: "Sarah, did you donate to my campaign? Let me check...NO! So stop already. I don't care what the optics look

like. It's either legal or illegal. People need to understand I am not a politician and don't play stupid games. My wife has put in hundreds and hundreds of hours for the campaign.

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Council member Sherrie Parks (right) sponsored a proclamation, passed by the city council to declare the week of Oct. 20-26 as "Texas Native Plant Week." Accepting the proclamation is Johnna Krantz, Community Event Coordinator for the City of Dripping Springs. To celebrate, residents are encouraged to support the Master Gardeners Native Plant Sale on Wednesday, Oct. 23 from 3 to 6 pm at the Farmers Market located at Dripping Springs Ranch Park.

PHOTO DALTON SWEAT

City proclaims Oct. 20-26th as "Texas Native Plant Week"

The City of Dripping Springs has declared this week, Oct. 20-26 as Texas Native Plant Week in an official proclamation at the City Council meeting last week. The proclamation was sponsored by council member Sherrie Parks and reads: WHEREAS, Texas is home to nearly 5,000 native plant species, recognized as plants that have evolved here naturally before European settlers arrived, plants that thrive in particular ecosystems without direct or indirect human interventions; and WHEREAS native plant communities form the ecological base upon which all other forms of life depend, from microscopic organisms to insects, birds, mammals, and people; and WHEREAS, founded in 1981, the Native Plant Society of Texas has expanded its out-

reach with over 30 chapters to promote the conservation, research, and utilization of native plants and plant habitats of Texas through education, outreach, and example; and WHEREAS, Texas Native Plant Week began with the vision of Faye Tessnow and Barbara Anderson, two members of the Highland Lakes Chapter, who led the effort to push the proclamation to the Texas legislature until it became law on September 1, 2009; and WHEREAS, native plants conserve water, provide habitats for birds, wildlife, and butterflies, protect the soil with long root systems, and eliminate or reduce pollutants and the need for herbicides and other chemical inputs; and WHEREAS, habitat loss and fragmentation, limited water for environ-

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Sarah Peacock, Jordan Young and Andy Sydow performing at the Pilot Moon Films Stage in the backyard of the Barber Shop bar on Mercer Street. Artists rotated performances at 7 different stages along Mercer Street, telling the stories behind their songs with audiences.

PHOTO KEN VARGAS

10 years of music: Dripping Springs Songwriters Festival

**Ken Vargas
Managing Editor**

Downtown Mercer Street was buzzing this past weekend as the city of Dripping Springs hosted the 10th annual Dripping Springs Songwriters Festival.

More than 40 local and national artists performed at the three-day event. Audiences enjoyed a variety of songs, with performances held in small, intimate venues where songwriters shared the stories behind their music. Each show ran for

about 90 minutes, with artists performing "in-the-round," a Nashville-style format where they share the stage. This year's festival was a success, and continues to be better each year, according to Pam King, who is the City's tourism manager. Her

staff works with other city staff and an army of volunteers to plan and manage the logistics of such a large event. "All the songwriters love coming to our festival," said King. "They

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Final open house event on Hays County's \$440 million road bond sees low attendance

**Ken Vargas
Managing Editor**

Hays County recently held a series of open house meetings to inform voters about the upcoming road bond projects included in Proposition A, which will appear on the Nov. 5 election ballot. If approved, the measure would fund the study, design, and construction of 31 road projects across the county at a cost of \$440 million to taxpayers. The final open house in Dripping Springs saw a low turnout, with only a few residents attending. Those who did participate were able to review project details, learn about the potential tax impact, and have their questions answered by county staff.

Earlier open house events had better attendance, with the Kyle meeting on Oct. 9 drawing the most interest. Other events were held in San Marcos and Wimberley. According to the county, more than 1,000 residents have also visited an online platform where the same information presented at the open houses is available. In August, the Hays County Commissioners Court called for the \$440 million bond election to fund critical transportation projects aimed at reducing congestion and improving safety and mobility. If passed, the bond would add 2 cents per \$100 of property valuation to pay for the projects. For the owner

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Residents had one last opportunity to participate in one of four public open house events in Hays county to learn more about Proposition A before the measure is considered by Hays voters on the Nov. 5 general election ballot. On Oct. 16, Hays county representatives hosted an open house at the Ranch Park event center for voters with questions. Residents who missed this opportunity can see the information provided at the event by going online to hayscountybonds.com.

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OPINION

Letters to the Editor

Why I am voting against Hays County Road Bond (Proposition A)

The vote for Proposition A by the Hays County Commissioners Court this past August lacked any transparency and citizen involvement. On meeting agendas before the Aug. 13 Commissioners Court meeting, the issue for county roads was hidden under “miscellaneous” and not under “roads”. Citizen speakers at the meeting were allowed to speak for only three minutes on the entire package, not individual proposals, a clear violation of the Texas Open Meetings law. Despite zero public participation, the Court proceeded to approve this major bond, raising doubts and confusion about the public process and the bond itself.

At the Aug. 13 meeting, many speakers agreed that county road improvements are needed for increased safety and access, especially east of IH-35. They also acknowledged the potential threat of proposed roads and development to sensitive parts of western Hays County, the places that recharge our drinking water supplies, springs, creeks and rivers. This discourse over a monumental decision affecting our fast-growing county warrants a proper public input process. Instead, the Commissioners Court opted for a quick, closed-door process with special interests over an open, transparent process with their

constituents.

I have been a Hays County citizen for over 40 years, and served the Hays County Commissioners Court and its constituents on the Parks & Open Space Advisory Committees in 2001, 2007, and 2020. We facilitated public participation in our decisions to conserve natural areas and create parkland throughout Hays County. In 2007 and 2008, I worked alongside citizen-led transportation and bond advisory committees that helped guide previous Commissioners Courts on road issues. Why doesn't this Court seek and value public input like its predecessors when making major decisions concerning our taxes, roads, and water resources?

The monied interests including developers, speculators, foreign investors, road contractors, and consultants have compromised public trust in our elected officials serving on the Court. I urge my fellow Hays County residents to vote against Proposition A on November 5th.

In 2025, we the people can ensure that our elected officials represent us and hold an open process, rooted in the rich history of Hays citizens' participation, and not one dominated by today's wealthiest donors.

Jim Camp
Manchaca, TX

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Vista Brewing is a wonderful venue to gather with friends and listen to live music under the oaks in Driftwood. The venue will host its sixth annual Outside the City Limits music festival this Saturday.

PHOTO VISTA BREWING

Outside the City Limits Music Festival returns to Driftwood

Staff Reports

Vista Brewing is gearing up for its sixth annual Outside the City Limits Music Festival, set to take place Saturday, Oct. 26, at the brewery's 21-acre ranch in the heart of the Texas Hill Country. The boutique festival, located just southwest of Austin, promises a relaxing day filled with live music, local food, and craft drinks for attendees of all ages.

With two stages featuring non-stop performances from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m., music lovers can enjoy a wide array of genres, including Americana, Blues, Soul, Funk, Cumbia, Folk, Bluegrass, Indie, Country, and Rock. Vista Brewing, a popular venue in the Dripping Springs area, has curated a lineup of high-quality local talent to showcase the vibrant music scene

in Central Texas. The full artist lineup will be announced on the festival's social media accounts in the coming weeks.

Doors open at noon, and guests are encouraged to arrive early to enjoy all the festival has to offer. In keeping with the festival's family- and dog-friendly vibe, children can attend for free, and parking is complimentary for all festival-goers.

“We're proud to host another year of Outside the City Limits,” said the festival organizers. “It's a laid-back day in Driftwood, surrounded by nature and good vibes. We want people to come out, enjoy great music, sip some Texas-made drinks, and make memories.”

Throughout the day, attendees can indulge in a variety of farm-fresh foods from Vista Brewing's restaurant, with options for vege-

tarians and vegans. Local vendors will also be on hand to offer Texas wines, ciders, and Vista's own signature craft beer. Food trucks and artisan markets will add to the Hill Country experience, while guests can cool down with a sweet treat from Flight Ice Creams, known for their locally made craft flavors.

For those looking for more than just music, the festival also offers a Game Zone with activities like cornhole, washers, and giant Jenga. In addition, a local artisan market will allow attendees to shop for unique, handcrafted goods.

General admission tickets are priced at \$25 for Early Bird buyers through Sept. 30, \$30 for advance tickets through Oct. 25, and \$35 at the door. Each ticket includes access to the grounds and all live performances, with food, drinks, and

merchandise available for purchase on-site.

For festival-goers seeking an enhanced experience, the VIP Table Reservation Package is available for \$500. The package, designed for six adults, includes wristbands for complimentary drinks throughout the day, reserved front-row seating near the main Beer Garden Stage, and additional perks such as VIP parking, fast-track entry, and access to both VIP stage-side seating areas. A VIP swag bag will also be provided.

Whether you're looking to unwind under the shady oaks, savor Texas brews and wines, or dance to local music, Outside the City Limits offers a perfect fall escape to Driftwood.

For more information and ticket purchases, visit vistabrewingtx.com

CAMPO seeks public input on regional safety plan

Staff Reports

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) is developing the Regional Safety Action Plan (RSAP) to improve roadway safety in Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson counties. CAMPO is hosting an online open house to gather community feedback on safety concerns and needs. Materials, comment opportunities, and a schedule of in-person outreach events are available at

campotexas.org/get-involved.

The online open house is open through Monday, Nov. 18, 2024.

The RSAP aims to reduce and eventually eliminate fatal and serious-injury crashes while enhancing transportation systems for all users, including pedestrians, cyclists, public transportation riders, and drivers. The plan prioritizes equitable investment in historically underserved communities and will address broader regional safety needs, helping secure

additional funding. County-specific plans for Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Hays, and Williamson counties will be integrated into the RSAP to ensure a coordinated approach across the region.

A separate safety plan for Travis County, funded by a specific grant, is expected to be completed by April 2025 and will be incorporated into the RSAP.

CAMPO is also seeking input for the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), a multimodal long-range plan that ad-

dresses transportation needs over the next 25 years. The plan includes roads, transit, biking, walking, and technology-based travel, considering factors like regional growth and funding projections.

For information on both planning efforts and to provide input, visit campotexas.org/get-involved or call 512-651-3964 to request printed materials. Postage-paid return envelopes are available for mailed surveys. To learn more, visit campotexas.org/get-involved.



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To Frame or not to Frame

Allison Buckner

Have you thought much about frames? The frames that surround art that hangs on your wall? Why are we all so keen on using them? Is there something about the aesthetic or is it just a tradition?

Traditional Answer

I did a little googling and frames originally, and still, provide protection for art against bumps and bruises and degradation. Over time, art frames evolved to reflect the styles of the era, so in art museums, for example, you'll notice some very intricate frames that were popular during the Renaissance. The frames, in essence, can be further artistic embellishment of the art itself. Of course, dealers know that framing art in traditional, ornamental frames will inflate the perceived value of the art it contains.

Deeper Dive

But some artists in the modern era started to choose cheaper frames, or even eschewed frames altogether. James Johnson Sweeny, curator at the MOMA in the 1930's and 40's, considered frames a distraction and would remove them or make them inconspicuous. Certainly, a frame can be PART of the art, in which case it needs to be in place. But in other cases, why, exactly, do we routinely feel the need to include a frame (assuming it isn't required for protection)? The frame is said to separate the art from the rest of the world. It is announcing, "Here is a thing you should look at." And the matte, if used, provides separation between the art and the frame, allowing you to view the art with no distraction.

Satisfying the Itch

Why is it that after I make a piece of art, it seems just okay but looks SO MUCH better once it is framed? This is especially true when my piece has uneven edges. I wonder if the clean line surrounding the art



satisfies an itch we have; it feels organized and contained. Without the frame, the art could "leak" out into our actual lives. The frame acts like the bars at the zoo—it allows us to scrutinize for as long as we want, safely.

Framing may satisfy the same urge as formal gardens or homogeneous green lawns. We yearn for structure and order and we have traditional, accepted ways to impose it on the world around us.

Why do we yearn for structure and order? Is this philosophical? Maybe it's more biological. We constantly have to evaluate the world around us and make sense of it. One way we do that is to categorize things (these things might hurt me/those things won't), so having everything in neat, separated places satisfies this intrinsic urge.

Unframable

Some art by its nature can't be framed—I'm thinking about murals. I don't know about you, but I love them for their large scale and the way they loudly interject themselves into our everyday world.

How about Banksy's art? That's very unframed. In fact, not only is it frameless, but by appearing in a public space unannounced, it's breaking boundaries of both space and time!

How come tattoos don't have (tattooed) frames around them?

Tattoos are actually a part of you, unlike wall art, so they are part of our real lives and don't need to be separated from it for special attention. Wait, does that even make sense?!

Personal Perspective

To my surprise, I've decided that a frame can actually diminish certain pieces. I have some botanically dyed pieces that speak for themselves. Perhaps due to their organic nature, a hard-angled, polished, man-made frame would clash with the natural vibe of the art.

Perhaps it's no accident that one of the other most common uses of the word "frame" is in the phrase "frame of mind." Describing what's going on in someone's mind is... impossible?...complicated for sure. The contents of the mind, like so much artwork, beg for framing so we can calmly ponder what it means.

Ultimately, to frame or not to frame is largely a personal preference that often varies based on the artwork itself and the space in which it will hang.

ART BEAT spotlights local artists, techniques, and upcoming Art League events. In the meantime, we invite you to discover your Dripping Springs Art League and how you can make art a greater part of your creative journey. To learn more, visit: our website: artindripping.com.



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The Dripping Springs Century News, along with our sister papers The San Marcos Daily Record and the Wimberley View is publishing a special Salute to Veterans in our newspapers next month for Veteran's Day week.

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issue. There is no cost to participate other than your time, and maybe a postage stamp.

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Capital Highlights

5th Circuit Court removes judge from foster care suit



Gary Borders
Texas Press Association

The federal judge who has repeatedly found Texas in contempt for not fixing its foster care system has been removed by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals after a three-judge panel faulting U.S. District Judge Janis Jack’s “highly antagonistic demeanor,” The Texas Tribune reported. The three also reversed the \$100,000 daily fine against the state’s defendants — the Texas Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Family and Protective Services, which runs the foster care system. “We are pleased that the 5th Circuit recognized the significant efforts DFPS and HHSC have invested in serving the children and families of our state,” according to a shared statement from the health commission and social services agency. About 9,000 children are permanent wards of the state after being removed from their homes because of neglect or abuse. Jack

has been hearing that case since 2011. More than \$200 million has been spent in attempts to improve the state’s foster care system since the case was filed. A lawyer for the plaintiffs said an appeal is planned. “Frankly, this is a sad day for Texas children,” attorney Paul Yetter said in a statement Friday. “For over a decade, Judge Jack pushed the state to fix its broken system. She deserves a medal for what she’s done. We will keep fighting to ensure these children are safe.”

CRUZ, ALLRED FACE OFF IN DEBATE

Republican incumbent Ted Cruz and Democratic challenger Colin Allred debated abortion, immigration and other contentious issues in their only scheduled debate last Tuesday, just days before early voting began on Monday. The Austin American-Statesman reported Allred aggressively attacked Cruz for supporting the repeal of Roe vs. Wade, overturning that landmark abortion decision, while Cruz defended allowing the state’s right to determine abortion policy. Cruz repeatedly sidestepped a question of whether rape or incest should be exceptions to the state’s abortion ban, while

Allred said he supports a federal law to essentially reinstate Roe. The two also fought over immigration, with Cruz claiming Allred has voted against funding a border wall three times. Allred in turn slammed Cruz for helping kill a bipartisan border security bill that GOP nominee Donald Trump urged Republicans to reject for political reasons. The Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol also was a point of contention. Allred, a former NFL linebacker who is now a three-term congressman, said he “took off my suit jacket” to prepare to defend the House from the mob. “When the mob came, Senator Cruz was hiding in a supply closet,” he said.

TOOL HELPS STUDENTS LEARN WHICH UNIVERSITIES WILL ACCEPT THEM

Texas high school students can now see which of the state’s public universities would accept them based on their academic information, using a new tool called Direct Admissions, according to the Texas Standard. The tool is meant to streamline the college application process and let students quickly know which participating Texas public universities will accept

them based on their class rank, grade point average, and test scores. “Direct Admissions has the potential to reduce time, boost confidence, and increase transparency, encouraging Texans who might not otherwise consider college to take the next step,” Interim Commissioner of Higher Education Sarah Keyton said in a press release. A total of 31 public universities in the state are using the new tool. Meanwhile, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board is extending the state financial aid application priority deadline a month to Feb. 15 for the 2025-2026 application cycle because of continued delays with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which slowed applications last school year. The state’s priority deadline is intended to encourage students to complete their application promptly in order to raise the likelihood of receiving state funding. **REPORT: PURGE OF NONCITIZENS FROM VOTER ROLLS LIKELY INFLATED** An investigation by ProPublica and The Tribune found that of the more than 6,500 voters taken from the state’s rolls because they were

deemed noncitizens, many likely were removed because they did not respond to letters about their citizenship. Gov. Greg Abbott recently said that more than 1 million ineligible voters were stricken from the state’s rolls, though a number of election experts said the culling is routine to remove people who have died or moved. While Abbott touted the 6,500 figure, the secretary of state’s office identified 580 people as noncitizens in a report it gave Abbott in late August. Both Abbott and Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton have pushed claims that noncitizens are seeking to vote in the November election. Many election officials have said there is little to no evidence that is the case. **EARLY VACCINATIONS URGED AS FLU SEASON ARRIVES** The Texas Department of State Health Services is urging Texans to get vaccinated against flu as soon as possible, as cases traditionally begin to rise this time of year. It takes about two weeks for the body to make flu antibodies after getting the shot. “We recommend everyone ages six months and older get a flu shot

as soon as possible,” said DSHS Commissioner Jennifer Shuford. People with the flu are most contagious in the first three days of illness, with the virus being spread through droplets. Vaccines for other respiratory illnesses, such as VOCI-19 and RSV, are also available and can be taken at the same time as a flu shot, depending on advice from one’s health-care provider. **STATE’S LATEST POPULATION ESTIMATES ARE IN** The state’s estimated population as of Jan. 1, 2024 was 30,749,519, according to the Texas Demographic Center. That is an increase of 1.6 million since the 2020 census count — or 5.5%. The two fastest-growing counties in terms of percentage increase are Kaufman, up 26.7% since 2020, and Rockwall, up 25% for the same time period. *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: gbor-ders@texaspress.com*

Nearly half of Texas high school students who earn college credits are Hispanic, study says

Sneha Dey
The Texas Tribune

Nearly half of all public high school students in Texas who earn college credits before they graduate are Hispanic, a new study found. That makes Texas a national leader in closing the gap between Hispanic and non-Hispanic students

who participate in dual credit programs. Hispanic students in dual credit classes, however, graduate from college at a lower rate compared to peers who were also in those programs, underscoring the need to strengthen the transition from high school to college for students of color.

“We both have to focus on equalizing access to dual credit and providing dual credit students with the support they need to go to college and complete college,” John Fink, a researcher with the Community College Research Center, said. The Community College Research Center used National Student Clearinghouse data to look at high school juniors and seniors in 2015 who were enrolled in a dual credit course and tracked where they went in their first four years out of high school. Researchers selected that particular group of students to study the long term

effects of dual credit on educational attainment. The researchers said it’s the first of its kind to break down dual credit outcomes by race, socioeconomic status and age by state. The study found Black student participation, meanwhile, has lagged behind. Black students made up 8% of dual credit programs in the state, compared to 13% of Texas high school enrollment, according to a report on dual credit released Tuesday. When Texas students made plans after high school, about half of dual enrollment students returned to the community college where they took

dual credit classes for at least one term, according to the report’s findings. The number of dual-credit students in Texas and around the country has ballooned in the past 10 years. Education leaders have seen dual credit programs as a way to encourage students to pursue higher education by giving them a chance to familiarize themselves with a college environment in high school. Earning college credit while still in high school has been linked to a higher educational attainment. Texas legislators even changed how they finance community

colleges to incentivize dual credit last year. Community colleges now get more money when high school students earn at least 15 college credit hours on their campuses. As part of the new funding system, state lawmakers also created the Financial Aid for Swift Transfer, or FAST, program, which gives community colleges extra money if they offer college-level courses at no cost to low-income students who qualify for free and reduced price lunch. In the past year alone, dual credit participation has grown at record numbers, with about 250,000 students taking advantage of the FAST program to take dual credit classes at no cost, Sarah Keyton, the interim commissioner of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, said in testimony in front of the Senate Higher Education Committee last month. *The Texas Tribune partners with Open Campus on higher education coverage. This article originally appeared in The Texas Tribune at <https://www.texastribune.org/2024/10/16/texas-dual-enrollment-high-school-community-college/>. The Texas Tribune is a member-supported, nonpartisan newsroom informing and engaging Texans on state politics and policy. Learn more at [texastribune.org](https://www.texastribune.org).*



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Dale Edouard Walston



Dale Walston

Dale Edouard Walston of Dripping Springs, Texas, passed away peacefully in his home on October 16, 2024. He was 93 years of age.

Dale was preceded in death by his father, Aaron Cortez Walston and his mother, Willie Jo (Borden) Walston.

His survivors include his husband of nearly 50 years, Ronald Dale Hicks, his brother Robert A. Walston, his nephew Alex C. Walston and wife, Rebecca R. Walston, two grand nieces, Belle V. Walston and Penelope R. Walston.

Dale was born on December 1, 1930, in Woodsboro, Texas and graduated from Woodsboro High School in 1948. He then attended Texas A&M University earning his Bachelor of Arts degree (Mathematics) in 1952. The previous year, he was appointed as Lieutenant Colonel in the Corps of Cadets where he served as the Corps Staff Editor and Commentator. He was a member of the Singing Cadets, the Town Hall Staff, the Arts and

Sciences Council, and served as President of the Cryptography Club. In his senior year he served as second in command of the military corps.

After graduating he served 2 years in the Army, working for the National Security Agency. He then attended the University of Texas at Austin earning the degree of Master of Arts (Mathematics) and the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Mathematics) where he taught for 42 years as an Associate Professor before retiring at the age of 65 as an Associate Professor Emeritus. He served as Associate Chairman in the Department of Mathematics for many years. He was admired for his leadership and teaching ability.

He was an accomplished singer and sang for many years at University Baptist Church and The University of Texas Choral Union. He had a wide variety of interests including current affairs, music, reading, travel, and working outside in the garden. He will be deeply missed by family and friends and all who knew him professionally.

The family would like to thank Cornerstone Caregiving of San Marcos with a special appreciation to Ashley Bush Perez and Connie Agudelo-Gomez, Blue Water Hospice Care, and The Neptune Society.

VIOLATION FROM PG. 1

I paid her and will pay her again. Very proud of her! My donors support us, not just me!” Hipolito’s campaign finance reports show the payment was reimbursed on Sept. 27, 2024, though he said amended reports are being filed to correct the date to Oct. 7. On Oct. 8, Hipolito released a statement saying that “early in the campaign,” they were advised by a consultant that it was permissible under state law to pay a spouse for campaign-related work. “After receiving a challenge to that information, we immediately sought guidance from a political attorney, who informed us that, because Texas is a community property state, spouses cannot be paid for campaign work. Upon receiving this information, we acted quickly to correct the mistake. We filed the appropriate paperwork with the local filing authority and ensured everything is now fully compliant with Texas campaign laws,” Hipolito said.

Texas Election Code, Title 15, states that a candidate or officeholder “may not knowingly make or authorize a payment from political contributions for personal services rendered by the candidate or the candidate’s spouse.” Such violations are classified as a Class A misdemeanor.

The San Marcos Daily Record reached out to several political

and law professors across the state for context on the alleged violation. Brian Owsley, associate professor of law at the University of North Texas at Dallas College of Law, said the issue appears to involve “some kind of criminal violation,” but prosecution depends on discretion.

Owsley compared it to marijuana possession, noting that although it is illegal, the district attorney in Dallas often chooses not to prosecute for personal use. “Similarly here, just because there was a criminal violation related to this election matter doesn’t mean the Hays County District Attorney will prosecute, especially since the money was repaid,” Owsley said. He added that the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement could investigate, and depending on its findings, that could prompt further action.

Owsley noted that prosecutorial discretion often hinges on available resources. “If you’re the district attorney in Hays County, you have limited assistant DAs, funds, political capital, and goodwill. How you spend all that in the interest of justice is a consideration,” Owsley said. “Is this the crime you want to go after, as opposed to others?”

On Oct. 18, Mikel Borg, a Hays County resident, sent the Daily Record a copy of the complaint he filed with the Texas Commission

\$2,000 Fellowship available for Texas History researchers

Staff Reports

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) is now accepting applications for its 2025 Research Fellowship in Texas History. The fellowship includes a \$2,000 stipend and is awarded to the best research proposal utilizing the collections of the State Archives

in Austin or the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center in Liberty, Texas.

Applications must include the purpose of the proposed research, relevant collections, how the research will contribute to a greater understanding of Texas history, dissemination plans, and a curriculum vitae. The fellowship recipient will be asked

to present their findings at a TSLAC event. Judges may withhold the award at their discretion.

Applications are due by Jan. 15 and can be submitted at www.tsl.texas.gov/arc/research-fellowship.

The TSLAC provides Texans with access to the information needed to be informed and productive citizens by preserving the state’s

archival record, enhancing the capacity of public, academic, and school libraries, assisting public agencies in maintaining their records, and meeting the reading needs of Texans with disabilities. For more information, visit www.tsl.texas.gov.

The TSLAC Research Fellowship in Texas History is supported by the Texas Library and Archives Foundation.

PLANT WEEK FROM PG. 1

mental flows, invasive species, and climate change are some of the major challenges to conservation and biodiversity in Texas, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; and WHEREAS, Central Texas is in the third year of an historic draught, which, combined with a rapidly increased population,

has placed stress on existing water supplies; and WHEREAS, homeowners, HOAs, landscapers, and local policy makers can help protect ecosystems, benefit wildlife, birds and the insects they need to survive, by selecting native plants when making their landscaping decisions; and WHEREAS, this annual celebration

during the third full week of October is a reminder that everyone has a role to play in preserving our native landscape. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS, THAT:

1. That October 20 - October 26, 2024, will be recognized as

“Texas Native Plant Week” in the City of Dripping Springs; and

2. The City Council of Dripping Springs invites its citizens to attend the Dripping Springs Farmers Market and the Master Gardeners Native Plant Sale on Wednesday, October 23rd from 3 to 6 pm at Dripping Springs Ranch Park.

BOND FROM PG. 1

of a \$400,000 home, that would mean an increase of approximately \$6.67 per month or an additional \$80 per year.

Of the 31 proposed projects, 19 are located east of Interstate 35 in Hays County.

Nine of the road projects, totaling \$107.7 million, are located in North Hays County’s Precinct 4, which includes Dripping Springs, Driftwood, and Buda. Hays County Precinct 4 Commissioner Walt Smith, along with the Commissioners Court, voted to place the bond package on the ballot.

“Transportation, mobility, and the ability of our residents to traverse the county safely is one of the highest priorities of the county,” Smith said. “Given the massive growth in Hays County, especially in the Buda and Dripping Springs areas, the county must identify needed improvements and changes. The projects in this bond are designed to improve

the safe movement of our residents.”

The Hays Coalition for a Better Bond, a specific-purpose action committee (SPAC), is advocating for a “no” vote on Proposition A. The coalition believes voters should have more time to study the projects and engage in a dialogue with county leaders on which projects should be prioritized. The coalition claims that the bond

package was rushed to voters without enough public input and that the County Commissioners Court should allow more time for voters to study the proposed projects and offer input.

With less than two weeks before the election, residents can still learn more about the proposed projects by visiting hayscountybonds.com.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
TO DISCUSS DRIPPING
SPRINGS ISD’S
STATE FINANCIAL
ACCOUNTABILITY RATING

Dripping Springs ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 28, 2024, at the Dripping Springs ISD Central Administration Board Room, 300 Sportsplex Drive, Dripping Springs, Texas 78620.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Dripping Springs ISD’s rating on the state’s financial accountability system.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Autry R. Burns, Deceased, were issued on October 15, 2024, in Cause No. 24-0395-P, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Hays County, Texas, to: Londa A. Burns.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Mary Kathryn Brown
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 727
Wimberley, Texas 78676

DATED the 10th day of October 2024.

/s/ Mary Kathryn Brown
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Attorney for Londa A. Burns
State Bar No.: 24116135
P.O. Box 727
Wimberley, Texas 78676
Telephone: (512) 847-9277
Facsimile: (512) 847-5131

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Legal
Notice

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code that Short Mama’s Holdings, LLC d/b/a Short Mama’s Bistro located at 101 S College St., Dripping Springs, Hays County, Texas 78620 has applied for a Mixed Beverage and Food and Beverage Certificate. Patrick Fox – Managing Member

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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. 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 Thursday November 7, 2024 at 10:00 am and bidding will close on or after Thursday November 14, 2024 at 10:00 am. General description of contents: general household/ personal goods/other contents. Names of tenants as they appear on the lease:

Gerald Tempton

Jaime Salinas

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 512-648-4988

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Mary Ann Graves, Deceased, were issued on October 1, 2024, in Cause No. 24-0378-P, pending in the County Court at Law of Hays County, Texas, to: Denise Bjerke. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Carrie E. Campbell
303 Mesa Dr.
Wimberley, Texas 78676

DATED the 18th day of October, 2024.

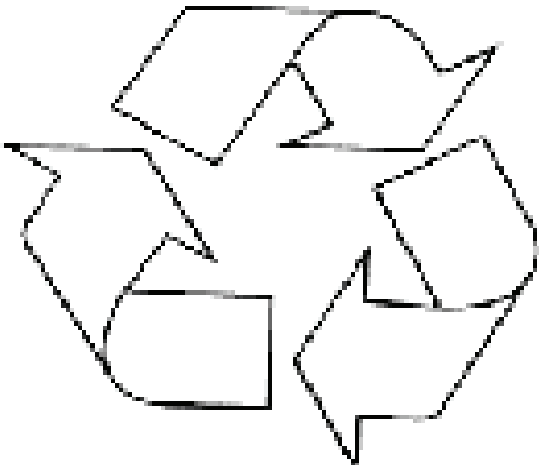
/s/Carrie Campbell
Carrie Campbell
303 Mesa Drive
Wimberley, Texas 78676
Telephone: (512) 847-1308

Legal
Notice

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a winery permit by The Beverage Ranch, LLC dba Beverage Ranch located at 141 Dos Lagos Dr, Dripping Springs, Hays County, Texas 78620. Managing members are Rhett Keisler and Ryan Baird.

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Early voting is under way in Texas. Here’s a guide to your rights at the polls.

María Méndez
The Texas Tribune

Voting for the 2024 election started Monday. Texans can head to the polls to cast their votes for president and various federal, state, and in certain cases, local elected officials. These elected officials have a say in how much Texans pay in taxes, what students learn in public schools, what health care — including reproductive health care — is available and many more facets of people’s lives. Before you head to the polls, you should know you have rights as a voter and there are certain rules in place at voting locations about what you can bring and wear. You also need an approved photo ID to vote in person.

What rights do I have as a voter?
If a registered voter’s name does not appear on the voter registration list because of an administrative issue, they have the right to cast a provisional ballot. Voters generally have the right to cast their ballots in secret and should not be subject to intimidation. Voters are entitled to get written instructions about how to cast a ballot or to ask a polling place officer or worker (but not about who or what to vote for).

Remember to review your ballot for any possible errors. You have the right to get up to two additional ballots to make corrections. The incorrect ballots will be spoiled and not counted. Texas law says voters have the right to vote during work hours without being penalized or losing pay, but this may not apply if a worker has two hours before or after work to go vote. On Election Day, voters have the right to cast their ballot as long as they’re in line by 7 p.m. Voters with disabilities or limited English proficiency can get interpretation, assistance or accommodations to vote. Read more about that in the next section. If you run into trouble while voting, you can contact your county elections official, the secretary of



People test the polling equipment at the Hays County election office on Sept. 18, 2024. PHOTO LORIANNE WILLETT/THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

state’s office at 1-800-252-VOTE (8683) or voter-protection hotlines from a coalition of voting rights groups. The coalition’s helpline in English is 866-OUR-VOTE (687-8683), and you can find phone numbers for the helpline in other languages here.

How can I get accessibility or language accommodations?
In addition to the option to vote by mail, a voter with a disability can have a person of their choice assist them vote at an election center. In Texas, a voter with a disability is a voter with a “sickness or physical condition” that prevents them from voting in person without the likelihood of “needing personal assistance or of injuring the voter’s health.” A voter does not need to prove their disability to election officials or workers and cannot be turned away. All polling locations in Texas must meet accessibility standards, including entrances and exits at least 32 inches wide and accessible curbs and stairs. Each location usually has at least one type of accessible voting equipment to accommodate voters, but you may want to check.

Voters unable to enter a polling location can also request curbside voting, which must be made available at every polling place for voters with disabilities unable to enter a polling location. If a voter has a mobility problem that substantially impairs their ability to move or walk, the voter can request priority to vote in person and skip the line at the polls. If they

have an assistant, the assistant can also skip the line at the voter’s request. Voters can choose an individual to help them with interpretation and completing their ballot at the polls. This can be a family member, friend or someone else, as long as the person is not the voter’s employer or a representative of their union. A voter may also be assisted by poll workers. If a voter needs sign language interpretation and does not have a person of their choice to help them, it is recommended they call their election officials ahead of time to request assistance. Read more about assistance and accommodations from the Texas secretary of state’s office here.

What are the rules at the polls?
There are usually traffic cones or markers 100 feet from the entrance of a polling place. That’s because cell phones, cameras, computers and other devices that can record sound or images cannot be used within 100 feet of voting stations (where ballots are marked). Election officers may require voters to deactivate their phones once inside the polling location. Campaigning is also forbidden within those 100 feet, which means voters cannot wear clothing or other items that publicize candidates, political parties or measures on the ballot. Items publicizing past candidates and measures not currently on the ballot are OK. Firearms, including handguns, are also prohibited at polling

places, according to Texas law. Voters are allowed to use written notes to cast their ballot at the discretion of election officers, who may determine if the material counts as campaigning. **What’s on the ballot?** Not sure what’s on your ballot? You can use our lookup tool to see your state and federal elections. You can also get a sample ballot from your county. If you want to learn more about candidates, you can try visiting vote411.org to see if any of your candidates responded to the League of Women Voters’ candidate questionnaires. This includes information about candidates for the statewide elections for president, U.S. senator, railroad commissioner and for members of the Texas Supreme Court and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

Where do I go to vote?
During early voting, voters can cast ballots at any polling location in the county where they are registered to vote. On Election Day, some counties may require you to vote at a location specific to your address (precinct), which can be found on your voter registration certificate or by checking your registration online. You can find a list of counties where voters can vote at any county polling location on Election Day from the Texas secretary of state’s office. Check your county elections website for early-voting times and locations and Election Day locations. You can find yours here. You can also use the secretary of state’s website to see polling locations, but your county’s information will be the most up to date. You may want to consider calling election officials, especially on Election Day, to make sure polling locations haven’t changed last-minute. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 5.

Need a ride to the polls? The rideshare companies Uber and Lyft will be providing discounts of 50% (or up to \$10) on Election Day. To get the discount, voters can use Uber’s in-app “Go Vote” feature or preload the code “VOTE24” on Lyft’s app. Read more details from Uber and Lyft.

Early Voting In Dripping Springs

October 21 - October 25
9:00 am - 6:00 pm

October 26
7:00 am - 7:00 pm

October 27
Noon - 6:00 pm

October 28 - November 1
7:00 am - 7:00 pm

Dripping Springs Ranch Park
1042 Event Center Drive

Jovie Belterra
167 Hargraves Drive

Patriots’ Hall of Dripping Springs
231 Patriots’ Hall Boulevard

If you’re voting by mail within the U.S., your ballot must be postmarked by 7 p.m. on Election Day and received by your county by 5 p.m. Wednesday in order to be counted. Read more about photo IDs, registration requirements and mail-in ballots in our voter guide here.

What do I need to vote?
You’ll need one of seven types of valid photo ID to vote in Texas:

- A state driver’s license, issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety.
- A Texas election identification certificate, issued by DPS.
- A Texas personal identification card issued, by DPS.
- A Texas license to carry a handgun issued, by DPS.
- A U.S. military ID card with a personal photo.
- A U.S. citizenship certificate with a personal photo.
- A U.S. passport.

If you don’t have an approved photo ID, you can still vote by signing a “reasonable impediment” form and presenting valid supporting identification documents, such as a birth certificate, your voter registration certificate or a current utility bill with your name and address. If you’re using a state ID or driver’s license, the address listed on there does not have to match your current address. And if you forget your ID, you can cast a provisional ballot, which can be counted only if you provide the required photo ID or documents within six days.

What if my voter registration is “in suspense”?
If your voter registration shows up as “in suspense,” it usually means that officials are not sure of your address. But you may still be able to vote by filling out a “statement of residence” at the polls. If you moved and didn’t update your address by the Oct. 7 voter registration deadline, you may be able to vote at your previous polling location if it is within the same county or politi-

cal subdivision or vote on a limited ballot. A limited ballot only includes statewide elections and federal elections for president and Texas’ U.S. senator. Unless you qualify to vote by mail, a limited ballot is only available in-person during early voting at the main early voting location, which is usually the office of the election administrator or county clerk who runs elections in your county. Contact the elections office in your county to apply for a limited ballot.

Can I vote in person if I requested a mail-in ballot?
The short answer is yes, if you are in Texas and the county where you’re registered to vote. The process will be more streamlined if you bring your mail-in ballot with you to your polling place so you can surrender it before casting your vote. If you don’t have your ballot or never received it, you can still cast a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted once the county determines it never received your mail-in ballot. Voters who were looking to vote by mail because of a sickness or disability may also qualify to vote through curbside voting or an emergency ballot.

To request an emergency ballot, you must designate a representative to submit an application in person on your behalf and have a certified doctor’s note. The application must be received by your county’s early voting clerk before 5 p.m. on Election Day, and your ballot must be returned by the same designated representative before 7 p.m. on Election Day to be counted. Contact your county elections office to learn more about curbside voting and emergency ballots.

This article originally appeared in The Texas Tribune at <https://www.texastribune.org/2024/10/21/texas-2024-elections-early-voting-polls-rules/>. The Texas Tribune is a member-supported, nonpartisan newsroom informing and engaging Texans on state politics and policy. Learn more at texastribune.org.



PETS OF THE WEEK

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

Cider
Female
1 ½ years old
Cattle Dog

Cider is a gentle soul who has been at our Dripping Springs campus for about 4 months, and she's patiently waiting for her forever home. She may be a little shy at first, but once she warms up, you'll discover her playful and affectionate side. Cider loves a good game of fetch and enjoys spending time outside. She's also been showing great signs of being housetrained and has had positive interactions with other dogs. Cider had a tough start—she was abandoned at our entrance with her puppies—but despite it all, she's made incredible progress in learning to trust people again. With some patience and love, she's sure to be a loyal companion and cuddle bug. Cider would thrive in a moderately quiet home with a yard where she can play and continue building her confidence. Could you be the one to give her story the happy ending she deserves? Visit our website pawsshelter.org to view her online profile and learn more about adopting from PAWS animal shelter.



XO
Male
8 years old
Terrier mix

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.



Wunder Boy
Male
11 years old
Chihuahua

Howdy! I'm Wunder Boy. I'm looking for my forever home after a whirlwind of adventures in my youth. I love being held and getting lots of attention, though I might need a little time to trust you. Walks are my favorite because they let me soak up the sights and enjoy being out in nature. I get along well with other dogs and I don't think cats would bother me too much. I'm super quiet and would fit perfectly in an apartment. What I really need is a loving family who'll give me the snuggles and care I deserve. Are you ready to make my next chapter the best one yet? Please visit LizzysHospice.com or email us at LizzysHospice@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to fill out an application.



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Universal Crossword

10/20

THEMELESS SUNDAY 106 by Adrian Johnson

ACROSS

- 1 Vehicle driven to escape the gravity of human life?
- 10 Totally engaged
- 14 "This stays between us"
- 15 Font related to Helvetica
- 17 "It's hopeless!"
- 18 What a mosque's mihrab points toward
- 19 British kitchen towels
- 20 Used as a cushion
- 21 "For ____ a jolly ..."
- 22 Maker of My Me Era nail polish
- 24 Artist's inspiration
- 25 Orchard drink
- 28 Refuse work?
- 30 Famous ____ cookies
- 31 Speedy plane
- 32 Take to a higher court
- 34 123-45-6789 is not a valid one: Abbr.
- 35 Cunning animal
- 36 Possesses
- 37 "Loyalty, got royalty inside my ____" (Kendrick Lamar)
- 38 Blowhard's blabber
- 40 "One ____" ("Hang on")
- 41 June honorees
- 42 One who might fall for a star?
- 44 Rendezvous
- 45 Treats, as a swollen ankle
- 46 One of TV's Impractical Jokers

47 ____ Tome

- 48 Full of attitude
- 50 One to look up to
- 55 Shaw of jazz
- 56 Perk up
- 57 "Don't worry, I know him"
- 58 Cry of success after an exam
- 59 From South Asia
- 60 Sarcastic remark while listening to a ridiculous story

DOWN

- 1 Nurse's "Now!"
- 2 Brazil's "O Rei do Futebol"
- 3 Penne ____ vodka
- 4 Tired sayings
- 5 V, formerly Eve ____

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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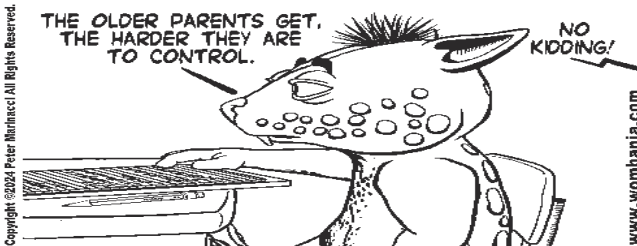
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Dripping Springs
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October 23 & 30
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Uhland Fall Fest
October 26
10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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October 26
10:30 a.m. - 11 p.m.

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October 26
4 - 6 p.m.

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Fall Family Field Day
October 26
Noon - 3 p.m

Kodiak Strength is hosting a family-friendly field day featuring live music, food and fun activities. There is a kid's costume contest and trick-or-treat booths. Free admission. Contact kodiak-strength@gmail.com for more information. Sonder Coffee Lounge • 500 La Ventana Parkway • Driftwood, TX 78619

Paella Picnic
October 27
Noon - 3 p.m.

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Pound House Farmstead
Community Mondays
October 28
8 - 11 a.m.

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Stargazing Night
November 2 • 7 - 10 p.m.

The Hill Country Astronomers will host a night of stargazing on Nov. 2 at the LBJ National Historical Park from 7 - 10 p.m. The group will have telescopes set up to give

visitors a view not seen by many before. The event is free and open to the public. LBJ National Historical Park • 100 E Ladybird Ln • Johnson City, TX 78663

Empty Bowl Project
November 3
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

This annual family event benefits Dripping Springs Helping Hands to help feed the hungry and provide temporary financial aid for less fortunate members of our community. For a donation of only \$25 per person at the door, patrons can choose a beautiful, handcrafted ceramic bowl and fill it with delicious soups from local chefs. Live music, local beer & wine offerings. Dripping Springs Ranch Park • 1042 Event Center Dr. • Dripping Springs, TX 78620.

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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: cityofdrippingsprings.com. Meetings are held at City Hall Council Chambers • 511 Mercer St. • Dripping Springs, TX 78620.

October 28 • 3:30 p.m.

Transportation Planning
Meeting

October 28 • 6:30 p.m.
Founders Day
Commission Meeting

November 5 • 4 p.m.
City Council & Board of
Adjustments Meeting

Hays County
Commissioners Court
Regular Meeting
November 5 • 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 hayscountytx.com

DRIPPING SPRINGS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT

Dripping Springs
Board of Trustees
Monthly Meeting

Oct 28 • 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.



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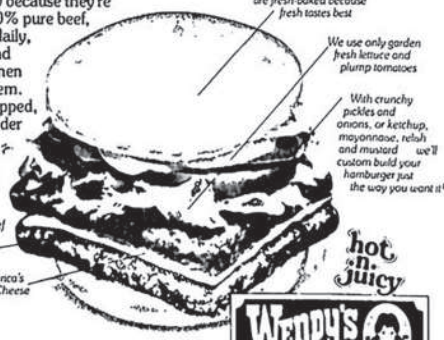


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BUSINESS



Ambassadors from the Dripping Springs Chamber of Commerce were on hand Oct. 16 to celebrate the grand opening of Renken Dentistry's newest office in Dripping Springs. The new office is located at 12400 US-290 Building 5, Suite 410.

PHOTO AMANDA MIYAMOTO

Renken Dentistry celebrates opening in Dripping Springs

Staff Reports

Renken Dentistry celebrated the grand opening of its newest location at the Shops of LedgeStone, serving the growing community around Belterra and Dripping Springs. The Dripping Springs office hosted ambassadors from the Dripping Springs Chamber of Commerce for a ribbon-cutting ceremony, providing local business leaders the opportunity to meet Renken staff and tour the facility. Founded on principles of personalized, compassionate care, Renken Dentistry, which has been in practice for 22 years, has established itself as a trusted partner in

dental wellness. The Belterra office reflects the group's commitment to a modern, patient-first experience, featuring state-of-the-art technology and a welcoming environment designed to make each visit comfortable. "Our goal has always been to make going to the dentist something our patients look forward to," said Dr. Joshua Renken, founder of Renken Dentistry. "Opening this location allows us to continue delivering on that promise by providing a convenient and trusted resource for dental care for all ages. We're excited to join this vibrant community and build long-lasting relationships." The new office provides comprehensive

dental services, including preventive care, cosmetic treatments, and restorative procedures such as dental implants. Renken Dentistry also offers a discount subscription option for uninsured patients. "Whether your needs range from routine cleanings to more extensive treatments, we have a plan that's right for you," Renken said. With seven locations across Texas, Renken Dentistry continues to grow, with a focus on delivering exceptional patient experiences. The Belterra team looks forward to meeting new patients and becoming an active part of the community—creating healthy, confident smiles for years to come.

JuiceLand reopens its store in Belterra

Ken Vargas
Managing Editor

JuiceLand has returned to the Belterra community with a grand opening and ribbon cutting Friday Oct 18. The popular store, which offers cold-pressed juices and superfood smoothies had originally opened the store in July 2019 but closed it and subleased the space due to the uncertainty of the COVID pandemic, according to store manager Tiffany Stevenson. "We're back now open to serve customers and we are really excited to be back in Belterra," Stevenson said. The store is the newest location in the growing chain which started in Austin and now has 33 locations in the Austin metro area, and 6 stores in Houston and 5 in Dallas.

JuiceLand started in 2001, when Matt Shook, the founder of JuiceLand, was taking a break from swimming at Barton Springs Pool when he stopped at a small juice stand, the Juice Joint, for a fresh carrot, apple, and ginger juice. It was just steps from the pool, and Shook, intrigued by the idea of working at a juice bar, applied for a part-time summer job. That decision would change the course of his life. What began as a summer job evolved into a career. Soon, Shook was running his own juice bar, which he said helped him connect more deeply with the Austin community and gain a



JuiceLand re-opened its store in Belterra with a ribbon cutting celebration Oct. 18. The store which has 12 juice pros on their crew is one of 33 locations in the Austin area. The company was founded in Austin by Matt Shook.

PHOTO KEN VARGAS

greater understanding of how diet affects health and well-being. Over time, his sense of humor, love of music, and focus on customer service helped build a loyal following. "I never imagined that working at a juice bar would lead to this journey," Shook said. "But it's been amazing to watch it grow and evolve over the years." Shook credits the early success to his team, which he said has remained committed to JuiceLand's original mission of providing quality service and plant-based options to its customers. Today, JuiceLand has expanded to multiple locations, with sustainability and community engagement as key priorities. Shook continues to drive innovation in the company, brain-

storming new menu ideas, promoting sustainability efforts, and working with nonprofit organizations through JuiceLand's "Feel Good, Do Good" donation program. His current favorite drink, the Hempinator, is a variation of one of his first creations, the Originator, now made with hemp milk, acai, and hemp oil. "Helping people make plant-based choices has been one of the greatest joys of my life," Shook said. "It's incredible to see how JuiceLand has become a place where both customers and staff can make positive changes in their lives." The new store in Belterra, just east of Dripping Springs is located at 165 Hargraves Dr. next to the T-Mobile store.

Johnson City Market accepting new vendors

Staff Reports

Vendors at Johnson City's Market on the Square will begin gearing up for the holiday season with booths offering homemade goods, homegrown vegetables and produce, and hand-made crafts and toys, as the event continues on Courthouse Square on Saturday, October 26,

from 10am to 4 pm. "We are looking for vendors to begin adding items to make the holidays more festive, colorful, and flavorful," said a spokesperson. "Johnson City always goes all out this time of year and we are happy to help promote that feeling." Market on the Square is free and open to the public, with free parking available around

the square. It is held the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. Interested vendors can get information at johnsoncitymarket.com, and maineventcompany.com. Johnson City Market on the Square is a joint project of the Johnson City Chamber of Commerce and Main Event Company, an event planner that promotes Hill Country events.

Business Calendar of Events

Chamber Luncheon
Oct 23 • 11:30 a.m.
Monthly luncheon for members of the Dripping Springs Chamber of Commerce. This month's program is on mental health and wellness in the workplace, presented by NAMI Central Texas. Tickets \$30 for members/ \$40 for guests if purchased by 10/18. Visit dstxchamber.com to purchase tickets online.
Deep Eddy Vodka Distilling • 2250 E Hwy 290 • Dripping Springs, TX 78620

AG Wealth Advisors
Ribbon Cutting
October 29 • 5 p.m.
Join us for a ribbon cutting celebration for AG Wealth Advisors.
Calterra Hall • 505 Wynnpage Dr. • Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Rotary Club of Dripping Springs
Regular Meeting
October 30 • Noon
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tion 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

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SPORTS



Senior Callie Krueger #2, after a good point. The Lady Tigers volleyball team continues its strong play as their district season comes to a close next week with matches against Akins, Del Valle and Austin high schools. The Ladys continue to be ranked #1 in the Texas Girls Coaches Association poll in Division 6A.

PHOTOS VINCE CURLETTA



Dripping Springs Junior Henley Anderson #22, attacking against Lake Travis Friday as the Tigers would go on to win the match 3-0.

Lady Tigers nearing district volleyball title

Carl Waits
Sports Reporter

With three games remaining in district play, the 41-2 Lady Tigers hold a two-game lead for the title. District standings at this point are: DS 9-0, Austin 8-2, Westlake 7-3, Lake Travis 4-5, Bowie 2-7, Del Valle 1-6, Akins 0-8. In their last two games they had a very good match with Westlake and then had

an easy time with Lake Travis. Westlake result. 24-26, 25-18, 27-25, 26-24. Lake Travis 25-18, 25-15, 25-17. The Westlake game is a good reminder to the Lady Tigers the playoffs are sudden deaths and one must play their best at all times. Westlake leaders: Kills (56): Henley Anderson 23, Christa Wilburn 20; Aces (10): Eloise Roffers 3, Anderson 2; Blks (4): Riley Certain 2,

Sydney Lund 1; Digs (69): Callie Krueger 21, Cameron Cureton 9; Assts (51): Lund 32, Lourdes Frontera 13; Rec (76): Anderson 31, Wilburn 18. LT: Kills (48): Anderson 15, Certain 12; Ace (6): Krueger 3, Anderson 2; Blk (3): Lund 2, Ashley Euston 1; Dig (61): Wilburn 18, Krueger 13; Asst (43): Frontera 24, Lund 16; Rec (45): Anderson 13. Krueger 12.

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love our format—smaller, more intimate venues, performing on stage with other artists. Most of the artists I spoke with said Dripping Springs is a special community with great people who really appreciate their music.” King estimated that attendance reached between 2,500 and 3,000 people on Friday and Saturday, with another 500 on Sunday. As a free event with no registration, attendance figures are not exact, but all venues reported excellent crowds, with standing-room-only at many shows. “We’ve been told it seemed like there were more people than last year,” King said. While the festival boosts sales for food and beverage vendors on Mercer Street, the

primary goal is to celebrate the artists and give the community an opportunity to enjoy live music and discover new talent. Deborah Vincent, owner of Mercer Street Art & Boutique, has run her shop for five years next to where the Estes Audiology stage was located. Shops offering art, clothing, and gifts along Mercer Street were bustling with customers between shows. “It gets better every single year. This year was even better,” Vincent said. “The volunteers are awesome—I can’t say enough good things about them.” She added that while sales didn’t reflect the increase in foot traffic, merchants like her benefit from the connections made with future

customers. “For me, the benefit comes later. People don’t want to shop, try things on, and walk around with purchases. I don’t make a killing over the weekend, but it’s about getting new customers to know us,” Vincent said. Not all businesses saw benefits. Carolyn Roach, owner of Mars Beads and Fourth Rock Records, said the festival creates parking challenges for stores off Mercer Street. Festival goers often park in her spaces but don’t visit her store. “The same thing happens on Founders Day,” Roach said. “For stores like ours that aren’t on Mercer Street, there’s no increase in traffic.” The festival is organized by the City of Dripping Springs and



Junior receiver Merrik Bloomgren, #7 against an aggressive Lake Travis defense that held the Tigers to 21 points in their game Friday night at Tiger Stadium. Lake Travis would go on to win that game 49-21. The Tigers travel to Del Valle this Friday with kickoff at 7:30.

PHOTO RONNIE ADAIR

Lake Travis stuns Dripping Springs 49-21

Carl Waits
Sports Reporter

It was a big game for both teams. Even though both teams will be heading for the playoffs in a couple of weeks, it is the biggest of rivalries for both teams. Lake Travis came into the contest following two subpar years for them and two consecutive losses to the Tigers. However, they showed up with a fully experienced team and plenty of talent, energy and motive to make it a long night for the Tigers. It was evident from the beginning, the Tigers were in trouble. The defense was a bunch of heat-seeking missiles for the ball.

The opening drive was a three and out for the Tigers with Maddox Maher having to run for his life most of the night. The Cavaliers methodically moved the ball 57 yards in 11 plays to open the scoring on a 4 pass. 7-0. The Tigers tried to put together a productive drive from the 25 but after two first downs, a sack, pressured passes and a bad snap, the Tigers were forced to punt

it away. This time LT would only take four plays to go 58. The final was a burst up the middle by their RB and he would leave the Tigers in his wake for the final 47. 14-0 after one. Another punt and Lake Travis was back in business. They would score on a 2 run. 21-0. The Tigers would put together another nice drive of 54 yards only to see it fall short at the LT 23. LT forced to punt and the Tigers would score on a play in which Maher was being forced to run when he spotted Jakob Rivas alone behind the secondary as they were coming to Maher. He hit Rivas and he hooked it to the endzone to complete the 53 play. Aidan Burgess toed the EP. Tiger defense made LT punt but it was muffed by the returner and LT took over at the 42. The QB scored from the nine with 21 seconds left in the half. 28-7. In the second half LT would score on a 36 pass and the Tigers would checkmate it with a 2 run by Maher to make it 35-14 after three. LT would score twice more in

the fourth and DS got back on the board when Mateo Perez was in at QB and broke loose on an option play and bolted 60 yards with 54 seconds remaining. Final 49-21. The Tigers will travel to Del Valle Friday to take on the Cardinals. After an off week, the Tigers will host Westlake in the final regular season game. Kickoffs are at 7:30. Game stats (DS first): First downs 17-26; Rushing 45-201, 42-269; Passing 117-231; Passes 11-24-0, 14-24-0; Punts 5-39.4, 2-35; Penalties 6-38, 3-20. Tiger stats: Rushing: Jack Tyndall 19-70; Perez 1-60 TD; Jace-ton Gotta 8-34; Maher 14-28 TD; Lawson Attaway 2-6; Nick Tyndall 1-3. Passing: Maher 11-24-117 TD. Receiving: Cooper Reid 3-31, Merrik Bloomgren 3-13, Rivas 2-66 TD, J. Tyndall 2-7, Nick Tyndall 1-0. Leading tacklers: Jackson Mills 2-3, Jacob Stockton 2-1, Austin Olivas 1-3, Dylan Brasher 1-2, Malachi Igharo 1-1, Chris Gustafson 0-3, Kyle Daniel 0-2.



Artist Jessi Bostad painted 'live' during a Saturday afternoon performance outside in the courtyard of the Estes Audiology stage during the Dripping Springs Songwriters Festival.

PHOTO KEN VARGAS

requires 75 volunteers to staff the event. City staff, including the Visitors Bureau, maintenance and parks department, as well as Mayor Bill Foulds and city administrator Mi-

chelle Fischer, were involved,” King said. This year’s festival introduced new features, including a Young Artist Stage on Saturday and the Dripping Springs Art

Lounge. The Sunday Jam moved to Stephen-son Field and was well-received. The event cost about \$80,000 to produce, all of which was covered by sponsors.