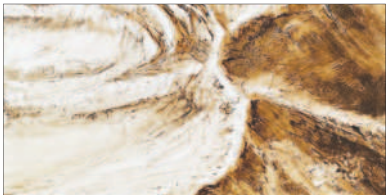




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Community Calendar

Fire in the Sky
July 4 • 9:30 p.m.
A firework celebration sponsored by Carrie Isaac. Parking is \$15 in advance, or \$20 onsite, cash only. Attendees should bring lawn chairs and blankets. Details at www.drippingspringsranchpark.com. Dripping Springs Ranch Park • 1042 Event Center Dr. • Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Fourth of July at Twisted X
July 4 • 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Attendees are invited for a family-friendly night filled with cold beer, food, vendors and fireworks at 8:45. Twisted X • 23455 Ranch to Market Rd 150 • Dripping Springs, TX 78620

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INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE OF THE DAY:

I HAVE FOUND THAT AMONG ITS OTHER BENEFITS, GIVING LIBERATES THE SOUL OF THE GIVER.
- MAYA ANGELOU



Lawsuit voids Hays County Road Bond

Shannon West
Managing Editor,
San Marcos Record

Plaintiffs were successful in a suit to void and invalidate the Hays County Road Bond, which was “seeking to enjoin Hays County from taking actions to recognize the Hays County Commissioners Court vote to place the \$439 million road bond package on the

November 5, 2024 ballot as a lawful action to call the special election,” according to the original suit filed on October 21, 2024. Hays County Judge Ruben Becerra stated that the court would need to make “critical decisions” on the possibility of an appeal. The county is waiting on final documentation from the courts before making a deci-

sion whether or not to move forward with the appeal. “I am not inclined to appeal and spend another hundred thousand dollars only to find us at the exact same point we are now,” Becerra stated. “However, I will reserve judgement until we receive all of the facts.” Plaintiffs Leslie Carnes, Jim Camp, Ca-

thay Ramsey and Gabrielle Moore claimed the Hays County Commissioners Court called the special road bond election in violation of the Texas Open Meetings Act because “the posting language for the item neglected to disclose the purpose of the bond, the amount of the bond, or the proposed tax rate increase.” Becerra said he re-

spected the ruling issued and was “very disappointed” in the lack of transparency and public input associated with the road bond. “Unfortunately, every chance I had to bring up transparency and input was shut down by the special interests on our court,” Becerra stated. “For now, my immediate

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Willa and Justin Spraberry read to Ruby the Therapy Dog.

PHOTOS BY LAURIE ANDERSON

Dog Days of Summer

Library programs offer something for everyone

Laurie Anderson
Interim Editor

The lazy days of summer are here - except at the Dripping Springs Community Library (DSCL), which is buzzing with a variety of free programs for all ages, including beekeeping, mycology, coding, ukelele, crafts and theatrical productions. This packed lineup of programs is transforming the space into one of the town's busiest summer hubs.

“If you ever wondered if libraries are still relevant, it's a resounding yes,” Mindy Laird, DSCL Executive Director said. “People need a place to come and connect. They need a place to feel belonging, and families need places where they can bring their children for free activities and to engage in their community for free. And that's what we aim to do.”

The survey says they are succeeding. The library was just named Nonprofit of the Year and Best in Children's Entertainment in the Best of Dripping Springs contest (see other results in this issue).

There are 219 readers actively participating in the library's summer reading program, so far collecting 148,168 minutes of reading in all age ranges as of press time. And in the month of



A family enjoys the Connect Four in the courtyard.

June alone, more than 1,000 people have attended children's programs at the library. “The turnout at these events is incredible,” Jessica Segur, the library's new Programs Manager, said. “We have to limit it per registration, and they're filled with wait lists.” Sigur's role is oversee all programs and make sure the library has robust offerings that meet the needs of all ages, and that focus on innovation in multiple areas. She said her vision is to have programs addressing the whole person, such as wellness, technology, creativity, book events and literacy. They are also looking for innovative ways to serve the community. “The Friends of the Library just helped us to buy podcasting equipment,” Sigur said.

“Patrons will be able to check it out, so it could help support small businesses or anyone trying to get started with a podcast.” The library also offers Stay Sharp kits, which are designed for aging adults and seniors. They are made by Penworthy. Each bag has a theme, and contains activities that promote memory and engagement. In addition, the library has partnered with the local Wildbirds Unlimited to create birding bags. “People can check out these bags and they've got guides, they've got books, they have logs and activities for kids,” Laird said. “You could check out this bag and take your family to go birdwatching in our community.” Laird said that there's

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DSISD trustees approve budget

Laurie Anderson
Interim Editor

One of the key action items at the Dripping Springs ISD Board of Trustees meeting on June 23 was an update and vote on the 2025-2026 fiscal budget. It was approved unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

Elaine Cogburn, Deputy Superintendent for Finance and Operations, summarized the budget process that had taken place so far, which started in December 2024. By April, the district had made a lot of headway, but there was still a wild card in play. “We knew the legislature was meeting this spring, and that was going to be a big influence on our budget,” Cogburn said. In May, they presented what they thought the most likely final budget would be, but then there was another flurry of legislative updates.



Elaine Cogburn

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Public comment period open for CAMPO's regional traffic safety plan

Laurie Anderson
Interim Editor

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) is seeking public input on its Regional Safety Action Plan (RSAP), which aims to enhance traffic safety across its six-county region. They are currently collecting public comments through July 11. According to CAMPO, the plan aims to reduce fatal and serious-injury crashes while improving transportation systems for all users, including pedestrians, cyclists, public transportation users, and drivers, with an emphasis on investments in vulnerable communities. County-specific plans have been completed for Caldwell, Hays, and Williamson counties. Plans are under development for Bastrop and Burnet counties. Travis County developed its own safety action plan in coordination with the CAMPO

regional plan. The county plans will be integrated into the overall RSAP to create a coordinated approach to safety across the region. The RSAP will focus on several key areas, according to CAMPO:

- Revising road designs
- Recommending policy changes
- Improving traffic enforcement
- Enhancing educational programs and supporting the development of road safety culture in the region
- Infrastructure improvements to address equitable investment in historically underserved communities

This is the third online open house and public commenting period. It ends July 11. The materials and survey can be accessed at www.campo-rsap.com. Interested citizens can also call 512-651-3964 to request information by mail.

Capital Highlights

Vouchers could change homeschool landscape



Gary Borders
Texas Press Association

The passage of the state’s first voucher program means homeschool families in Texas will soon be eligible for up to \$2,000 to use toward educational costs such as tutoring or curriculum. From 500,000 to 600,000 Texas children are being homeschooled — between 8% and 10% of all school-aged children, the Houston Chronicle reported.

Homeschooling in Texas is largely unregulated, with no requirement for parents to submit curriculum for review. Students are also not required to take the standardized tests given in public schools.

Any family that is currently homeschooling its children can apply for the \$2,000, with priority given to children with disabilities or those in low-income households. Homeschoolers who want to switch to a private school can get up to \$10,000 a year

to help pay for tuition.

If there are more applicants than can be handled by the \$1 billion allocated, the state will hold a drawing to determine who gets into the program. The Legislative Budget Board has predicted that about 270,000 homeschoolers will apply in the first year.

GROUPS FIGHT REPEAL OF TEXAS DREAM ACT

Several civil rights groups have joined Austin Community College trustees in suing to protect the Texas Dream Act, which allowed college students without legal status to obtain in-state tuition, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

The U.S. Department of Justice sued to outlaw the 2001 Texas Dream Act, and state Attorney General Ken Paxton declined to defend the state against the lawsuit. Joining ACC’s suit against the repeal are the American Civil Liberties Union, the Texas Civil Rights Project, Democracy Forward and the National Immigration Law Center, as well as a private law firm in Dallas.

The plaintiffs requested an “emergency ruling” allowing them to intervene as defendants in place of the

state, arguing that ending the act would cause “irreparable harm” to both students and higher-education institutions, which stand to lose millions in tuition funds.

“This is a fight to protect access to higher education for all Texans, but also a fight to uphold one of the basic tenets of our democracy,” Efrén C. Olivares of the National Immigration Center said in a news release.

Ending the Texas Dream Act would affect more than 20,000 students.

TEXAS LOTTERY COMMISSION TO BE DISBANDED

While the sales of lottery tickets will continue, the commission charged with its oversight is being disbanded after stories broke of lottery couriers buying millions of tickets in order to virtually guarantee winning a \$95 million Lotto Texas prize. The Texas Tribune reported the lottery will be run, starting in September, by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

Recent legislation signed into law by Gov. Greg Abbott also prohibits online ticket sales. Players can purchase up to 100 tickets in person at lottery

retailers only during store hours.

The lottery raises \$2 billion annually for the state.

EX-PAXTON AIDES ALLEGE WITNESS TAMPERING DURING IMPEACHMENT TRIAL

Legal filings in a federal suit from top aides to Paxton claim his right-hand deputy threatened to fire employees if they gave unfavorable testimony about Paxton during his 2023 impeachment trial, the Chronicle reported. Paxton was acquitted by the Texas Senate after that trial.

He has since launched a bid to unseat U.S. Sen. John Cornyn in the 2026 Republican primary.

The allegations are detailed in a suit filed last week by former Solicitor General Judd Stone and Chris Hilton, the former chief of the general litigation division. They claim that current First Assistant Attorney General Brent Webster made the threats. Webster has not commented on the allegations.

NEW CONSENT LAW TAKES EFFECT THIS FALL

The Legislature has

overhauled the state’s sexual consent laws, through what is known as “the Summer Willis Act,” the Statesman reported. It is named after a former University of Texas student-athlete who was drugged and sexually assaulted in 2014 at a fraternity party. The case could not be prosecuted because of loopholes in the Texas law that did not clearly define consent in cases involving intoxication or impairment. The bill passed by a wide bipartisan margin in both chambers.

“The loophole my rape fell under was because I voluntarily accepted a drink from one person and another person raped me,” Willis said in a PBS interview.

The Summer Willis Act provides a clearer definition of consent, including an affirmative definition of consent, the withdrawal of consent, and incapacitation due to substance use.

ABBOTT ORDERS ESTABLISHMENT OF SCREWORM RESPONSE TEAM

Abbott last week directed the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Animal Health Commission to create a joint Texas New World

Screwworm Response Team. That’s in response to the recent northward spread of the screwworm.

“The mission for the Response Team is clear: to lead Texas’ prevention and response efforts and ensure that Texas remains informed, prepared, and aligned to prevent the re-emergence of this destructive parasite,” Abbott’s news release said. “We stand ready to protect our land, livestock, and wildlife.”

Animal imports at the southern border have been halted due to growing outbreaks in Mexico. Previous outbreaks in the 1950s and 1960s were largely halted by breeding sterile flies, and a similar effort is underway. The New World screwworm is a parasitic fly whose larvae feed on livestock, wildlife, and in rare cases, humans.

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concern is to find the resources necessary to address the most dire segments of our infra-

structure and bring relief to so many of our residents who had faith in our ability to fund

these vital road projects and improve our Community.”

The Hays County Republican Party stated that it “strongly supports truthful elections and full transparency in all election-related matters” and that the Hays County Road Bond election did not meet the standards that it expects; however, it said the issue was not one related to the election process but rather what it called the “administrative error” of the legal posting.

“We affirm that the reported violation of the Texas Open Meetings Act is not appropriate and should not be repeated. While we respect Judge Katherine Mauzy’s adherence to the law in her ruling to void the election results, we do not condone the actions or oversights that led to this situation. Section 241.004 of the Texas Election Code is intended to ensure impartiality by preventing judges from presiding over election contests in their own districts. We believe this principle is essential for maintaining public confidence,” the Hays County Republican Party stated. “It is important to clarify that the core issue here is an administrative error-specifically, an error that resulted in the voiding of a road bond and not a problem with the elections process itself. The HCRP will continue to work with our officials to strengthen oversight and prevent such errors in the future, ensuring

that our elections remain fair, transparent, and trustworthy.”

Hays County Commissioner Walt Smith posted a statement about the loss of the suit to his Facebook page, calling it a “sad day indeed” for Hays County.

“A TRAVIS County District judge chose to ignore over 100 thousand of our citizens and side with Save Our Springs and nullify their votes, thus disenfranchising them and letting them know their choice didn’t matter. Our transportation bond, backed by over 55% of Hays County residents was brought down in a court case by a special interest group from Austin on a technicality by a judge not even in our area,” Smith stated. “Please remember this when we have new schools without adequate roads, when it takes you 40 minutes to get you little to class, or you hear of the next wreck that costs a life near your neighborhood. Thank Save Our Springs and Travis County. Let us make our own decisions in Hays County about what’s right and wrong and keep your decisions in your own neighborhood.”

The plaintiffs issued a statement on Thursday that they desired to “correct misinformation” about the lawsuit.

“His own Precinct 4 constituents overwhelmingly opposed his proposed roads — 86% of over 300 public comments were against the projects,” the plaintiffs stated.

“The voters in his district didn’t want these roads.”

The plaintiffs stated that claims made that the lawsuit overturned the will of the voters are “false.”

“The election was voided — only the second time in Texas history this has occurred. This wasn’t taken lightly. The commissioners ignored state law designed to prevent backroom political dealings and protect citizens’ right to know. TOMA isn’t a ‘technicality’ as Commissioner Smith claims — it’s the law that ensures government transparency,” the plaintiffs stated. “We filed our lawsuit in Hays County. The Hays County lawyers chose to move the case to Travis County when they filed their Bond Validation Lawsuit there, and our TOMA lawsuit was consolidated into their lawsuit.”

Save Our Springs Alliance, who had plaintiffs represented in the lawsuit, stated that the bond package raised environmental and fiscal concerns for Hays County residents, emphasizing that “much of it was dedicated to new roads rather than the maintenance and repair of existing roads for current residents.”

“These new roads, which are typically the responsibility of developers, would effectively subsidize development in areas that are water-starved, while paving over sensitive environmental areas, such as the extension of RM 150 southwest of Dripping Springs, the ex-

tension of Yarrington Road over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone in Western Kyle, and the extension of SH45 in Travis County, outside Hays County’s jurisdiction,” Save Our Springs Alliance stated. “Following the judge’s ruling, plaintiffs to the suit called on the Commissioners Court to establish a transparent public process, including the formation of a citizen bond advisory committee, to develop a new bond package. They advocate for a smaller, more focused proposal that prioritizes maintaining and repairing existing roads rather than constructing new ones in environmentally sensitive areas.”

The plaintiffs also stated reasons they felt the bond would be detrimental.

“The commissioners attempted to force environmentally destructive roads through the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone in western Hays County, breaking up family ranches through eminent domain to benefit developers. These roads would have doubled the county’s bond debt, raised property taxes, forced unwanted development, and threatened the drinking water supply for all of Hays County,” the plaintiffs stated. “The bond also included a misleading SH45 extension supposedly providing ‘better access to IH35’ — except it was to be built in Travis County without their consent, something Hays County has no legal authority to do.”



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Dripping Springs City Hall reopens after construction

Laurie Anderson
Interim Editor

The City of Dripping Springs celebrated the completion of the city hall's remodeling project with a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 26. Members of the community and the Chamber of Commerce attended the event.

Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr. gave a bit of history on the various locations of the city hall, which has moved several times since the city's incorporation in 1981. It started in the old fire hall, and then moved to the Episcopal church, and finally to its current location in the former Church of Christ building.

"We've always been down here in the heart of Dripping Springs," Foulds said. "We actually moved in with the church and shared it for a while. They got their new building, we took over and didn't do a thing to it."

Foulds said the building served the city since 2007 without any remodel, but as the city and its staff have grown, a more updated space was needed.

"We're still two to three people to an office, even after this remodel. But we actually have room," Foulds said.

One part of the remodel was improving the technology infrastructure to support how much of the city's business has moved online, including the permitting process.

"It's going to help things for everyone

in the business community and all the citizens," Foulds said. "A lot of you folks with your businesses, it should make it a lot easier to communicate. You don't have to come in, you can communicate electronically."

Construction was completed on schedule, and staff who had been displaced have been able to move back.

"I'm proud to say that we made it on time. The building looks great. All of our city staff, we had them working out at ranch park in the rodeo arena sitting above it in the box seats. We've had people working from home, just everywhere."

The city has around 70 employees now. Some have offices at Dripping Springs Ranch Park, some are located in the old PEC building, and the rest are in the remodeled city hall.

"I'm very proud of it, and I'm proud of our staff," Foulds said.



City staff and community members attend the ribbon cutting, along with local officials.



Natkhat Flavors Owner Sakshi Joseph signs the ceremonial ribbon.



The lobby sports a colorful design.



Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr. speaks to the crowd.

PHOTOS BY LAURIE ANDERSON

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a growing trend for libraries to offer more experiences, and she feels that is an important responsibility of libraries. One way DSCL is doing that is by offering passes to other area attractions that patrons can check out.

"We've purchased community passes to the Thinkery Museum where people can bring up to six people for free on one pass to the Thinkery," Laird said. "We just purchased, again with support from the Friends of the Library, the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center passes. So now we're able to offer that to our community for them to experience these places for free."

Laird said that Friends of the Dripping Springs Library regularly supports the library's summer programming, which gives them a needed boost during their busiest time of the year. This year, the group dedicated \$30,000 for that purpose.

"We try to take those funds from the Friends and we really just make the most of them when we have the opportunity to capture as many people as possible," Laird said.

Laird said they are constantly looking for ways to build upon the topics that grab the community's interest. One

such area is gardening, which led to the creation of a seed library, where people can donate seeds or take seeds.

"We've had a great response to the seed library, and people being able to just grab a few seeds on the way out to plant at home," Laird said.

The Hays County Master Gardeners held a class where they showed people how to give back their seeds as well, to keep the collection going. They've also assisted the library with its own gardens.

"They've been really helpful - the Master Naturalists and the Master Gardeners - with helping us replant native friendly plants outside that can tolerate heat," Laird said. "Whenever they come out here, I'm always learning something from them about the plants that we have outside."

Another improvement the library made recently was to the courtyard right outside the children's library. The fence needed to be replaced, and it didn't have many activities. They invested in new outdoor furniture and toys, so kids can learn, build and explore. The area is being used by patrons much more frequently now.

"Even when it's really hot outside, that courtyard is so well shaded," Sigur said. "It's a perfect

little courtyard."

Wonder Books are another new addition for children at the library. They are physical books that include an audio book. They are available in Spanish and in English.

"They've just been a hit. People love to check these out," Laird said. "It can give the child a little bit of independence when reading, and they're really engaging. It's not just a robotic voice, it's a cast. It's like a performance, sometimes with music."

Wonder Books are just part of the efforts the library has been making to update and revolutionize its collections.

"With our whole ac-



Iva and Ivaan concentrate on the lesson.

quisitions team, whether it's children's or adults or young adults, we've been very intentional about making sure that we have the tools to analyze data and really respond to what our community wants," Laird said.

Laird, who served as Library Director before moving into her

new position as Executive Director, said part of her new responsibilities will be to connect more with small businesses and supporters in the community, to listen to what their needs are and try to meet those needs.

"We're in the plans for building a new library, and so we've re-



Cullen practices the notes during ukelele class.

PHOTOS BY LAURIE ANDERSON

ally got to make sure that we are always stepping up our programming to continue to support our growing community and our growing number of patrons," Laird said.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Week of: July 7-12

MONDAY

9:00-10:00
Chair Yoga

1:00-2:00
Qigong

TUESDAY

9:30-10:15
Toddler Storytime with Ms. Olivia

12-3 Open Gaming
1-4 Mahjong
3:30-6:30
Dungeons and Dragons

4:30-5:30 Family Crafternoon

WEDNESDAY

9:30-10:15
Toddler Storytime with Ms. Olivia

12-1 Backyard Bird Watching for beginners

3-4 & 4:30-5:30
Machine Sewing with Kim Frederick

THURSDAY

10:30-11:00
Baby Time with Ms. Olivia

12:30-2:30
Jewelry Making: Bird's Nest Necklace

3-6 Master Gardeners

4-5 LEGO Spike Lab

6-7:30
Charlotte's Book Club

FRIDAY

10:30-11:00
Discovery Time

1:00-2:00
Poetry Reading with Hill Country Poets

2:00-3:00
Teen Scene Book Club

3:15-4:15
Girl's Who Code

SATURDAY

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Ability to develop and maintain effective relationships with supervisor, fellow personnel, other departments with whom position interacts. Physical Demands, Working Environment and Sensory

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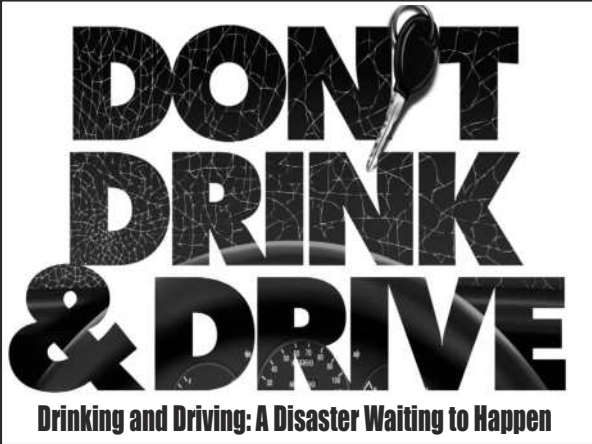
All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered under Cause No. 25-0147-P in the Probate Court No. 3 of Hays County, Texas, are required to present the claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Claims may be presented to the

Independent Executor and should be addressed as follows:

Estate of Laurie Jean Smith LeClair c/o Law Office of Cameron Graber PC 706 Guadalupe St Austin, Texas 78701
Dated: June 17, 2025

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Jeanne P. Cabler were issued on June 4, 2025, in Docket No. 25-0168-P, pending in the County Court at Law of Hays County, Texas, to Roy W and Thomas M Cabler. All persons having claims against the estate, which is presently being administered, are required to submit them, within the time and manner prescribed by law to the executors' attorney: Laura Fowler 3301 Northland Dr. Ste 101 Austin, TX 78731



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Aidan was loved and liked by so many people of all ages, a wonderful child and such a huge loss for all. Vanessa Hendrickson **512-801-4869** or email at vanessa.hendrickson@yahoo.com
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18 Ways to Texture Your Acrylic Painting

Sabrena Wright
Art League

Adding texture to acrylic paintings creates interest and helps your artistic vision bloom in new and exciting ways. And let's face it – it is simply fun to explore new ways of doing things! Try one of the texture techniques below to spark your imagination. Pictured are my boards of different techniques, some of which are described below.

Textured Acrylic Paint

1. Impasto technique: Apply thick layers of medium to heavy body paint directly from the tube using a palette knife or heavy brush to create raised areas. Ex: Van Gogh, "Wheat field with Cypresses".
2. Modeling paste: Mix modeling paste with your paint or apply it directly to the canvas for 3D effect. Ex: Klara Gunnlaugdottir, "New Earth".
3. Gel medium: Blend gel medium with acrylic paint to change the paint's flow, gloss or texture. Ex: Josie Lewis, "The Journey".
4. Dry brushing: Use a nearly dry brush to lightly skim paint onto the canvas for a subtle, wispy effect. Ex: Andrew Wyeth, "Christina's World".
5. Sand or salt: Sprinkle sand or salt onto wet paint for a gritty texture. After drying, paint again to seal texture into the paint. Ex: Marina Dunbar, "Light Without Shadow".
6. Heavy bodied



- acrylic paint: Use acrylic paints labeled as "heavy body" to create visible brushstrokes. Ex: Katia Zhukova, "Frances Portrait Series 5".
7. Layering: Build up layers of paint with different textures to add depth and complexity. Ex: Melissa McKinnon, "Golden Grove".
 8. Crackle paste: Crackle paste is applied in a thin layer over a painted area creating a weathered look as the paste dries. Ex: Melissa McKinnon, "Treasure Hunting III".
 9. Baking Soda: Mix paint with baking soda and a small amount of PVA glue or gel medium to create a thick chalky paint.
 10. Water down acrylic: Create a "wash" or watercolor effect by adding water, clear gel medium or airbrush thinner to acrylic paint. If using water, follow manufacturer's guidance for paint/water ratios. Ex: Heyshiro Matsuoka, "Ready or Not".
 11. Spray bottle: Mist the wet acrylic paint on the canvas to create a dribbled texture effect. Experiment with fine versus heavy mists. Alternatively try spraying paint on a canvas. Ex: Helen Frankenthaler, "Canal".



Brush and Canvas Techniques

12. Brush selection: Round, flat, fan or filbert – brush shapes and sizes can vary the paint texture within a painting. This variance can emphasize shape and shadow. It can also create interest, like the flick of a fan brush.
13. Palette knife painting: Use the knife either flat or on edge to make broad or thin paint strokes. Ex: Karen Tarlton, "Wild Mustang Horses".
14. Sgraffito: Scratching through layers of wet paint reveals the colors beneath creating depth and intrigue. Ex: Lawrence Chandler, "Sgraffito Painting".
15. Paint shapers, texture tools: Shapers and texture tools move paint in more bold ways for interesting effects. They are sold in craft stores, but

- you can make your own, unique shapers and texture tools from plastic cards or lids notched with scissors, combs, cake decorating tools and silicon kitchen tools. Ex: Andy Braitman, "Water's Edge".
16. Collage elements: Before starting your painting apply torn paper or fabric to the canvas using gel medium. Ex: Karen Krumm: "I'm Your Huckleberry".
 17. Mixed Media: Consider making an assemblage mounted on board which is then painted. Layering "stuff" (lace, buttons, keys, string, paintable caulk, wood blocks, etc.) seems chaotic until it is unified with paint layer on top. Ex: Louise Nevelson, "Cascade VII".
 18. Textured canvas: Buy a pre-textured canvas as a base for your painting. It's a



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quick way to dip your toe into the world of texture. Ex: Sofia Gordon's textured canvases sold on Art.com

This list originated during one of our Dripping Springs Art League's Acrylic Club meetings. If you would like to learn more about acrylic paint or other artistic outlets I encourage you to go to www.artindripping.com/membership/ and join a club that fits your interests.

DSISD FROM PG. 1

"A lot of things changed from April to May, and then again from May to the session actually ending on June 2," Cogburn said.

When the dust settled, the Legislature had passed House Bill 2, which provides an additional \$8.5 billion in school funding, including money for teacher pay raises. Several other

bills affecting school funding also passed.

As a result of those legislative changes, districts across Texas faced a choice to rush to revise their budgets to meet the state deadline, or to adopt their currently proposed budgets and make the necessary amendments later. That's the path that DSISD opted to take.

"It seems a little weird to adopt a budget just for me to turn around and tell you we're going to amend it, but that's an impact of the legislation that was passed," Cogburn said. "We are still working through those numbers, getting a final revenue picture and then being able to amend our compen-

sation plan once we know what our real revenues will be."

Cogburn said it's important for people to know that the budget being approved is based on old law, and doesn't include the legislative updates.

"It does not incorporate these changes, and so if employees are out there looking for a compensation plan or what the raise is, stay tuned," Cogburn said. "There's more to come, but that is not happening this evening."

Cogburn then went over the impacts of the legislation in detail. She said the district will be working over the summer to address all of the

provisions, and expects to bring an amendment to the board in August, along with the compensation plan.

"So that's really the big message with this budget is we're not finished," Cogburn said. "We'll amend this and implement these salary increases in August. Teachers receive their first new paycheck in September, so we expect to have all of this worked out before teachers receive their paychecks."

Trustee Kim Cousins thanked Cogburn for her presentation, and said they had just returned from the state conference for the Texas Association of School Boards, where

they met with a lot of other trustees facing the same issues.

"About half of them are adopting and trying to throw those raises in quickly, but they're not exactly sure what that's going to look like, and the other half were like, no, our finance department CEOs, CFOs are telling us to hold on, get the fine details," Cousins said. "I was just glad to hear we were not the only district that was going to kind of hold out and get it right."

Cogburn ended by thanking the board for their patience on the issue.

"We had to post the summary of our budget by June 12, and the session ended on the second, so to pivot in ten days and really do this right and methodically would have been no less than a disaster," Cogburn said. "I appreciate y'all giving us the time to breathe and think through this, and make sure that we adopt something that's good for all of our employees and not something that we find mistakes in throughout the year."



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1 year old
Husky

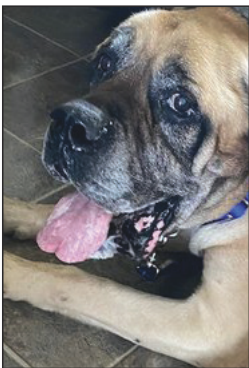


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Universal Crossword

6/29 Themeless Sunday 139 by Rafael Musa and Jess Rucks

ACROSS

- 1 Brave and intrepid
7 Fire
11 Entertainers at some weddings
14 "It's my best effort"
16 King, in Portuguese
17 "Let your hair down!"
18 Prefix in music genres
19 Director Spike
20 Curriculum ____
21 Bird with keen vision
23 Guinness Book feats
25 "if u ask me ..."
26 Common Instagram post
28 Many urban Airbnbs
30 Museum in Madrid
31 Genetic copy

- 33 Go against ____ grain
35 Begets
36 "A long time ____ ..."
37 "Yay!"
39 Sum up
40 Hearing-related
42 Ridges on a guitar's neck
43 Name that's an anagram of "Yelena"
45 Duos
46 Prefix with "ware" and "practice"
47 "I got dibs!"
50 Birth day worker?
52 "Movin' Right ____" ("The Muppet Movie" song)

- 53 Particularly, for short
56 Motel alternative
57 Dessert with ice cream and meringue
60 "... you get the idea": Abbr.
61 Pseudoscientific device on crime dramas
62 "Quiet!"
63 Sets a morning alarm for 7 p.m., say
64 Stick like glue

DOWN

- 1 "I'm going to die on this ____"
2 "Bupkis" actress Falco

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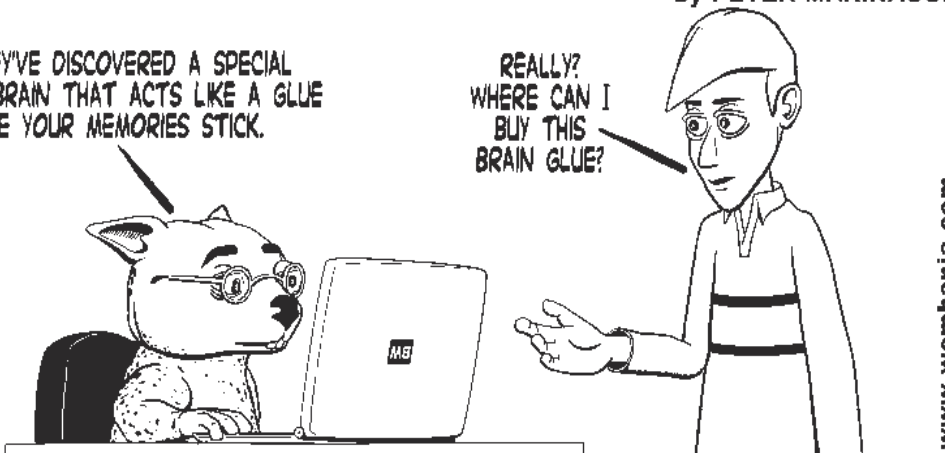
- 3 Wander around new relationship on social media
4 Part of IOU
5 "Forgive me for speaking up, but ..."
6 Tricolor cat
7 Stringed instrument in South Asian music
8 Tried not to be weird
9 Berkeley campus, for short
10 ____-jerk reaction
11 Mentor for a queen
12 Colorful party "drinks"
13 Internet destination
15 Bandleader Puente
22 "Band" or "hearing" follower
23 Used, as a scooter
24 Apollo, to Zeus
26 Annual celebration with parades and rainbows
27 Explicit reveal of a
- 29 Modern, disparagingly
30 Helpful ad
31 Worker who looks after people
32 N.Y. airport code
34 Dawn goddess
38 Singer India.____
41 Prefix akin to mono-
44 100%
45 Something a parent encourages a kid to break
48 Goes downhill fast, perhaps
49 Most common number in a dataset
50 Runs out of juice
51 Competent
53 Where el sol rises
54 Hershey toffee bar
55 Peel, as fruit
58 Beach ball filler
59 German's "Jeez!"

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Picker’s Circle

July 6 • 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Every Sunday, The Barbershop Bar hosts a Pickers Circle for anyone who wants to get in on the action or stop by and listen to some local musicians. The Barber Shop • 207 Mercer Street • Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Family Roller Skate Night

July 8 • 6 p.m.
Dripping Springs Ranch Park • 1042 Event Center Dr. • Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Dripping Springs Farmers Market

July 9 & 16 • 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
The Dripping Springs Farmer’s Market is held on Wednesdays at Dripping Springs Ranch Park. Visitors can gather and shop for fresh agricultural and related products. For the summer, the

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Jewelry Making: Make a Bird's Nest Necklace!

July 10 • 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
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Free Dance Lessons

July 11 • 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Every Friday, Mercer Dance Hall opens 5-11 pm with free dance lessons with John Luper and 2Z. Mercer Dance Hall • 23490 Ranch Road 12 • Driftwood, Texas 78619

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July 12 • 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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Council Chambers. However, a remodel has many meetings at Ranch Park or Dripping Springs ISD Center for Learning & Leadership. See cityofdrippingsprings.com for more information.

DSRP Board of Directors Regular Meeting

July 9 • 11 a.m.

TIRZ No. 1 & No. 2 Board Regular Meeting

July 14 • 4 p.m.

Founders Day Committee Special Meeting

July 14 • 6:30 p.m.

Board of Adjustment Special Meeting / City Council Regular Meeting

July 15 • 6 p.m.

Hays County Commissioners Court Regular Meeting

July 8 • 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.

