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Bat Watch

Aug 1 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Join the Hays County Master Naturalists on the first ever Batch Watch at Dripping Springs Ranch Park! This is a free event. Attendees will meet in the parking lot near the ranch house. It is suggested to bring binoculars, a chair, drinks and a notepad. Bats generally emerge in small groupings. Note: The Bat House was recently installed and may not yet have residents. Dripping Springs Ranch Park 1042 Event Center Dr. Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Bell Springs Winery & Brewery:

15 Year Anniversary Party

Aug 2 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Join Bell Springs Winery & Brewery for an all-day party to celebrate their 15th anniversary. They will have two water slides (one for littles and one for older kids), live music, food specials, and more. Bell Springs Winery 3700 Bell Springs Rd. Dripping Springs, TX 78620

From the Hills

Aug 2 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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Inspirational Quote of the Day

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WHAT YOU WANT;

HAPPINESS IS WANT-

ING WHAT YOU GET.

- INGRID BERGMAN



Volunteers extend relief to flood-stricken areas

Teresa Kendrick

Wimberley View

This article is the first in a series that covers flood relief efforts in the greater Dripping Springs area. Look for the next article in our Aug. 7 issue.

Wimberley's Debbie Adams is the organizer

behind a collection and redistribution effort in Hays County for hardhit Highland Lakes, Sandy Creek and San Saba areas.

With Jane Philips, who is handling monetary donations, the two women, with dedicated volunteers, have turned

the Hays County Republican Party Welcome Center into a meaningful conduit for recovery efforts.

Adams looked remarkably relaxed for a person pivoting between donors, drivers, volunteers in Kyle and

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Donations have poured into the Hays County Republican Party Welcome Center in Kyle to help flood relief efforts in Burnet, Travis and San Saba Counties.

PHOTOS BY CRIS PETERSON



Juan Parra of LX Service sits with his 1951 Rolls-Royce Silver Wraith.

PHOTOS BY LAURIE ANDERSON

RIDE AND SHINE

Car enthusiasts attend local morning meetup

Laurie Anderson

Editor

Coffee with Cars held its regular monthly event in Dripping Springs on Sunday, July 27, at Moxie. The event was well attended, with people from all around the greater Austin area showing up to participate.

The free show is held on the last Sunday of each month, and it gives car enthusiasts a chance to show off their rides and talk to others who share their interests. At Sunday's event, Mexcita food truck was on site, and Snowie was there with shaved ice as well as other treats and drinks.

Juan Parra, who owns LX Service in Dripping Springs, drove up in one of his Rolls-Royces. It's part of his fleet for his limo service, which rents classic cars for wedding and special events as well as providing more traditional private chauffeur service and airport service.

"This is the Silver Wraith, a 1951 Rolls, Hooper body. In the day, it was the more luxurious type of body of the Silver Wraith," Parra said. "It has a straight six engine. I found this car in Florida in a hangar. The car was sitting there like for 20 years. I had to do all the overhaul of the car. I still haven't finished yet,



Mike Santos shows off his 1957 Thunderbird, which has been in his family since the 70s.

but it's pretty close."

He said he's been working on the car nonstop, every day, for almost a year. He's restored the interior, exterior, and engine.

"Everything you find in this car, it's like magic," Parra said. "I don't know, it has a lot of history and all that. I love everything on the car."

He also has several other classic cars, including a 1969 Super Shadow Rolls-Royce, a 1936 Rolls-Royce Phantom and a 1952 Bentley Mark .

"I moved here to the States almost four years ago, and since then I started to collect cars," Parra said. "My passion is to restore vehicles. That's what I do, that's my hobby."

Mike Santos of Kyle was also at the show. He brought his 1957 Thunderbird.

"It's been in the fam-

ily since 1974. My mom got it. She drove it for quite a while, and then it stopped running and stayed in the garage for several years," Santos said. "I came out in 2013 to California to drive it back here. I worked on it every weekend for about three years."

His wife picked the color, which is Star Mist Blue, and is one of the original colors the Thunderbird was available in.

"I had the engine rebuilt, the transmission. Everything's pretty much new," Santos said. "And now I just drive it to shows like this."

He said besides the family history, he likes that it's just a nice running little car.

"It rides smooth. It's got good power. It's great on a sunny day," Santos said. "I like to

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Ghost Note Brewing is one of the participating venues.

PHOTO BY LAURIE ANDERSON

Brewery passport returns

Laurie Anderson

Editor

The Dripping Springs Brewery Passport is back from Aug. 1-17, and this year, it's going baseball mode.

Area visitors and residents are invited to check out participating local breweries and collect a stamp at each stop during the Bases and Brews event. Those who visit four or more breweries and collect all four stamps score a "homerun," and will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win prizes.

It's free to partici-

pate in the event, and doesn't require tickets or an app. Players can pick up a passport at any of the participating breweries to get started. They include:

- 12 Fox Beer

Acopon Brewing

Bell Springs Brewing

Fitzhugh Brewing

Ghost Note Brewing

Jester King Brewery

Suds Monkey

Twisted X Brewing

Vista Brewing

This is a chance to support local makers, explore scenic beer gardens, and taste

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Hays County Health Department to host annual back-to-school fair

Staff Reports

The Hays County Health Department (HCHD) will host its 3rd Annual Back-To-School Fair on Aug. 2 at the Election Center, located at 120 Stagecoach Trail, San Marcos. The event will offer free resources, activities and food for the community.

The fair will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will offer vaccinations for eligible children, backpacks filled with school supplies, food, paletas, haircuts, booster seats, games and activities. Various community organizations will provide games and resources at their tables. Hays County Pct. 2 Commissioner Dr. Michelle Cohen will be handing out ice cream. Hot dogs and

chips offered by the San Marcos Police Department will also be available to fair visitors.

The annual fair is held to promote immunizations for the upcoming school year and to create community resiliency.

"This fair is an amazing opportunity for local government and organizations to come together to offer members of our community resources, whether that is vaccines, backpacks, diapers, vision or hearing screenings, or other resources and services that they otherwise may not have received," said Matthew Gonzales, Director of the Health Department.

The fair has seen significant growth in attendance, resources,

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Capital Highlights

Kerr County death toll now at 108; two still missing



Gary Borders
Texas Press Association

The number of people still missing in the July 4 Kerr County flood dropped to two after another body was recovered last week, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

The two still missing are a child and an adult who were at Camp Mystic, where at least 27 campers and counselors died.

The death toll in Kerr County now totals 108. Statewide, the death toll has reached at least 136. Gov. Greg Abbott has ordered disaster declarations for 30 Texas counties, making them eligible for both state and federal assistance.

“Texas remains relentless in our efforts to help impacted Texans and communities rebuild,” Abbott said.

The counties included in Abbott’s state-level declaration include Bandera, Bexar, Burnet, Caldwell, Coke, Comal, Concho, Edwards, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Hamilton, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Lampasas, Llano, Mason, Maverick, McCulloch, Menard, Real, Reeves, San Saba, Schleicher, Sutton, Tom Green, Travis, Uvalde and

Williamson.

Lawmakers blast river authority for not upgrading

Lawmakers from both parties ripped into Kerr County’s river authority for choosing to cut property taxes rather than modernizing a flood warning system, the Statesman reported. The hearing last week before 18 Texas Senate and House members came during the first week of the special session.

Tara Bushnoe, general manager of the Upper Guadalupe River Authority, testified before the panel. State Sen. Charles Schwertner, R-Georgetown, called the decision “extremely disturbing.”

A report published last week by the Houston Chronicle found the river authority was only willing to spend about \$100,000 to upgrade its flood warning system after a 2016 engineering study found a \$1 million overhaul was needed. The authority also turned down an interest-free loan from the Texas Water Development Board spanning 30 years for the upgrade.

“You had the resources to deploy this system absent any FEMA grant, absent any water development loan, and I guess that’s troubling because you had the money but not the will,” state Rep. Drew Darby, R-San

Angelo, said.

Bushnoe said the authority has funded other critical projects, including gauges used by the National Weather Service to predict floods.

However, she said, “I agree there’s much room for improvement and we are working towards that.”

Move to ban hemp-derived THC gaining traction

Backers of a move to ban synthetic hemp-derived THC hope to build support for the state’s recently expanded medical marijuana program, arguing it is a safer and more effective alternative to the unregulated vapes and gummies sold across the state, The Dallas Morning News reported.

“Cannabis is what has saved the lives of so many veterans in this country, but this unregulated version of cannabis is dangerous,” Sen. Roland Gutierrez, D-San Antonio, said.

A proposal to outlaw most of the consumable products containing THC, the psychoactive compound found in cannabis plants, is gaining speed in the Senate despite a similar measure having been vetoed by Abbott after the regular session. The governor placed regulating hemp products on the special session agenda.

Legislation to impose age limits, along with other regulations, is ex-

pected to be filed soon in the House. Abbott has said he would support such a plan.

Medical marijuana is provided legally through the Texas Compassionate Use Program and has about 116,000 active participants. During the regular session, bills were passed increasing the number of medical marijuana licensees from three to 15 and increasing the number of dispensary and storage sites.

GOP redistricting plans draw ire of Democrats, others

The first hearing of a Republican plan to redraw congressional maps drew plenty of criticism at the House redistricting committee’s first public meeting, The Texas Tribune reported.

“The effort to change these districts at this time has nothing to do with representing people better,” said Rep. Jon Rosenthal, D-Houston, and vice chair of the House committee in charge of redistricting. “It’s the opposite of that. It’s a power grab at the expense of Black and brown communities.”

The attempt to redraw the congressional map at mid-decade comes at the behest of President Donald Trump in hopes of increasing the GOP’s narrow majority in the U.S. House in the 2026 midterms. The current map, drawn in 2021,

has yielded 25 Republican seats and 13 for Democrats.

No proposed revisions of the current map have been released to date.

Paxton claiming three houses as primary residence

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton and his wife, Angela, are claiming three separate houses as primary residences, allowing them to get lower mortgage interest rates and save on property taxes, the Associated Press reported.

Doing so may be a potential violation of both federal and state laws. Documents reviewed by the AP show the Paxtons hold mortgages on three homes — one in suburban Dallas and two in Austin, with each listed as their primary residence.

The couple is now estranged after Angela Paxton filed for divorce earlier this month. Ken Paxton is running against incumbent U.S. Sen. John Cornyn in the GOP primary next March. Neither responded to multiple requests to comment before the story was published.

Cornyn quickly criticized his opponent, who leads in early polls.

“It’s a violation, in all likelihood, of state and federal law,” Cornyn said last week.

After the story was published, Ken Paxton posted on X that, “John

Cornyn and his establishment Swamp allies pushed this fake news to slander me, and Cornyn even called for the feds to take me down.”

5,000-person detention camp to be built in El Paso

The federal government has awarded a contract to build an immigration detention center at Fort Bliss in El Paso, The News reported. The tent camp would be the largest immigration detention facility in the United States.

Acquisition Logistics, a Virginia-based company, was awarded the \$232 million contract. The facility would be used to house single immigrant adults.

Immigrant advocates say using tents for detention is unlikely to meet federal standards.

“All the reasons why you and I live not in tents but in homes are going to inevitably come up in a facility that doesn’t offer people walls and floors and insulation,” Emma Winger, deputy legal director at the American Immigration Council, said.

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Science Mill hosts Back to School, Teacher Appreciation event Aug. 2

Staff Reports

The Science Mill in Johnson City is kicking off the school year with a fun-filled day of hands-on STEAM activities for kids, parents, and educators on Saturday, Aug. 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

“This is the perfect way to kick off the new school year by treating our incredible educators,” said Science Mill Senior Education Specialist,

Aileen Torres. “We’ve packed the day with hands-on STEAM activities, all designed to spark new ideas that teachers can easily bring back to their classrooms. Plus, with our dedicated Teacher’s Lounge and giveaways, it’s our way of saying thank you to these hardworking professionals before they dive back into the school year, and that we are always here to support their efforts.”

There will be a variety of activities, including:

Rainbow Chemistry - Guests will test household solutions, to see how the pH of each solution affects the color it produces. It’s a simple way to learn about acids, bases, and the science behind chemical reactions.

Roll Call...Ozobots! - A chance to program an Ozobot path and watch it follow the design.

Classroom Catapults -

Using everyday items such as popside sticks and rubber bands, plus a little creativity, guests will build their very own catapult.

Careers in Cardboard - Using only cardboard, future engineers will design and build a project inspired by STEM careers.

Shape Shifters - Guests will dive into the world of tangrams by cutting, coloring, and personalizing their own puzzle pieces—a mix of art and problem-solving.

In addition, award-winning author Kathleen J. Shields will be presenting some of her STEM-themed, educational children’s books.

As a special thank you, educators are invited to a Teachers Lounge where they can enjoy refreshments, swag, and extra appreciation before the new school year begins.

The Science Mill is a 501(c)3 non-profit museum located at 101 South Lady Bird Lane, Johnson City, TX. All activities are included free with general admission. Tickets can be purchased in advance at www.sciencemill.org. The museum’s regular exhibits and gift shop will be open. Onsite cafe, Lady Bird Lane Cafe, is open Wed-Sat, 10:30am - 2:30pm.

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Mythbusting: “I Am Not Creative”

Monika Astara

Has this happened to you? You are looking at other people’s art and feel that sting and longing in your heart to create your own? Then, with a big, quiet sigh, you think: “I wish I could create! I am just not creative.”

That belief is a devastating myth. It has been perpetuated without any actual evidence. It has created so much unnecessary suffering and deprives too many of the natural joy of engaging creatively.

Regardless of what anyone might have said to you, we are all creative. Did you just think: “What??? But I KNOW I am not creative!” But you ARE creative!

WE WERE ALL CREATIVE KIDS

Just go watch kids play. Most likely, you played the same when you were a kid! They freely express themselves in all kinds of creative ways. They dance, sing, smear paints on paper, doodle, color, play with sticks and stones, draw in the sand with their fingers or sticks, jump into puddles and watch the water splash up with awe and delight.

Have you seen how they are “lost” in what they are doing? When they dance and sing, they use their whole body for it. And when they paint and doodle, they become still. You can watch a flow of energy from their heart into their body and their expressions.

You may be protesting: “Well - but that’s not being creative. They are just playing. That’s what kids do.”

EXACTLY! Playing IS being creative.



SO WHAT HAPPENED?

So many of us equate “being creative” with producing stunning RESULTS. We compare ourselves to “artists” who we admire and we’ve put on pedestals.

That is backwards. Being creative is a life force. It is natural. We are born with it. You feel it burning and yearning in your heart when you don’t do anything creative. Or when you admire others for being creative

and you wish you could do that too.

BUT - at some point in your life’s journey you internalized other people’s voices and started believing that you are not creative.

HOW TO REDISCOVER YOUR CREATIVITY

You are in charge of yourself and your creativity. Let it roar with joy!

Take out a pen and paper and start doodling all over it, sing with your voice and

your arms, dance like nobody is watching, squirt paint on paper and smudge it with your hands. Play for the pure joy of it.

THAT is being creative.

Even if you are a seasoned artist, you might have forgotten what it feels like to play - to use ALL of you and create freely from inside the heart and with your whole body. It might just take your art to new heights and give you deep pleasure and satisfaction.



YOU TOO CAN FIND YOUR CREATIVITY

The story of my friend might encourage you to “go for it.”

At one point I argued with Diane, a lawyer friend, who was convinced that she was not creative...for 1.5 hours. Being well versed in arguing, she made some concessions, but it didn’t change her belief.

So we went to my studio. I showed her one of my Fast and Fabulous methods. A few minutes later she painted her stained T-shirt into an art shirt. Voila!

Followed by cutting a bed sheet into a Drama vest. It is my no-seam pattern - a rectangle with 2 holes. Diane squirted some more paint and turned the bed sheet into a stunning art piece to wear.

The permission to “just play” side-stepped Diane’s inner critic and she let loose! Try it for yourself!

Most of us simply need permission to PLAY...to experiment, to be messy, to have fun without the expectation of a fabulous art piece hindering our creative forces.

RESOURCES TO RECONNECT WITH YOUR CREATIVITY

To make it simple and fun for you, I put together some free ways of creating with that child-like awe and “what if...” attitude that sets our creative juices free.

You can make the vest that Diane did with my free pattern and video instructions in the free Joy of Creating with Fabrics course linked below.

You can find different ways to paint a T-shirt, jazz up old clothes into works of art, and make fun, artsy clothes with my freebies.

You ARE creative! This is your permission to let loose and rediscover your creativity! Enjoy the journey!

Happy Art, Clothes and Jewelry website: <https://www.monikaastara.com/>

You can find all these FREE creative ways here: <https://monikaastarastudio.newzenler.com/freebies>

Contact Monika to go shopping or take a class:

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The Dripping Springs Art League offers Clubs, classes, community and more!



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Week of: August 4-9

MONDAY

9:00-10:00
Chair Yoga

1:00-2:00
Qigong

2:30-3:30 CPR
Certification Class

TUESDAY

1-4 Mahjong

3:30-6:30
Dungeons and Dragons

WEDNESDAY

11-12
SUMMER READING
CHALLENGE PAINTING
AND PIZZA PARTY -A
TICKETED EVENT

THURSDAY

10:30-11 Special Baby
Time with guest Dr.
Dalhberg

3-6 Master Gardeners
on the porch

FRIDAY

1-2
“Picture This”:
Poetry Readings with
the Hill Country Poets

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Girl’s Who Code

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PEC lineworkers display their awards from the competition.

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PEC lineworkers win 16 awards at 2025 Texas Lineman’s Rodeo

Staff Reports

Pedernales Electric Cooperative (PEC) lineworkers competed against the best in the state at the Texas Lineman’s Rodeo and Barbecue Cook-off, bringing home first place in the Journeyworker Hurtman Rescue and Doublebell Changeout events and earning 16 total awards. More than 150 lineworkers from utilities across Texas participated in the rodeo that took place July 18-19 at Nolte Island Park near Seguin.

“We’re proud of our teams who competed this year and who work hard every day to provide PEC members the best service possible,” said Troy Whitehead, PEC director of regional operations. “The Texas Lineman’s Rodeo is always a favorite event for our lineworkers and their families to get together, mingle with other cooperatives and utilities, and showcase what they know.”

The competition brings together lineworkers from across the state to highlight their skills in high-voltage linework, while emphasizing safe work practices. The same skills tested in the rodeo are those used out in the field, which helps PEC crews provide enhanced service and reliability.

PEC received the following awards:

Journeyworkers
Hurtman Rescue
First Place: Darren Donhauser, David Hernandez, Michael Thyberg
Third Place: Caleb Brodock, Thomas Logan, Heath Finton
Disconnect and Arrestor Changeout
Third Place:

Zachary McFee, Zackery Gough, Nick Morris
Fifth Place: Darren Donhauser, David Hernandez, Michael Thyberg
Double Bell Changeout
First Place: Crispin Davis, Chris Gerchman, Andy Ridge
Second Place: Caleb Brodock, Thomas Logan, Heath Finton
Cooperative Division
Third Place: Darren Donhauser, David Hernandez, Michael Thyberg
Senior Division
Second Place: Juan Hernandez, Jason Fric, Kris Saladino
Apprentices
Hurtman Rescue
Second Place: Maverick Michael Three Phase Transformer Bank
Second Place: Chayton Boyd
Obstacle Pole
Fifth Place: Collin Dickinson
Overall Apprentice
Fifth Place: Trey Reese
Barbecue Teams
Fourth Place: Chicken: Aaron Alvarez, Marshall Swoda, Chris Wells, Jeremy Abbott
Second Place Ribs: Eric Villanueva, Kyle Saucedo, Grady Vasquez, Preston Ingraham
Fourth Place Ribs: Brandon Womack, David Aguilar, Melvin Burns, Braden Batey
Fourth Place: Gilbert Valdez, Dustin Tabbert, Dylan Haltom, Daniel Palacios
Winners of the Texas Lineman’s Rodeo will advance to the International Lineman’s Rodeo, Oct. 15-18 in Overland Park, KS to take the stage against the best in the world. For additional information, visit tla.org.

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RIDE FROM PG. 1

get up early in the morning, take it for a ride before it starts getting real hot and then head home.”

He also has a Mustang, and he had a couple of Mustangs years ago when they weren’t considered classic cars.

“But this is the first one I actually restored myself,” Santos said.

Chip Biele came out to the show from Round Rock, bringing his 1969 Camaro. He got it five years ago.

“In the early years, me and my brother-in-law were into drag racing and a lot of stuff, so we were always interested in cars,” Biele said.

“Finally, I got to the point where I thought, you know, I want a classic car, so I bought it.”

He said he really likes the first generation Camaros.

“I just like the whole style, the body style, and how it looks,” Biele said. “It’s just so much different than a newer car nowadays, you know.”

He bought it in Des Moines, Iowa, at a place called American Dream Machines.

“When I bought it, it was probably like 85% done, and then I did a lot of stuff to upgrade it more,” Biele said. “I’m to the point where I think I’m done now.”



Chip Biele and his 1969 Camaro attend Coffee with Cars.

PHOTO BY LAURIE ANDERSON

Blady Garcia of Dripping Springs came out to the show as well, with his 1968 Mustang Fastback. “I was looking for this model, and it took about two and a half years to locate this one in Oklahoma,” Garcia said. “The day that I saw it, I left to go look at it, and had the intention to pick

it up after viewing the pictures online.”

He met the owner and made the deal. He hadn’t even taken the time to make any reservations, so he found a place to stay and have dinner, and brought the car home the next day. He had a similar car in high school, which is what makes it special for

him. He was just 15, and his dad picked it out and took him to see it.

“I didn’t know anything about cars at that time,” Garcia said. “So he bought it for me and he fixed it up, and that was my first car to drive in high school. It was a coupe. And I had a passion for Fastbacks after that.”

He’s still in the process of restoring his car.

“I took the motor out that came with the car, and I built a small block Ford 331 Stroker from scratch. I had the machine work done in Chicago, Illinois,” Garcia said. “It took me about ten months

to build it.”

He’s also done the rear end to the car to fit it to the horsepower. Next up, his plans include painting the wheels, getting new tires and finishing the paint job. He said he enjoys coming out to the Coffee with Cars event so he can network with others who have the same interests.

“I like that it’s not a competitive show. It’s just down to earth, sharing information and getting ideas to enhance the classic cars,” Garcia said.

The next Coffee with Cars event for Dripping Springs is set for Aug. 23.

FAIR FROM PG. 1

and services offered over the last two years. “Each year, this fair has grown to provide more education and more resources. It’s a testament to the trust built and

work done between the department and our partners and residents,” Gonzales added.

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dren who meet one or more of these requirements as set out under the Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) program: are uninsured or underinsured, are covered by Medicaid, are American Indian or Native Alaskan, or are enrolled in Children’s mHealth Insurance Program (CHIP) requirements. Parents or legal guardians must

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Providing vaccination opportunities ahead of the school year helps communities by freeing up valuable appointment times at family clinics, urgent care and emergency rooms during the back-to-school rush. “If you are unable to

attend the fair, we offer a mobile clinic that serves underserved areas. You can track the mobile clinic’s schedule on our website,” said Kate Esqueda, Community Outreach Specialist. “We also provide vaccination services during regular clinic hours.” The health department clinic is open Tuesday through Friday, from 8

a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. On the first Monday of the month, the clinic operates from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. While walk-ins are welcome, appointments are preferred. To schedule an appointment, call the Health Department at 512-393-5520. For more details, visit www.hayscountytexas.gov/vaccinations.



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RELIEF FROM PG. 1

at ground zero in the affected areas, and community organizations on the receiving end. Her 14 years as an emergency room nurse, 30 years as a Hill Country camp nurse and President of McDonald charities in Greater Houston prepared her to step up.

“My sister Jennine provided the spark to get the motor running,” Adams said during an interview last week.

A day after the Guadalupe began flooding on July 4, Jennine and her neighbors were on their way to Brookshire to buy supplies for the flood victims.

“We need a place to take supplies,” Jennine texted, and Adams texted back that she could be at the Welcome Center at 10 a.m. At 10:10, donations started coming in.

“The first week was super intense. We were either receiving donations, sending supplies somewhere, sourcing needs, organizing volunteers, making recommendations, or answering posts from people at ground zero,” Adams said.

While relief efforts focused on Kerr County, a first load of supplies from Kyle went to the Highland Lakes area of Marble Falls.

“We put the donations we’d received in a six-horse trailer and delivered it to The Ark of the Highland Lakes and they were ready for us. Volunteers were lined up to unpack the trailer and take whatever was needed to those who were stranded. So many people lost their cars in the floodwaters and they had no way to get anything they needed,” she said. “There was no media there, just volunteers ready to help. It was an uplifting experience.”

Volunteers began coming to the Welcome Center with the aim to help. “One of the most useful things they did was to sort things. At one of the first places we delivered supplies to, the first question we received from wary volunteers was, ‘Is it sorted?’ It was so nice to say, ‘yes,’ it is.”

All day long Debbie would see posts from people who needed help. Burnet needed hay for stranded cattle. Adams, with help from Philips, organized five different trips to get hay and cubes to Burnet. Fences were down in San Saba. Adams reached out and learned that fencing was coming from a donor and earmarked it for San Saba.

Communicating

only by X, she quickly formed a network.

From Sandy Creek, Adams received a text from a volunteer on the ground identified only as “Dash.” With the help of the very responsive Dash, Adams and volunteers were able to send supplies right to the affected area.

As relief efforts from the Welcome Center in Kyle, turned into a week, Adams and her network mobilized donations of heavy equipment, significant manpower, and a 40-foot shipping container to secure donations.

A forty-year resident of Houston, Adams said that Hurricane Harvey “taught us how to respond.”

“The key is to develop a laser focus. When relief started coming in during Harvey, we heard that Beaumont needed help. So we organized a delivery of food and water. Then we heard that animals were stranded in the tiny town of Winnie. It was then that I realized that a small drop of relief could make a big splash in areas not yet registered on the big relief radar screens.”

When asked what is needed next, Adams said that, “Needs are fluid, but right now chain saws are sorely needed.”

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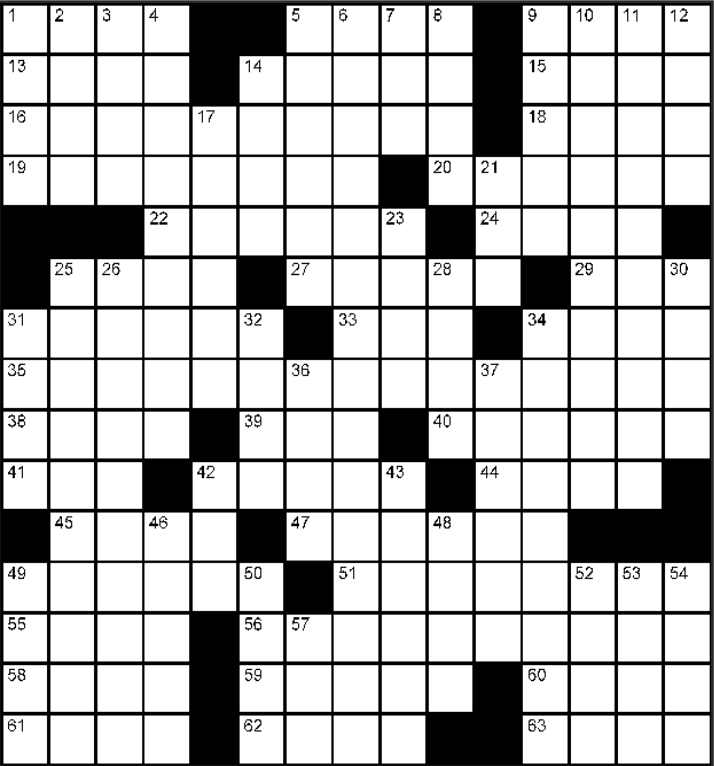
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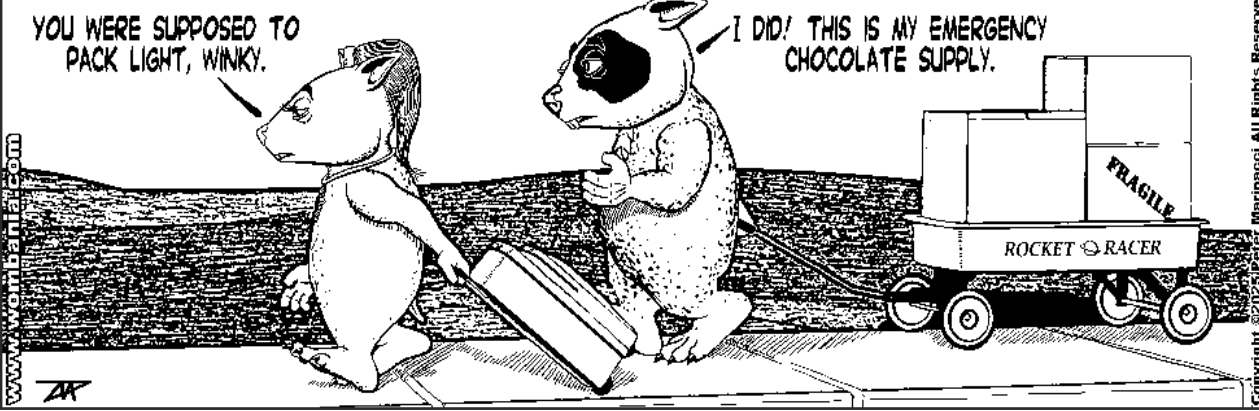
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CALENDAR FROM PG. 1

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Driftwood Community Night
Aug 2 6:30 p.m.
Driftwood Community Night is back! Come out to the Driftwood Community Center for an annual Ice Cream Social and a few rounds of Bingo! Attendees should bring their favorite ice cream and come enjoy a sweet summer evening with friends and neighbors. Driftwood Community Center 15112 W RR 150, Driftwood, TX

Family Dodgeball Night
Aug 5 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Dripping Springs Ranch Park 1042 Event Center Dr. Dripping Springs, TX 78620

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Farmers Market
Aug 6 & Aug 13 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 market will keep its afternoon schedule, but will move inside into the air conditioning. Dripping Springs Ranch Park 1042 Event Center Dr. Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Craft Sale at Engage
Aug 8 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Come shop our stash of papercrafting supplies- including scrapbooking and card-making supplies! Three different craft instructors are combining their forces for this awesome sale-- there will be paper, scrapbook kits, stamps, punches, and dies to shop at deeply discounted prices! Engage: A Creative Retreat 1425 W HWY 290 Dripping Springs, Texas 78620 "Picture This": Poetry Readings with the Hill Country Poets

Aug 8 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Join Nancy Fierstien and others from the Hill Country Poets to share or just listen to participants' poems and other forms of verse! All are welcome and encouraged to share imaginative works on a wide variety of subjects each month geared towards poetry, but songsters and storytellers may find it a good place to share what they are writing too! Dripping Springs Community Library 501 Sportsplex Dr. Dripping Springs, TX 78620

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND EDUCATION
Dripping Springs Community Library
The Dripping Springs Community Library hosts multiple events every week. Events include Toddler Story Time, Homeschool Chess Club, Legos @ the Library, Mah-Jongg, Master Gardeners on the Porch, Yoga and more. For library events, visit dscl.org/event-calendar.

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 options and meeting packets at: cityofdrippingsprings.com. Meetings are traditionally held at City Hall Council Chambers, 511 W. Mercer St., Dripping Springs, TX 78620. See cityofdrippingsprings.com for more information.

City Council Budget Workshop & City Council Regular Meeting
Aug 5 5:30 p.m.

Historic Preservation Commission Regular Meeting
Aug 7 4 p.m.

TIRZ No. 1 & No. 2 Board Regular Meeting
Aug 11 4 p.m.

DSRP Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Aug 13 11 a.m.

City Council Budget Workshop & City Council Regular Meeting

Aug 19 5:30 p.m.
Hays County Commissioners Court Regular Meeting
Aug 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 hayscountytexas.com.

Dripping Springs ISD Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting
Aug 25 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.

Lights Out Dripping Springs starts in August

Staff Reports

All across America, birds will soon be migrating to their winter homes. To help in the fall migration, the City of Dripping Springs is once again launching Lights Out Dripping Springs, asking residents and businesses to turn off exterior lights from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. during the window of Aug. 15 to Nov. 30, and especially during the peak migration months of September and October. During fall migration, millions of birds - from hummingbirds and warblers to sparrows and geese - will migrate across North America, covering hundreds to thousands of miles. And 1 of every 4 will pass

through Texas. Most of these birds make their journey at night. Unfortunately, light emanating from our cities can disorient birds, leaving them confused and vulnerable to threats like collisions with buildings - which is one of the biggest killers of migratory birds. By taking part in Lights Out Dripping Springs and reducing skyglow over Dripping Springs, residents and businesses can help them make it to their destinations safely. Lights Out Dripping Springs is part of Audubon's national initiative. The strategy is simple: by turning off excess lighting during the months migrating birds are flying overhead, communities can help provide them safe passage between their nesting and wintering grounds. Lights Out Dripping Springs is asking residents and businesses to take the pledge and follow some of these guidelines to help from September through November:

- Turn off exterior decorative lighting
- Use light only when and where needed
- Use only as much light as needed
- Aim needed lights down
- Extinguish pot and floodlights
- Minimize blue light emissions
- Use energy efficient

lighting sources and fixtures

- Use timers, dimmers, and motion sensors
- Select warm LED bulbs that are under a 3,000 Kelvin rating
- Draw blinds or curtains to reduce light spill that contributes to sky glow
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