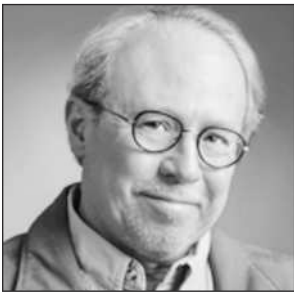


Capital Highlights

Redistricting bill heads to Abbott’s desk



Gary Borders
Texas Press Association

Both the Texas House and Senate have passed a mid-decade redistricting bill that positions the GOP to pick up five additional congressional seats next year. Passage came after House Democrats ended their quorum-breaking walkout while still vowing to pursue legal challenges.

The bill dismantles Democratic strongholds around Houston, Austin and Dallas and increases Republican challenges of also picking up seats in South Texas, The Texas Tribune reported.

In response, California lawmakers seeking to counter Texas’ redistricting move have approved a special election for their voters to consider a new congressional map that would likely add five Democratic seats in California.

“This fight is far from over,” Rep. Gene Wu of Houston, chair of the House Democratic Caucus, said after the map’s passage in that chamber. “Our best shot is in the courts. This part

of the fight is over, but it is merely the first chapter.”

Roy joins crowded race to replace Paxton

U.S. Rep. Chip Roy, a fiscal conservative often critical of President Trump and his fellow Republicans, has entered the race to replace Ken Paxton as Texas attorney general, The Dallas Morning News reported.

“Texas is under assault – from open-border, radical leftists, and faceless foreign corporations that threaten our sovereignty, safety, and our way of life,” Roy wrote. “It’s time to draw a line in the sand.”

Roy, R-Austin, is in his fourth term in Congress. He joins several other Republican candidates, including state Sens. Joan Huffman of Houston and Mayes Middleton of Galveston, as well as Aaron Reitz, a former deputy attorney general under Paxton. Democrats who have announced plans to run include state Sen. Nathan Johnson of Dallas and former Galveston mayor Joe Jaworski, who ran unsuccessfully for the post in 2022.

Paxton has announced plans to challenge incumbent U.S. Sen. John Cornyn in the March 2026 GOP primary.

House passes six bills providing flood

disaster relief

The Texas House passed six bills last week aimed at addressing disaster relief, emergency communications systems and preparedness. The bills are in response to the catastrophic Hill Country floods over the July 4th weekend. At least 137 people were killed, primarily in Kerr County, including 27 children and staffers from Camp Mystic on the banks of the Guadalupe River.

The News reported the measures include a requirement that youth camps develop emergency management plans and submit them to the state. Legislation also calls for establishing the Texas Interoperability Council, which would create structure and grant programs for multiple agencies to communicate and coordinate on single disasters. That would include hurricanes and mass shootings.

One of the bill’s sponsors, state Rep. Drew Darby, R-San Angelo, spoke surrounded by a bipartisan group of lawmakers.

“When I speak on this bill, for this bill, I hope I’m not just speaking for myself, but for the lost children, the grieving families who have called us, met with us and shared their heart-break and grief with

us,” Darby said.

Former speaker Dade Phelan won’t seek reelection

Former Texas House Speaker Dade Phelan, R-Beaumont, announced he would not seek reelection following a failed intra-party attempt to defeat him in the 2024 election and his subsequent stepping down as speaker. The Houston Chronicle reported Phelan served his district since 2015 and assumed the speakership in 2021.

In a statement, Phelan wrote on Facebook that “leading the House required tough choices, but I sought to chart a course inspired by the values we share in Southeast Texas. Looking ahead I will seek God’s path in mapping out my next chapter.”

Both Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and Paxton backed Phelan’s primary opponent in 2024, following Paxton’s impeachment in the House while Phelan was speaker. Paxton was acquitted in the Senate. His successor as speaker, state Rep. Dustin Burrows, R-Lubbock, praised him.

“Dade is more than a colleague — He is a treasure to Southeast Texas, to the Texas House, and to the great Lone Star State,” Burrows said on social media.

Judge blocks law re-

quiring Commandments in classrooms

A San Antonio federal judge has temporarily blocked a Texas law that would require public schools to post the Ten Commandments in every classroom, the Chronicle reported. The suit was filed by a group of families who claimed the posting would potentially harm their children’s religious development.

“Ultimately, in matters of conscience, faith, beliefs and the soul, most people are Garbo-esque,” U.S. District Judge Fred Biery wrote, referencing a line from actress Greta Garbo in a 1932 movie. “They just want to be left alone, neither proselytized nor ostracized, including what occurs to their children in government-run schools.”

Paxton, whose office represented most of the school districts named in the suit, said he planned to appeal the ruling.

“The Ten Commandments are a cornerstone of our moral and legal heritage, and their presence in classrooms serves as a reminder of the values that guide responsible citizenship,” Paxton said in a statement.

Audit finds problems with winterizing energy grid

A new report from the State Auditor’s

Office concludes that state oil and gas inspectors are not doing their job to adequately verify that Texas natural gas producers and their delivery systems can hold up under severe winter storms, according to the Texas Standard.

Since Winter Storm Uri in 2021 left much of the state’s power grid paralyzed, the Railroad Commission has been tasked by law with ensuring all parts of the gas supply chain to power plants can operate adequately in severe winter weather. However, the audit concluded that current rules allow gas companies to decide for themselves what is considered adequate winterization. Of 8,732 inspections conducted by the RRC in 2024 and 2025 winter seasons, only two violations were issued.

“The Commission stated that it relies on facility operators to determine which weatherization measures are needed and whether those measures are sufficient for that facility,” auditors found. “It did not compare facilities’ actual weatherization methods to the Commission’s best practices.”

The commission contends the low number of violations reflects the “successful implementation” of the legislation passed after Uri.

ART FROM PG. 1

with DSAL’s anniversary - the group was founded two years ago on Aug. 21. Many of the featured artists for this first exhibition were in attendance, and each spent a few minutes introducing

their art.

Sandi Sabel, who said she has been doing art since she was 15, was selected for her painting of an amaryllis.

“It’s a symbol of love, sincerity, and in

some cultures, it’s a very sacred flower,” Sabel said. “It’s that deep, deep red and it just looks like velvet. Thus the name Red Velvet. It’s watercolor, and the depth I get out of that I’m very pleased and proud of.”

Though Sabel lives in Kyle, she said she found her place in the Dripping Springs Art League.

“I looked in San Antonio, I looked in San Marcos, in Buda,” Sabel said. “I found Dripping Springs and it just clicked. It was like, I’m home. They do so much and they help to broaden your horizons. And I just fell in love with it, and that’s why I am here.”

Another artist exhibiting in the show is Hanlu Li, who became a DSAL member just a few months ago. She has two pieces in the show. One is a realistic painting of her Westie, and the other is of lilies.

“It’s more like my learning piece to do the impressionist style rather than realistic style,” she said. “I was just more freely painting it rather than trying to capture the exact shape, and it turned out to be lovely.”

Li said she doesn’t have a background in art, and the DSAL members have been very helpful from the beginning, when she showed up to a meeting and didn’t know anyone.

“As a new member, but also somebody new to the art world, it’s just so welcoming and so informative,” Li said. “I feel like it’s creating the artist vibe in Dripping Springs, like an artist community.”

After the artist introductions, DSAL President Steve Friedman talked about upcoming events for DSAL, including the Songwriters Festival,



Artists mingle in the new “Gallery Room.”

PHOTO BY LAURIE ANDERSON



Sandi Sabel shows her painting, “Red Velvet.”

where they will have a large tent.

“It’s our second year to be at Songwriters,” Friedman said. “It’s such an exciting atmosphere and a great opportunity to pair art and music together.”

He said DSAL will have artists doing live paintings in front of some of the stages again this year.

“We had several last

year and we have more this year,” Friedman said. “It’s really exciting, obviously, and the crowd just loves it. They’re mesmerized.”

DSAL is also working with the City of Dripping Springs on the next batch of “stars” that will be installed around the city. Eight artists were selected to create a star, and those will be unveiled in October.

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ART BEAT

Presented by the Dripping Springs Art League

Find Your Tribe Through Art!

Steve Friedman

Nearly four years ago my wife, Jennifer, and I moved from Houston to Dripping Springs. We knew no one. As new empty nesters without kids to connect us to new friends, it was a bit daunting. We leaned on our creative passions and Jennifer started an Art Club in Belterra. Suddenly she met her “tribe” and we began to meet neighbors with a common bond.

Fast forward a couple of years and the Dripping Springs Art League had our initial community meeting to gauge interest for a local art group. Amazingly, we had 55 people respond to social media invites. Some wanted to sharpen their skills, some wanted to learn new media, others wanted to have opportunities to sell their art. But ALL wanted to find their community-people with similar interests to share, create, and socialize with in Dripping.

On such a wave of energy, the Art League formed with the 3-pronged mission of Art | Community | Connection. We quickly began to schedule workshops, socials, and exhibits followed in 2024 with Clubs and markets.

Today, the DSAL offering continues to grow but our foundation remains Community!

COFFEES, COCKTAILS, and CREATE & CONNECTS

Every month we have Member Socials (sometimes 9am coffees, other months 6pm cocktails) along with Create & Connect workshops. All provide an opportunity to meet existing and new members. Everyone can share a bit of their journey and a sampling of their artwork. It's so invigorating to see connections made and blossom over the years!

Everyone is welcome to join any of our monthly socials at artindripping.com.

CLUB HUB ACTIVITIES

In 2024 we began forming Clubs. Our Clubs are member-driven gatherings of nearly every art media conceivable. Each club decides on their meeting frequency, time, and place as well as what they want to do. Sometimes they meet for wine, other times to create together, and some take trips to galleries, stores, or workshops. In 2025, we are fortunate to fund these clubs through the generous donations of members and sponsors. These funds pro-



vide “starter kits” so people who want to check out oil painting, for instance, don't have to invest in all the tools but can explore their interest at the Club and decide if they want to delve further. We also fund some of our day trips and workshop teachers so the experience is broad and affordable to everyone.

Learn more or sign up to join any of our upcoming Clubs at artindripping.com/member-clubs/.

VOLUNTEERING

The third way to



Create & Connect paint project

meet your tribe is through volunteering. The DSAL is 100% volunteer driven. We have opportunities from one hour to leadership team roles. Whether you want to help out from your

home or amongst the art community, we have opportunities for you.

Our volunteers are the heart of the DSAL. To see so many come together to present receptions, workshops,

Clubs, our Art Lounge at Songwriters Festival, and our annual Night to Inspire gala is so heartwarming.

To learn more about opportunities, complete our website form

or simply email Jennifer, our Membership Chair, at dsartleague.jennifer@gmail.com. We'd love to have coffee and find the right fit for you!



DayTrippers Club at Umlauf Sculpture Garden.

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Member social cocktail - artists sharing their works.



Oil Club gathering at the DS Community Library.



Member Social - artists enjoying a snack, some wine, and friendship.

CLUB	DATE
Acrylics	9/20
Ceramics	9/8
Day Trippers	9/30
Digital	9/18
Fiber	9/13
Glass	9/9
Jewelry	9/26
Metal & Sculpture	9/23
Mixed Media	9/10
Oils	9/23
Photography	8/28, 9/25
Watercolor	9/10
Woo Woo	9/17
Others scheduling: Murals, Collaborative Critique, Plein Air, Veterans, Woodworking, Film, Collage, & Drawing	



Woo Woo Club made River Rocks.



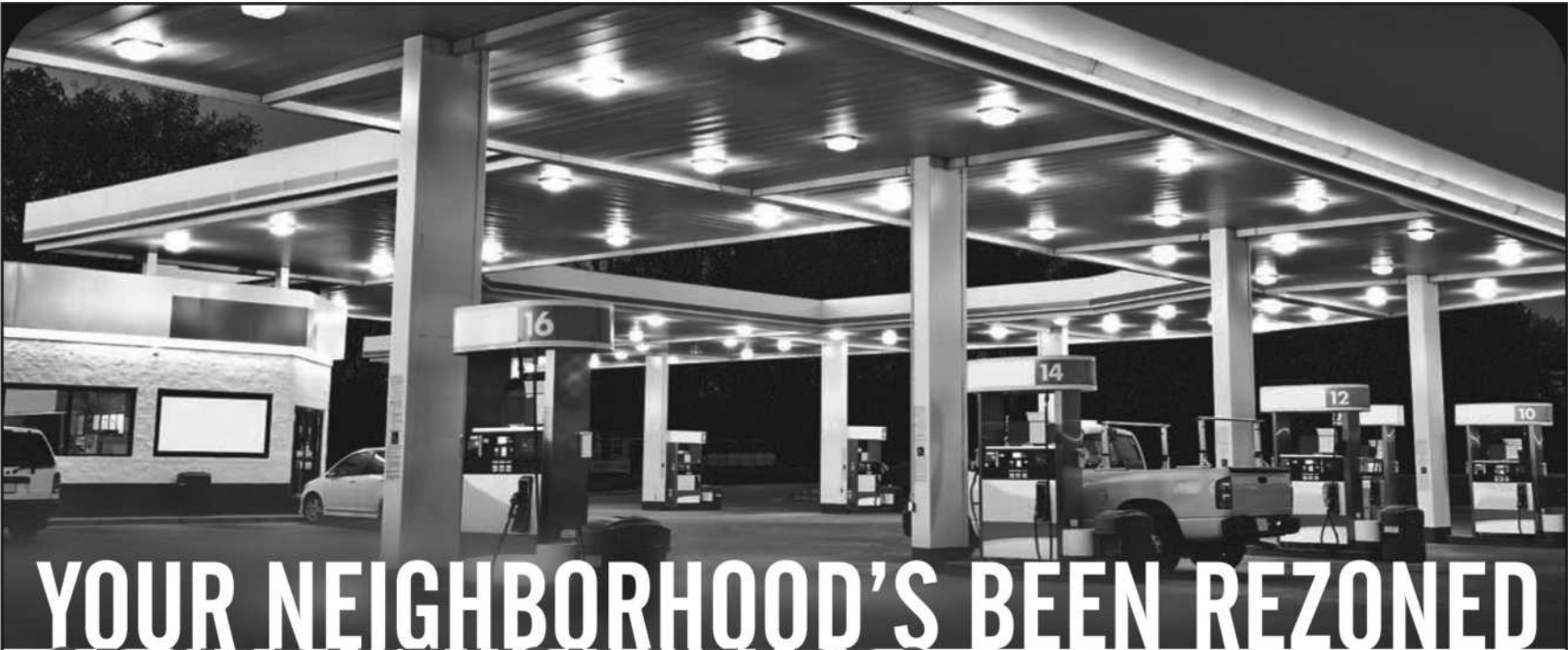
Veterans Club meeting at Patriots Hall.

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Week of: Sept 1st-6th

MONDAY

CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

TUESDAY

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

1-4 Mahjong

4:30-6:30
Dungeons and Dragons

5:00-6:00
STEM Lab with Mr. L

WEDNESDAY

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

5:00-6:00
Beginning Ukulele for Kids

4:30-6:00
Dungeons and Dragons
Elementary

THURSDAY

10:30-11 Baby Time

2:00-3:00
CPR Certification

3-6 Master Gardeners
on the porch

4:45-5:45 Bilingual
Book Club

FRIDAY

8-9 Morning YOGA on
the porch

1-4
Mahjong for Beginners
and Intermediate

4:30
Teen Scene Book Club:
Wizard of Oz

SATURDAY

10:30-12:00
Teddy Bear Clinic!

Former Travis County teacher sentenced for child sex abuse, child pornography

Staff Reports

The office of Hays County Criminal District Attorney Kelly Higgins announced on Aug. 7 that 54-year-old Kevin Abeyta, formerly of Austin, Texas, was convicted and sentenced this week by a jury of continuous sexual abuse of a child, six counts of possession of child pornography with intent to promote and 13 counts of possession of child pornography. Hays County District Judge Sherri Tibbe stacked the sentences handed down by the jury, and Abeyta must now serve 71 years in prison.

In February of 2021, the Hays County Sheriff's Office began investigating Abeyta, a former art teacher at Campbell Elementary

School, after an outcry of child sexual abuse. The minor child who outcried was not a student. Cpl. Chase Crow and Sgt. Mike Andrews traveled to Atlanta, Georgia, where Abeyta was then living and teaching as an elementary school art teacher.

Several days after Abeyta was interviewed by law enforcement, he gave several hard drives to a friend who subsequently found child sexual abuse material on them. The friend notified authorities, and the hard drives were collected and investigated by Detective Nelson Wray. More than a thousand media files were identified as child sexual abuse material, some including images and videos of the child victim.

Abeyta had also been secretly filming at least one young child under her desk at school.

Assistant District Attorneys Katie Arnold and Elizabeth Schmidt prosecuted this case.

"We'd like to thank the investigators at Hays County Sheriff's Office, the witnesses who testified in this case, Abeyta's acquaintance for notifying the police about the incriminating evidence he found and the brave survivor who stood up to her offender," said Arnold. "Without the bravery of each witness, this man might still be in a classroom putting young children at risk."

Abeyta is not eligible for parole on the first count of continuous sexual abuse.

COUNTY FROM PG. 1

The open-house style meeting will allow attendees to speak with County Commissioners and the transportation team, learn about proposed projects, ask questions, and provide feedback. Public meeting materials and project information will be available online at HaysCoRoads.com starting at 5 p.m. on Aug. 27.

Program Background
In November 2024,

Hays County voters approved the 2024 Road Bond package. In June 2025, a Travis County district judge ruled that the road bond package was void claiming non-compliance with a public notice requirement. The County is currently appealing this ruling while working to keep these projects moving forward.

To uphold the voter's decision to move these projects forward, the

Commissioners Court unanimously voted in a July Commissioners Court meeting to move forward with the issuance of Certificates of Obligation (CO). The COs would fund planning and design for all projects originally included in the bond, with the exception of the SH 45 Extension project, which is not funded. Additionally, it would allow construction for 8 of the 14 projects originally included in the bond.

MainDesign Print Co. hosts Grand Opening

Staff Reports

MainDesign Print Co. has officially opened its doors in Dripping Springs, offering full service printing and design to support the creative and business needs of the local community. The ribbon cutting ceremony, held in partnership with the Dripping Springs Chamber of Commerce, was held on July 25.

This local print shop is owned by Misti McMain, who said her business is about creating a reliable, high-quality resource for individuals and businesses looking for professional printing, custom apparel, signage, promotional products, and more.

"Whether you're launching a brand, outfitting your team, promoting an event, or just need a quick poster or business card run, MainDesign Print Co. is here to help bring your ideas to life," McMain said. "As the



Owner Misti McMain cuts the ribbon for the grand opening.

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sole owner and operator of MainDesign Print Co., I'm proud to offer personal service, creative passion, and close attention to detail on every project. I run a lean shop but bring in trusted collaborators when needed to ensure every order — large or small — is handled professionally and delivered on time."

MainDesign Print Co. is located at 101 Hays St., Suite 408, Dripping Springs, Texas 78620. They are open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6

p.m., and walk-ins are welcome. They can be reached at 512-829-4342, or by email at print@main-design.info or main-design-printco@gmail.com. The website is online at www.maindesign-printco.com.

"I'm grateful to the Dripping Springs Chamber and the community for the warm welcome, and I look forward to serving as your trusted local print partner for years to come," McMain said.

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Water District

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Hays County Water Control & Improvement District No. 1 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2025 on Thursday, September 11, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. at the Belterra Centre, 151 Trinity Hills Drive, Austin, Texas. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

FOR the proposal: Bill Dally, Paul Kelly, Daniel B. Robison, Rick Lucas and Walter Almon

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
	Adopted	Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	0.6849 /\$100	0.6349 /\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$ -0.05 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		-7.30 %
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 596,779	\$ 675,460
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 83,549	\$ 108,074
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 513,230	\$ 567,386
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 3,515.11	\$ 3,602.33
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	\$ +87.22	
and percentage of increase (+/-)	+2.48 %	

If the proposed combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate requires or authorizes an election to approve or reduce the tax rate the Hays County Municipal Utility District No. 1 proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of operations and payment of debt service obligations.

If the district is a district described by Section 49.23602:

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 3.5 percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23602, Water Code. An election is not required if the adopted tax rate is less than or equal to the voter-approval tax rate.

The 88th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The Property Tax Assistance Division at the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts provides property tax information and resources for taxpayers' local taxing entities, appraisal districts and appraisal review boards.

For more information, visit our website: comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax

pet of the week



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5 years
Hound Mix

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Themeless Sunday 147 by Adrian Johnson

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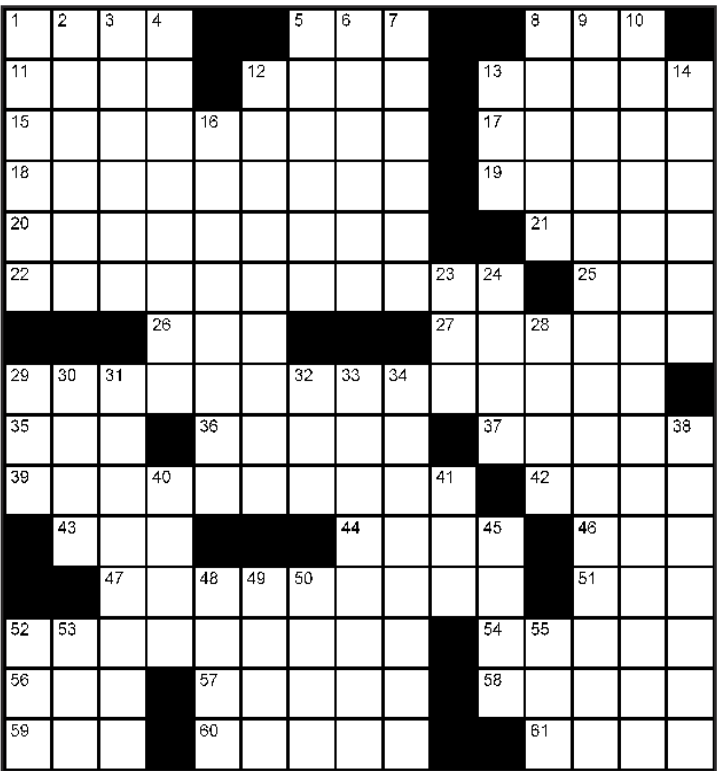
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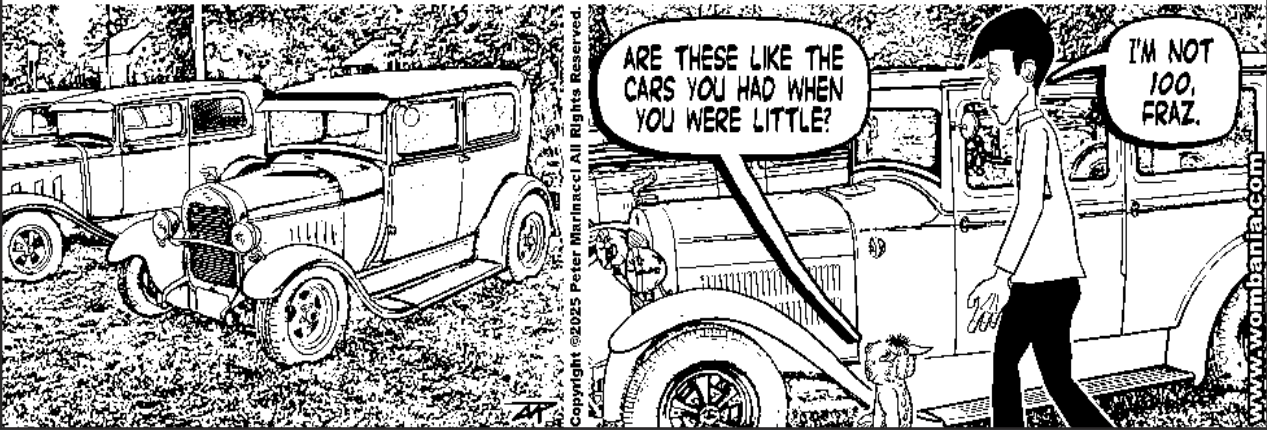
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31 Like some poor team players
32 Rebellion leader Turner
33 Figure on some Ph.D. applications
34 Chewed on persistently
38 Declares
40 Grps. such as Amnesty International and Anera
41 Actor Penn
45 Radiance
48 Trickster god who was bound to a rock as punishment
49 Experiences the passage of time
50 Make muddy
52 Midday refresher
53 Brazilian greeting
55 Fitting rhyme for “grab”



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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

14th Anniversary - Hill Country Ramblers
Sept 3 • 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
The Hill Country Ramblers will be celebrating their 14th anniversary of free live music in Dripping Springs. Dos Olivos Market • 12680 US-290 • Austin, TX

Family Nerf Night
Sept 5 • 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
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epic fun at the Family Nerf Night! Come out for an hour of action-packed battles and friendly competition. Bring your best Nerf gear and show off your skills! An adult must remain present with children under the age of 16 for the duration of the event. Cost: Online \$8/person (Same day tickets will be \$10). Register at www.dripping-springs-ranchpark.com. Dripping Springs Ranch Park • 1042 Event Center Dr. • Dripping Springs, TX 77860

Rotary Rodeo
Sept 6 • 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Support the scholarship fund for Dripping Springs High School students. Vendors, silent auction, barrel races for adults and kids, chair massages, free art

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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: cityofdripping-springs.com. Meetings are traditionally held at City Hall Council Chambers, 511 W. Mercer St., Dripping Springs, TX 78620. See cityofdripping-springs.com for more information.

Farmers Market Committee Special Meeting
Aug 28 • 10 a.m.

TIRZ No. 1 & No. 2 Board Special Meeting
Sept 2 • 4 p.m.

City Council Special Meeting & Board of Adjustment Meeting
Sept 2 • 5:30 p.m.

Historic Preservation Commission Regular Meeting
Sept 4 • 4 p.m.

DSRP Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Sept 10 • 11 a.m.

City Council Special Meeting
Sept 16 • 5:30 p.m.

Hays County Commissioners Court Regular Meeting
Sept 2 • 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
Sept 22 • 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.

Rio Bank celebrates ribbon cutting in Dripping Springs

Staff Reports

Rio Bank proudly celebrated its official ribbon cutting in Dripping Springs, marking the successful acquisition and transition from Lone Star Capital Bank. While the name on the building has changed, the heart of the branch remains the same — the same friendly, local faces the community has come to know and trust are still here to serve.

With deep roots in Texas and a commitment to personalized banking, Rio Bank

looks forward to continuing the tradition of exceptional service that Dripping Springs customers have always enjoyed. From personal and business banking to lending and financial services, Rio Bank is dedicated to helping the community thrive.

“We’re excited to be part of Dripping Springs and to continue building relationships here,” said Hill Country Regional Commercial Lending Executive, Jason Hendrix. “Our customers can expect the same level of service and personal connec-

tion they’ve always received — just now with the expanded resources and capabilities that come with joining the Rio Bank family.”

The ribbon cutting event, hosted in partnership with the Dripping Springs Chamber of Commerce, brought together community members, business leaders, and longtime customers to celebrate this new chapter.

For more information about Rio Bank and its services, visit www.rio.bank.



Photo by Laurie Anderson

Team tennis underway at Dripping Springs HS

Carl Waits
Sports Reporter

The Dripping Springs team tennis season has begun. Like most outdoor sports, the weather dictates the schedule. The Tigers had a big match with Lake Travis that was postponed due to wet weather. They were able to get in their scheduled match with Hays Johnson. In team tennis there are 19 scheduled matches between singles, doubles and mixed doubles. The first team to get 10 victories is declared the winner and the competition is over. In prac-

tice games before district, it is not unusual to have many more games so the players get a chance to show their skills in competition and all matches are completed. With Johnson, the Tigers dominated 14-5. Here are the individual results:

Boys Doubles: Isaiah Jackson/Arjun Lyer 8-7(7-2); Gray Pickens/Sebastian Zenioun 8-6; Gram Bendall/Steven Allen 6-8; Landon Kyle/Chase Solberg 8-5.

Girls Doubles: Addison Clark/Vivian

Kelly 8-5; Maggie Menard/Isadora Bernhard 8-2; Olivia Eggleston/Kate Solin 8-6; Maddie Johnson/Campbell Owenson 8-3; Mixed Doubles: Dayton Daniel/Kelsey Lamberth 8-3; Jonah Manikam/Sophia Nelson 6-8.

Boys Singles: Jackson 2-8; Lyer 8-6; Pickens 8-4; Daniel 8-5; Zenioun 8-6; Allen 8-7(7-3); Bendall 8-5; Kyle 8-6; Solberg 6-8.

Girls Singles: Clark 4-8; Menard 8-6; Kelly 8-6; Solin 5-8; Johnson 8-3; Owenson 6-8; Eggleston 8-0.

Volleyball team has rough outing in Pearland tournament

Carl Waits
Sports Reporter

The Dripping Springs volleyball team made their annual trek to Pearland to play in that strong tourney. While waiting on their top player to return, they were able to compete very well but came out with a 3-4 record. Since they changed the scoring rule to where someone scores each time the ball is served instead of only the server, the scores are

usually very close against really good teams and many games are won by the minimum of two points. The Lady Tigers evened their record for the week to 4-4 when they took down SA Reagan in a regularly scheduled game.

Week’s results: SA Reagan (26-24, 21-25, 23-25, 17-25); Tourney: Houston Kinkaid (25-13, 25-17); Montgomery (25-18, 28-26); FW Eagle

Mountain (25-16, 27-29, 21-25); SA Harland (22-25, 28-26, 22-25); Prosper (15-25, 25-23, 20-25); Manvel (25-27, 25-23, 25-23); Klein Oak (23-25, 22-25).

The Lady Tigers will be finishing up their tournament season this weekend when they venture over to Leander Rouse to participate in the Volleypalooza.

Cross country competes at Vista Ridge Invitational

Carl Waits
Sports Reporter

The Dripping Springs cross country teams got their baptism under fire when they competed in the Vista Ridge Invitational last weekend. There were around 24 teams competing and Dripping Springs finished tenth in each division. Here are the results:

Varsity boys: 7. Wes Anderson 16.16; 45. Steven Allen 17.45; 57. Grayson Hill 18.03; 99. Cooper Payne 18.51; 104. Bryce Chomko 19.00; 112. Cole

Schumacher 19.06; 113. Philip Rhode 19.07; 132. Alex Hipolito 19.30; 162. Luke Hanko 20.06.

Varsity girls: 19. Callie Schumacher 20.45; 53. Mia Thomason 21.53; 59. Yuralie Galarrago 22.01; 67. Reece Langlie 22.21; 77. Morgan Riley 22.34; 84. Townes Fougerat 22.44; 92. Luci Gomez 22.53; 103. Ella Castillo 23.03; 132. Luciana Universal 24.08.

JV boys: 50. Christopher Higdon 20.32; 63. Max Gillespie 20.39; 66.

Jacob Henderson 20.44; 90. Cohen Baumeister 21.23; 108. Michael Mata 21.42; 111. Austin Hungerford 21.42.

JV/B girls: 10. Wesley Stockton (B) 22.45; 32. Gracelyn Prehar 24.25; 45. Kylin Norton 24.54; 56. Elise Zachrison 25.17; 60. Katie Svoboda (B) 25.19; 68. Vivian Wahlers (B) 25.25; 73. Brela Karshens 25.43; 96. Heather Shoumaker 26.35; 102. Emme Justice (B) 26.49; 113. Bella Rose 27.06; 154. Ariana Kelley (B) 29.16; 159.

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