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Community Calendar

3rd Annual Dia De Los Muertos Community Ofrenda
Oct 14 - Nov 4
Help us create a beautiful community ofrenda at Ranch Park! Bring your cherished photos, marigolds, flameless candles, and monarch butterfly decor to honor those we've lost. We welcome all to take part in this meaningful tradition. Let's fill this space with love and memories!
Dripping Springs Ranch Park • 1042 Event Center Dr • Dripping Springs, TX 78620

INVASION Haunted House and Hayride
Oct 24 & 25 • 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
The year is 2030, and two alien species are in a war for control of the Earth, while the few remaining humans try to mount a resistance! Proceeds from this haunted house and hayride are going to Burke Center for Youth. Visit <https://hellcountry-haunt.com> for tickets.
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2025 DSRP Family Fall Fest & Children's Entrepreneur Market
Oct 26 • 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
This festival will feature a unique hop-on-hop-off hayride that takes attendees to craft and activity stations around the 120-acre Dripping Springs Ranch Park. This go-at-your-own-pace event is friendly for all ages. Tickets are \$5,
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THANK YOU VETERANS FOR YOUR SERVICE

Inspirational Quote of the Day

ONCE YOU FACE YOUR FEAR, NOTHING IS EVER AS HARD AS YOU THINK
- OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN



Construction on historic Stephenson Building begins

In early October, the Dripping Springs City Council approved a construction contract with QA Construction Services, Inc. for the Stephenson Building and downtown parking lot projects.

Construction is set to begin the week of Oct. 20, with a groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday, Oct. 23. The project is part of the city's commitment to preserve and revitalize its historic

downtown. The Stephenson Building and the downtown parking lots are two of the major projects of the City's Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones (TIRZ) Board. The projects include the

rehabilitation of the historic Stephenson Building (4,020 square feet), an addition of 1,881 square feet, 8,490 square feet of site improvements, and 41,160 square feet of parking improvements.

Currently unoccupied, the city-owned building will be transformed into a flexible space for future civic uses and community events. "The Stephenson
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The Union Revival, Lisa Sanders and Abigail Oakley play on the Deep Eddy Vodka State at Winehouse during Dripping Springs Songwriters Festival.

PHOTO BY DAVE WILSON



Artist Jessi Bostad does a live painting of the outdoor stage at Hudson's on Mercer.

PHOTO BY LAURIE ANDERSON

HITTING THE HIGH NOTES

Music lovers tune in for annual Songwriters Festival

Laurie Anderson
Editor
The 11th Annual Dripping Springs Songwriters Festival was held in historic downtown last weekend, and music lovers from far and wide showed up to hear original tunes on eight different stages. There was also a "Songbird Stage" for young artists located at the festival headquarters.

The Dripping Springs Art League once again hosted its Art Lounge, where attendees could check out creations from local artists. There were even artists doing live paintings during some of the performances. And on Saturday, Homespun Kitchen and Bar hosted Songwriter Sessions, where listeners could learn about the songwriting process from three different artists. During the festival, songwriters performed in an "in the round" Nashville-style



Whitney Mongé performs at Dog 'n' Bone.

PHOTO BY LAURIE ANDERSON

song-swap format. As they took turns singing, they often told the stories of how their songs came to be. The sessions are designed to evoke a "listening room" atmosphere, where the audience remains quiet during each song. The participating venues included The

Barber Shop Bar, Acopon Brewing, Mazama Coffee Co, Hudson's on Mercer, Winehouse, Haus of Jayne and Dog 'n' Bone. On Sunday, the festival closed with the traditional gospel brunch, followed by a final jam featuring all
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The LBJ Student Center will remain an active voting center for the upcoming elections.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS

Multiple voting locations moved or updated due to ADA concerns

Rebekah Porter
Staff Reporter

Hays County Commissioners Court voted to remove or update multiple voting locations due to ADA accessibility concerns. A Driftwood voting location was removed while locations in Dripping Springs and Buda were relocated. The location at the LBJ Student Center on the Texas State University campus will remain and be brought into compliance. Following approval of Hays County polling locations for the Nov. 4 election at their Aug. 19 meeting, the court determined that the following polling locations did not meet Americans with

Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility standards: the Buda subdivision of Sunfield, the Driftwood Community Center, the Dripping Springs ISD Center for Learning and Leadership, and the LBJ Student Center at Texas State University. Commissioner Walt Smith moved to remove the Driftwood Community Center and to relocate the Sunfield voting station to the Holiday Inn Express located at 15295 I-35 in Buda, which is next door to Sunfield Station. Additionally he moved to relocate the Dripping Springs ISD
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Hays Court rejects Flock cameras

John Clark
Associate Editor

The Hays County Commissioners Court voted on Tuesday to end the county's contract with Flock Safety for their License Plate Recognition (LPR) cameras, which means that the six Flock cameras currently in operation will be removed within 30 days and plans to add four more cameras will be cancelled. The 3-2 vote reflected a divide on the Court regarding the use of images collected by the cameras, with concerns about the potential misuse of Flock Safety data outweighing support of the cameras as an effective crimefighting tool. Of the three court members voting to remove the cameras, Judge Ruben Becerra was the most adamant in this opposition, with Commissioners

Debbie Gonzales Ingalsbe and Michelle Cohen offering more measured reactions before the vote, stressing that their vote was against the company Flock Safety, not the LPR technology. Becerra said he was grateful for the clerical error in February which caused a delay in the final vote on the Flock cameras, noting what he views as worrisome developments in the current political climate since then. "What's changed is the federal government. Like it or not, it's very different than the federal government we've had in all of our existence. It's being used in ways that are so different, and that is what has caused concern in privacy and security risks." Commissioner Cohen said after re-
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Capital Highlights

Early voting underway for November election



Gary Borders
Texas Press Association

Early voting began Monday across Texas with voters deciding the fate of 17 proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution, as well as local races for city and school board, bond measures, and tax proposals. The Houston Chronicle reported that many of the propositions intend to lower property taxes for homeowners and businesses. There are two proposed changes to the homestead exemption.

Prop 13 would raise the exemption from \$100,000 to \$140,000 for all homeowners. The amendment's authors say that it would save homeowners an average of \$363 annually. Prop 11 would raise the tax exemption for disabled Texans and those 65 and older from the current \$10,000 to \$60,000, bringing their total homestead exemption to \$200,000.

The additional property tax exemptions would cost the state \$4 billion in property tax revenue over the next two years.

Prop 9 would raise

the tax exemption for businesses' personal property from \$2,500 to \$125,000. Other propositions include small property tax cuts for specific groups, such as surviving spouses of deceased veterans.

Prop 4 would create a \$1 billion annual fund for water infrastructure projects, financed by state sales tax revenue. Half of the money, if it passes, would go for new water projects. The other half would go to fix deteriorating infrastructure.

A non-partisan explanation of all 17 propositions provided by the Texas Legislative Council can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/mt3yfwfd>.

Austin state Rep. Hinojosa running against Abbott

State Rep. Gina Hinojosa, D-Austin, has joined the race for governor, the Austin American-Statesman reported. She accused incumbent Gov. Greg Abbott, seeking his fourth term, of being beholden to wealthy donors.

"Our fight right now is against the billionaires and the corporations, who are driving up prices, closing our neighborhood schools and cheating Texans out of basic health care. That's who Greg Abbott works for," she said in a video announcing her campaign.

Hinojosa has served

in the House since 2017 and fought against the school voucher plan passed earlier this year.

Also running thus far in the Democratic primary are Andrew White, a Houston businessman and son of the late Gov. Mark White; Bobby Cole, a rancher and retired firefighter; and Bay City Councilman Benjamin Flores.

Parental rights law leaves families, school nurses confused

A new form required after passage of the state's new education law has left both parents and school nurses confused, the Texas Standard reported. Senate Bill 12, which was billed as a parental rights law, requires parental permission before a school employee can provide physical or mental health care.

Unclear wording in a few paragraphs is being blamed by some for the confusion. School nurses worry they might unknowingly break the new law, according to Becca Harkleroad, executive director of the Texas School Nurses Organization.

"The law was very clear that if you provided any services without written consent, disciplinary action was coming your way," she said. "So that gave a lot of people pause."

The bill's authors, state Rep. Jeff Leach,

R-Plano, and former state Sen. Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe, acknowledged the confusion and urged educators "not to suspend common sense when it comes to providing basic care for the children at their schools."

Leach and Creighton have asked the Texas Education Agency to provide "consistent and clear guidance" to schools on how to implement the law. That guidance was released last month, but Jack Frazee with the Texas Nurses Association said he is awaiting additional details from TEA to provide more clarity.

Forest service awards \$164 million to volunteer fire departments

Texas A&M Forest Service has approved \$164 million in funding for Texas volunteer fire departments to purchase 558 fire trucks and 321 slip-on units through a grant program established in 2001.

The state uses a tiered approach to wildfire response, with local VFDs as the first on the scene, followed by state response if needed.

"Texas fire departments are the front line of local response, and their equipment capacity is vital to response time and effectiveness," said Al Davis, Texas A&M

Forest Service director. "This historic funding reflects the strong support of the Texas Legislature and governor. Their investment allows us to continue supporting and equipping firefighters who protect Texas lives and property."

Texas continues to rank tops in trade

With 32 official ports of entry and two intermodal logistics facilities to connect different modes of transport, Texas continues to lead the nation in overall value of trade commodities, according to the comptroller's office.

The state's trade value fell to \$634.6 billion during the 2020 COVID pandemic but has increased by 67.6% since then, to \$1.1 trillion.

Port Laredo leads the country in total trade with \$339.5 billion of commodities coming through that port of entry. Port Houston ranks first in the nation in exports flowing out of the port at \$129.9 billion.

Another dry, hot October for most of Texas

This month is shaping up to be a repeat of last October, with much of the state staying both drier and warmer than average, according to Dr. Mark Wentzel, hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board. By the end of

September, 24% of the state was in drought, up four percentage points from late August.

While a very wet July slowed down the expansion of drought conditions, soil moisture across the state has been much reduced since. With 40% of the state now classified as abnormally dry, the National Weather Service is predicting drought conditions to expand to cover most of Texas. The next few months are expected to be warmer and drier than normal in the state.

Those dry conditions are increasing the chances of wildfires. The forest service now classifies Texas at Level 3 in what it calls Wildland Fire Preparedness Levels, with wildfire activity affecting several regions. Level 5 is the highest level.

As of Sunday, there were three active wildfires in Texas, the largest being the 195-acre Bronco Creek fire in Wheeler County in the Panhandle. It was 75% contained.

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Building holds an important place in our community's story," said Michelle Fischer, City Administrator. "By preserving its historic character and preparing it for modern civic uses, we're

creating a welcoming hub for gatherings, events, and public life - one that will strengthen downtown, celebrate our heritage, and serve residents for generations to come."

Major components

of the project include a full rehabilitation of the building envelope; preservation and adaptive re-use of original interior spaces to flexibly accommodate a variety of new uses; upgrades to building infrastructure and systems to enable functionality and meet modern building codes; and site improvements, including parking, lighting, and landscaping.

The Stephenson Building was con-

structed in 1939 under the Works Progress Administration (WPA) and named for student Allen J. Stephenson. The one-story limestone building originally served as the community's high school until 1949, then continued as an auditorium and for other educational and community uses.

The renovation initiative grew from public input gathered during multiple Comprehensive Plan

updates. The Historic Preservation Commission has been a long-standing supporter and sponsor of an appropriate adaptive re-use of this structure. Other boards and commissions - including the Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council, and the TIRZ Board - have encouraged and supported the project. Also helping throughout the planning process were the architect firm, Architexas, and the engineering firm Doucet - A Kleinfelder Company.

The cost of the project is \$4,447,200, with an additional 10% contingency of \$444,720, for a total of \$4,891,920. Funding sources include \$4,695,163 from Debt Issuance Funds and \$200,000 from Landscape

Funds, bringing the total funding allocation to \$4,895,163. There is a contract period of 365 calendar days for completion.

Shay Traweck, the Project Manager for QA Construction Services, Inc., said they are excited to begin the project.

"We are honored to be a part of this historical project that can continue to revitalize this portion of downtown Dripping Springs and help bring more opportunities and events to the city," Traweck said. "This groundbreaking represents more than the start of construction; it is the beginning of a project that will serve everyone in Dripping Springs for many years."

Both QA Construction Services, Inc., and Architexas specialize in historic building rehabilitation.

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ART BEAT

Presented by the Dripping Springs Art League

Circle Your Calendar: It's Art Season!

By Steve Friedman
Byline Bold
Well, Halloween decorations are up around neighborhood and I think I saw someone planning out their holiday lights for the house! It feels a bit early, but is it?



I think we can all use a bit of winter (or at least autumn) weather, some holiday cheer, and perhaps an eggnog or two.
And the Dripping Springs Art League is ready for the holidays too!
So for all those early birds, there are great opportunities to browse our markets and exhibits and find the perfect gift for your loved ones.
Nothing says "I'm thinking of you!" more than a piece of local art that you can hand select and even hear the artist's story and inspiration too!
ART FOR EVERYONE
One of the best aspects of art in Dripping is that it truly stretches the definition of ART. Yes, there are many talented painters offering everything from large showpiece art to small stocking stuffers.
The Art League is proud to also boast a wide array of other creatives

including glass and metal artists, woodworkers, ceramics, fiber arts, jewelry, collages and multimedia, photography, and more!
So come on out. Browse. Hear the stories. And whittle down your shopping list with one-of-a-kind local art creations.
This holiday season, we offer many occasions to go shopping!



NOV 01 @ 5-7pm
Paint-a-Palooza Exhibit & Reception
Primal Gallery
Special exhibit of Acrylics, Oil, Watercolor, Alcohol Ink, and Monochromatic paintings displayed at Dripping's largest art gallery.



EVERYONE'S WELCOME!!!
NOV 06 @ 10am-3pm

Holiday Kickoff Art Market
Veteran's Memorial Park at the Triangle
Dozens of local artists return to the Triangle along with music, art demos, snacks and more!
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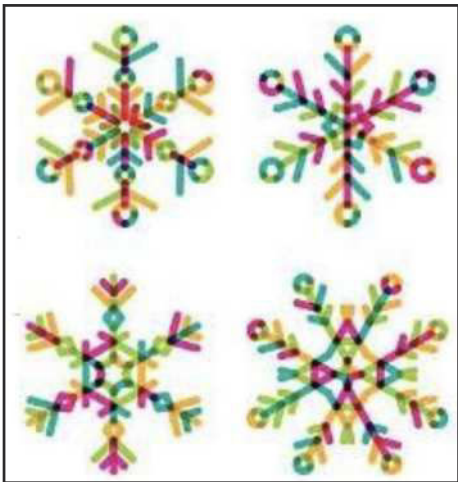


NOV 13 @ 6-8:30pm (VIP 5-6pm)
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NOV 19 @ 4-6pm
Art Exhibit & Reception
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EVERYONE'S WELCOME!!!



DEC 06 @ 10am-5pm
DSAL Booths at Christmas on Mercer
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DEC 13 @ 5-7pm
Winter Wonderland Exhibit & Reception
Primal Gallery
Winter landscapes & festivities...just in time for our first freeze!?!
Think: snow scenes, bare branches, holiday lights, cozy moments, even abstract or atmospheric takes on winter.
ENJOY EARLY EGGNOG!
We hope to see you out there this holiday season. Please drop by to say hello!
If you are feeling creative, check out our 21 Clubs and socials at artindripping.com!

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Goldpine performs on the City of Dripping Springs Stage in Hudsons on Mercer.
PHOTO BY DAVE WILSON

the songwriters on the Songbird Stage.
"I was deeply honored that I got to be a part of this event," songwriter Meagan Tubbs said. "Thank you to all of the volunteers, sound engineers, and to all my friends and neighbors who stopped by to hear one of my six sets I played. It means so much to me that you came."
Tubbs also thanked the festival organizers, the venues, and the other songwriters.
"Your songs, your stories, your experiences, expression, voice, lyrics and talents are more precious than diamonds," Tubbs said. "Thank you for sharing your gifts with the world."
Pam King, manager of the Dripping Springs Visitors Bureau, was one of the lead organizers for the festival.
"Events like The Dripping Springs Songwriters Festival are what make our community such a great place to live, work, play and visit," King said. "The 40+ songwriters were incredible, and the community of local businesses truly stepped up to showcase our downtown. Our volunteers help to keep things running smoothly, and the support provided by the City of Dripping Springs staff and our generous sponsors helped to make this event a huge success!"

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(REAL ESTATE) (25-0266-DCF)

BY VIRTUE OF An Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 483rd District Court, Hays County, Texas, on the 12th day of August, 2025, in the case of plaintiff Camino Nuevo, LLC, versus Kelly Grant King. To me, as deputy constable directed and delivered, I have levied upon this 3rd day of September, 2025, and will start between the hours of 10:00 a.m. And 4:00 p.m., on the 1st Tuesday in the month of November, 2025. South Door of the Hays County Government Center 712 S. Stagecoach Trail, San Marcos, Texas 78666 Being the 4th day of said month, at the South Door of the Hays County Government Center, 712 S. Stagecoach Trail, San Marcos, Texas 78666, in the city of San Marcos, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all right, title, and interest which the aforementioned Defendant has on the 3rd day of September 2025, or at any time thereafter, of, in and to the following described properties, to-wit:

DEFENDANT'S THREE-FOURTH (3/4) INTEREST IN LOT 4, 5 ACRES, RAINBOW'S END, A SUBDIVISION IN HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 3, PAGES 257-258, PLAT RECORDS OF HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS AND MORE COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS 211 RAINDROP, WIMBERLEY, TEXAS 78676. DEFENDANT'S ONE-HALF (1/2) INTEREST IN LOT 6, 4.809 ACRES, RAINBOW'S END, A SUBDIVISION IN HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS ACCORDING TO MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 3, PAGES 257-258, PLAT RECORDS OF HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS AND MORE COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS 216 RAINDROP, WIMBERLEY, TEXAS 78676. Said properties being levied on as the properties of aforesaid defendant and will be sold to satisfy a judgment amount of \$6,527.84 for the 211 Raindrop, Wimberley, Texas property and \$4,185.68

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for the 216 Raindrop, Wimberley, Texas property plus \$4,112.12 attorney's fees and \$878.00 court costs in favor of plaintiff Camino Nuevo, LLC, and for further costs of executing this writ. Total due to be collected \$15,699.64. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, THIS 3rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025

DON MONTAGUE, CONSTABLE HAYS COUNTY PRECINCT 3 Attorney for Plaintiff Daniel F. Burke, P.C. 8531 N. New Braunfels Ave. Suite 100 San Antonio, TX 78217 210-391-0741 rene@danburkelaw.com By: Deputy T. Brown Phone: (512) 847-5532

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

pursuant to Texas Property Code Chapter 59, Right Space Storage, Said property 16955 Ranch Rd 12 Wimberley, Tx 78676 512-648-4988 will hold a Public Sale in order to satisfy a landlord's lien Thursday on 6th of November, at 10AM. Property will be sold to the highest bidder online on Storage Treasures and must be removed within 48 hours. The seller reserves the right to reject any bid and withdraw property from the sale. Bidding takes place on StorageTreasures.com.

Unless otherwise noted, all units contain household goods and items. For a more detailed listing, please visit Lockerfox.com 16955 Ranch Rd 12 Wimberley, Tx 78676: Aubrey Rhame Jr, Seth Simmons, Ozzie Rea.

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seeks M/WBE subcontractor & supplier quotes for the West Interceptor Segment @ project in Dripping Springs, TX. The work includes approx. 7,996 LF or 12"-24" gravity sewer line, and tree protection/removal. Bid documents may be obtained by emailing a request to estimating@libertycivil.com. Quotes are due by 10/23/25. This contract is subject to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program, which includes EPA-approved fair share goals toward procurement of Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) businesses. EPA rules require that applicants and prime contractors make a good faith effort to award a fair share of contracts, subcontracts, and procurements to M/WBEs through demonstration of the six affirmative steps. For more details of the DBE Program and the current, applicable fair share goals, please visit www.twdb.texas.gov/dbe.



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A STAR-TIST IS BORN

Local artists bring their visions to life for public art project

Laurie Anderson
Editor
As part of the “Stars of Dripping Springs” public art

project, the City of Dripping Springs unveiled a new set of stars at a ceremony on Oct. 8. The stars

are designed to celebrate the Hill Country nature and heritage that make Dripping Springs

shine. The star artists - Melissa Richardson, Joe Christenson, Kyndall Womack, Cathy

Richardson, Jessie Woodhead, Erin Hounsels, Jessi Bostad, Tiffany Sierras, Jenny

Swannack and Rozmary Seastrom - will be profiled in our newspaper over the coming weeks.



Cathy Richardson with her creation, “Walk Among the Stars.”
PHOTO BY LAURIE ANDERSON



Jennifer Swannack with “Willie's First Picnic.”
PHOTO BY LAURIE ANDERSON



Rozmary Seastrom with her star, “Crafted in Community.”
PHOTO BY LAURIE ANDERSON

Cathy Richardson
What is your background as an artist?

My company's name is Cathy B. Design, and I've been in business as a graphic designer and graphic illustrator for over 30 years now. I first started out working in corporate for the Walt Disney company, then branched out into my own thing. For the last ten years or so I've just really been interested in and very supportive of local art, small business, stuff like that. I've really enjoyed working with small businesses here in Central Texas.

Can you tell us about your star?

The star is going to be located at City Hall. The city asked me to do a star that would coordinate with the mural inside that I painted. We wanted to create a welcoming star for people to see, and come in and be welcomed at City Hall. I have been working with the City of Dripping Springs for a couple of years now doing different logos. That started with the Founders Day logo. Last year I redid their Christmas on Mercer Santa and their Hometown Holidays campaign.

How does your personal style or vision come through in your design?

I think definitely through happy bright colors. I really try to promote positivity in my artwork. And the concept was showcasing all the different aspects that the city and the community bring together. There are names of the different parks around town, the music element, the Wedding Capital of Texas, the breweries, the western iconic feel.

What kind of benefit

do you think this public art project has for the community?

Learning more about culture and art, which I think is super important for a community. It's just so nice to see art and vibrant color. The unveiling of the stars the other night was so much fun. I had more joy seeing other people's art, because each artist has their own take. Everybody's star was original, which was so refreshing and fun to see.

Was there any particular challenge in creating such a large 3-D piece?

Oh my gosh, yes. I am traditionally a graphic illustrator, so I do everything on a little screen. I can change colors, I can do anything I want, right? Once it goes big it's a very, very different dynamic, not only with drawing and planning it out but painting it. It's really inspired me now to create some of my own artwork in large scale painting, rather than just being on the computer. It's just so refreshing to do something with my hands, instead of just with my mouse.

Any final thoughts on the project?

I'm just so grateful for this whole experience and to the city and the Art League. They are a gem to the city and to the art community for sure. They've reached so many different groups. They're reaching young people, which thrills me because that's the growth of the city. And seniors, who need to be heard and seen, and then people like me in the middle, the empty nesters trying to figure things out in midlife. It's really been exciting, and I just love that the local businesses have gotten involved.

Jennifer Swannack
What is your background as an artist?

I have been an interior designer for 20 something years. In 2020 I decided to leave my job - I still do contract work - but I really wanted to work on my craft and be an artist. Thankfully, I found the Art League and that has been incredible. I mainly do acrylic painting. I like to paint light and how it interacts with objects.

Tell me about the design of your star.

My star is called Willie's First Picnic. Growing up, my family always had records, and we have all of Willie Nelson's records and stuff. I love him so much. I wondered if there was a connection to Dripping Springs. Sure enough, when I searched, I learned that his very first Fourth of July picnic was in Dripping Springs. Then I found an image of the ticket stub, and so that is on part of the star. I painted the star to look like worn leather. The guitar strap wraps around, so it looks like it's laying on the star. On the front of the star I did the lyrics to Whiskey River, because that's usually how he opens up his concerts. I also chose songs that he would've sung at that concert. Then he usually closed his concerts with Stay All Night, Stay a Little Longer, and so that's on the back of the star.

How do you think this type of public art project benefits the community?

Oh, I mean, I love it. I think as artists we get excited for the oppor-

tunities that come about when the city engages us. And then it is just a neat way to accentuate a city center or town center. The community can learn from it, because all the artists come up with different subject matter, whether it's something about wildflowers or water conservation.

What do you think was the biggest challenge of doing something that scale?

Knowing when to stop. I started nearing the end and there was one thing that I wasn't exactly sure how to paint, so I slowed down. I was afraid to mess it up. And then when I was done, I kind of looked at it, like, should I do anything more?

Was there any particular challenge that you found with working with the star shape?

Not this time, I had a plan. One of the artists that did a star last year had given me the advice of using carbon paper to transfer some of your design on to the star. That was a game changer. I found a cool font that looks like good handwriting. I printed it out and then carefully did it in sections. I would print out the lyrics and then trace over them with the carbon paper in between, then just paint on top of that.

How do you hope that people respond to your star?

With nostalgia and happiness, and I would love for Willie to one day see it and take a picture with it or something. He is such a treasure and so I hope that the star represents him well.

Rozmary Seastrom
Tell me a little bit about your art background.

I've never had any formal training except for up to high school, taking basic art classes. But I like figuring things out as I go. So I've done sculptures and weaving, and I researched and figured it out. Nowadays you can look up anything. It's amazing.

Can you describe more of your path to being an artist?

I got into the service industry when I was 16 years old, and I bartended for many years. I lived in Las Vegas. I lived in San Diego. Then in my 20s, I decided I've got to go back to school. I went that route and when I graduated, I was like, you know what? I could do all the things I love. And then I met my husband. He's Navy, or he was at the time. Once we got married, everything changed because we were moving around so much. I wasn't really able to settle in and build any direct business. Plus, we had a young kid I was raising. But art was the one thing I stuck with. It was always the one thing that was on my backburner, because you can take it anywhere you go. We were living in Italy, we've been in Hawaii, we've been all over. There were a lot of ups and downs, especially with the military and living overseas. So art was the one thing I always went back to to help ground me and to remind me of

who I am and what I can do for the world.

What inspired the art for your star?

I really wanted to play homage to the small businesses that have grown here, the distilleries, breweries and wineries. This community is bustling with them. It's a huge part of what this community is. So I wanted to do something that kind of cheers this and brings us all together. On the other side of the star, I wanted to commemorate the dark sky community.

What's something else you're working on?

I'm involved with Patriots Hall. I volunteer there and run the art program. We do water color and oil painting and stained glass. Every month we do something different, which is fun.

Obviously you feel strongly about creating art.

Art is all about creating emotions in people. That and stories, those two things to me are kind of what art's all about. Also, art, for me, is history. After traveling all over and looking at art in different museums, art shows our history. They say history's written by the person who won, you know, by the person who conquered. But if you really want to know history, artwork does not lie.

What interested you about the star project?

I just love being challenged. My answer is always, let's make it happen. I don't know how yet, but we'll figure it out.

VOTING FROM PG. 1

Center for Learning and Leadership voting location to Patriots Hall of Dripping Springs Wellness Center located at 231 Patriots Hall Blvd. in Dripping Springs.

The LBJ Student Center on Texas State Universities campus will remain an active voting center.

“Some relatively minor ADA issues with the LBJ Student

Center were brought to Texas State's attention. The university committed to addressing said issues. At this time TXST anticipates serving as a voting location as it has in past

election cycles,” TXST Assistant Director of Media Relations Jayme Blaschke said.

“I would like to say thank you to the university for acting quickly in order to

bring that location back into compliance and meeting the needs that were addressed to us,” Smith said.

Judge Ruben Becerra seconded the motion.

”Thank you to the

city of San Marcos for helping us in other spaces. Honestly elections are for everyone and everyone is weighing in and doing their best to make this happen,” Becerra said.



ALEX JOHNSON & WILL REALE. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

DSHS students named to Region 18 Orchestra

Staff Reports

Dripping Springs High School orchestra students Alex Johnson and Will Reale were recently named to the Region 18 Orchestra following their performances in the first round of the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) All-State audition process, held Saturday, Oct. 4, at Bowie High School in Austin.

Johnson was named to the Region 18 String Orchestra on cello and

qualified for the area auditions, which he will record on October 25. Reale was selected to the Region 18 Symphony Orchestra on violin.

The Region 18 Clinic and Concert will be held November 21-22 at the Austin ISD Performing Arts Center.

Region 18 String Orchestra
*Alex Johnson, Cello

Region 18 Symphony Orchestra
Will Reale, Violin
*Area qualifier

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Week of: Oct 27-Nov 1

MONDAY 9:00-10:00 Chair Yoga 1:00-2:00 Qigong 4:45-6:30 D&D 6-7 ESL Book Club	TUESDAY 9:30-10:15 Toddler Storytime with Ms. Olivia 10-12 Adult CPR Certification 1-4 Mahjong 4:30-6:30 Dungeons and Dragons 4:30-6:00 DSAL Kids Art Studio	WEDNESDAY 9:30-10:15 Toddler Storytime with Ms. Olivia 5:45-6:45 Yin Yoga 5:30 Live Music: Guitarist Robert Harding	THURSDAY 10:30-11 Baby Time 2:00 Charm& Create Bookmarks 3-6 Master Gardners on the Porch 4:45-5:45 Kids Spanish Book Club 6:00 Manga and Comic Book Swap	FRIDAY 10:30 Hola Amigos! Spanish Story Time for Little Learners
SATURDAY 10:30 Ruby the Therapy Dog 6:30 Día de los Muertos: Movie Night @ Ranch Park				

REGISTER NOW

18 students earn spots on Region 18 Choir

Staff Reports

Eighteen students from the Dripping Springs High School choir program earned spots on the Region 18 Choir following their performances at the first round of the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) All-State Choir auditions, held Saturday, Oct. 4, at Bowie High School in Austin.

All 18 students will advance to the Pre-Area round of auditions, scheduled for

Saturday, November 15, at Johnson High School in Buda.

They will also perform in the Region 18 Choir Concert on Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Austin ISD Performing Arts Center. A time has yet to be announced. The concert is free and open to the public.

REGION 18 CHOIR
Soprano 1
Taylor Heenan, 2nd Chair
Vita Tardel, 4th Chair

Teresa Grant, 7th Chair
Madeline Johanningsmeier, 15th Chair
Gracelyn Prehar, 16th Chair
Soprano 2
Alaina Atkins, 3rd Chair
Morgan Hall, 13th Chair
Alto 1
Katie Terry, 7th Chair
Reese Starnes, 10th Chair
Alto 2
Ainsley Ash, 5th Chair

Tenor 1
John LeBas, 1st Chair
Emiliano Arroyo Corona, 2nd Chair
Trevor LeBas, 10th Chair
Tenor 2
Cody Ritchey, 3rd Chair
Luke Voss, 5th Chair
Bass 1
Dean Hayden, 16th Chair
Bass 2
Charles Schubert, 2nd Chair
Lucas Johanningsmeier, 10th Chair

PRIDE groups to host family-friendly Halloween event

Staff Reports

Pride of Dripping Springs and Outlaw Pride announced that they are hosting Boos & Brews, a free, family-friendly Halloween celebration, on Sunday, Oct. 26 from 12 to 7 p.m. at Beerburg Brewery & Events venue.

The event will include safe, accessible trick-or-treating throughout the venue for kids of all ages.

Costumes are encouraged. There will also be live music and activities for adults and families.

Julie Bouchard takes the stage at 3 p.m., and Emily Herring and the FM Band play at 4 p.m.

Attendees will have a chance to win prizes during PRIDE Bingo, emceed by San Antonio area Drag Queen Foxy Blue Snacks.

There will be face-

painting, button making, spin the wheel, cornhole and Plinko.

Community members will also have a chance to connect with LGBTQ+ organizations that support equality and inclusion.

“Our mission at Beerburg Events is to foster community building through inclusive, meaningful celebrations,” said Ross Nearburg, owner of Beerburg Events.

“We understand how

important it is to create places of institutional support and safety for underrepresented communities. By partnering with Pride of Dripping Springs, we hope to establish a space where everyone can feel welcome in the Hill Country.”

The event also marks the official launch of Pride of Dripping Springs new “Friends with PRIDE” annual giving group, designed

to build community and fund programming for LGBTQIA+ residents and allies in and around Dripping Springs.

“Boos & Brews gives us a chance to celebrate openly while also raising the resources we need to keep building spaces of care, creativity, and pride in our town,” said Julie Balderrama, Secretary of Pride of Dripping Springs.

“We encourage everyone to be-

come a Friend With Pride to help fund family-friendly programs, hikes and happy hours, parent support groups, community talks with law-makers and other LGBTQIA+ experts, and more as we make Dripping Springs a place where queer people, families and allies find community and know they belong.”

For more information, visit www.pride-ofdrippingsprings.org.

COURT FROM PG. 1

searching LPR cameras and taking part in discussions about the cameras with Hays County law enforcement officials, she believes that the problem lies with the Flock Safety company and not the cameras themselves.

Cohen suggested that Hays County should reach out to other companies that manufacture LPR cameras.

“I’ve come to the conclusion that it’s more about company practices versus the technology,” Cohen said. “I feel any company that the county contracts with needs to uphold what I think are ethical standards of our county, and there’s a lot of fear around these issues at this time ... I would like the sheriff’s department to think about a formal solicitation of this service.

Commissioner Ingalsbe noted that the court had invited Flock Safety to the Tuesday hearing, but the company did not

attend. “Flock was supposed to be here today to make a presentation. Unfortunately, they did not submit their paperwork in time to be on the agenda, and so that presentation has been delayed.”

Ingalsbe agreed with Cohen that the court should research other LPR companies. “I want to also be open to looking at other options. I know that there’s other companies out there that may do the same thing.”

Commissioners Morgan Hammer and Walt Smith, in voting to continue the Flock Safety contract, stressed their support for the decision by the Hays County Sheriff’s Office to chose Flock as their LPR camera vendor.

“I definitely listen to all sides of everything, every story that was sent to me, I watch, I listen,” said Hammer, “but at the end of the day. I’m going to back our sheriff’s office I won’t compromise

public safety.”

Commissioner Walt Smith said the choice of LPR cameras should be left up to the law enforcement branches using them, not the Commissioner’s Court.

“I’m not going to tell my law enforcement what tools they need and don’t need, because they’re the ones who are building that house of public safety here in Haynes County, and I’m going to be supportive of them in that effort,” Smith said.

A vote against Flock is not a vote against local law enforcement, countered Becerra.

“Some folks are creating these binary options, false decisions. If you vote for this, you’re pro police. If you vote against it, you’re not. Well, there’s nothing more ridiculously limiting than that statement, because here we all are all pro police, and yet you can feel the tone in the room that this tool, of the millions of tools that are

available ... our citizenry does not feel comfortable with”

Opposition to Flock has been gaining momentum in this area amidst growing concerns about the privacy of the data. On Oct. 9, Lockhart City Council voted 6-1 to reject an agreement with Flock Group for seven cameras, following a presentation by police staff and two Flock representatives.

San Marcos resident Amy Kamp, Communications Director for the advocacy group Ground Game Texas, spoke against Flock Safety and LPR cameras at both the Lockhart city council meeting and the Commissioners Court on Tuesday. She stressed that she believes privacy concerns are concerning not just for Flock but for all LPR providers.

“When people learn about this company and its documented abuses, and when they learn about the violation of privacy that this

type of network of the LPRs represents, regardless of the company providing the service, they do not like it. Many people in this country value their constitutional rights. They value the right to some reasonable measure of privacy. They don’t want to be constantly stalked by cameras and databases.”

The Mano Amiga Action organization has also been actively lobbying against the use of LPR cameras in this area. In a statement released on Tuesday after the Commissioner’s Court meeting, Executive Director Eric Martinez, said, “This is a victory for every resident who spoke out against being watched, tracked, and treated like a suspect in their own community. Flock built its empire on selling fear. But people here saw through it. We refused to trade our freedom for a false sense of security.”

Hays County Sheriff

Anthony Hipolito said, “It’s very disappointing that a vital tool used by our agency every single day was taken away from us based on half truths and just flat out lies. ... “The flock technology is not mass surveillance. Flock cameras simply take a picture of a vehicle and a license plate and a snapshot in time. It doesn’t actively track a vehicle.”

For the Daily Record’s full interview with Sheriff Hipolito about Flock cameras, see our Wednesday edition.

Wimberly resident and former US Marshall Tyler Owen expressed his support for the Flock cameras in a letter to the court.

“In my two decades of experience, I have seen how a system like Flock saves lives and solves crimes,” Owen said. “Every minute counts in an investigation, and this technology gives law enforcement a critical advantage when time and information are limited.”

pet of the week



Cowboy • Male
2.5 years old
Great Dane mix

I'm Cowboy, and yeah, I'm a pretty cool guy if I may say so myself! I'm a playful pup who loves zooming around the yard with other dogs, chasing and having a blast. Even though I'm big, I'm not into roughhousing. I prefer to play in a more fun way that doesn't involve wrestling. I love going for walks, and heading out to the park is one of my all-time favorites. I'm crate trained, house trained, and super quiet, just happy to chill with my people. Car rides? I'm a pro, sitting calmly and soaking in the view through the window. Cats? Haven't met one yet, but I bet we could be buddies. I hope I can find a human best friend forever to hang out with, go on adventures, and just have a good time. A fabulous foster home or a fantastic forever family would make my tail wag like crazy. Please visit LizzysHospice.com if you have any questions.



Euliss • Male
8 years old
Terrier mix

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

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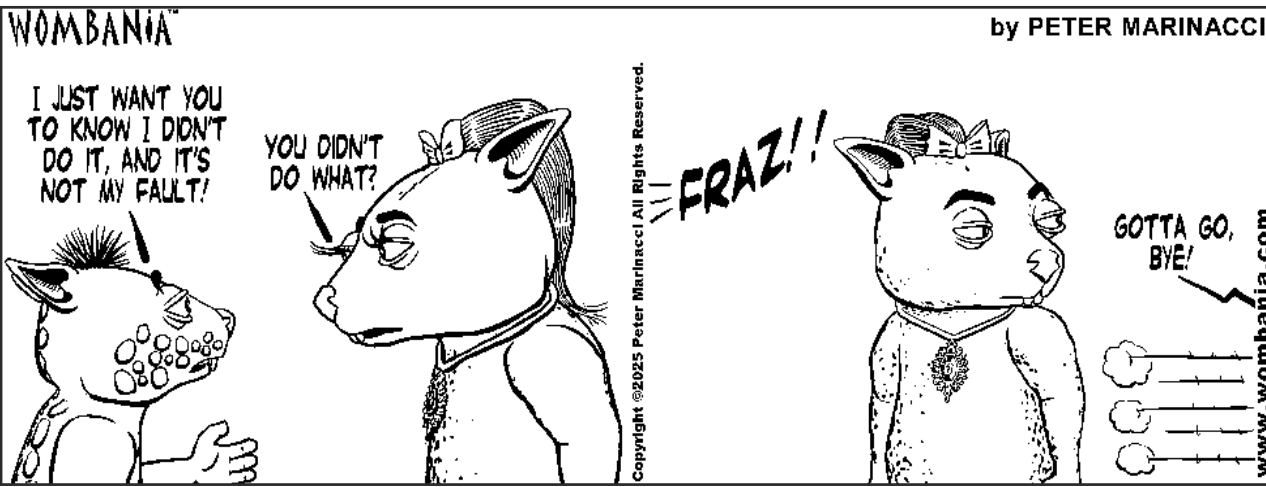
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CALENDAR FROM PG. 1

kids 2 & under are free. There will also be a Children's Entrepreneur Market, a pop-up show run entirely by kids (ages 5-17)! To sign up to have a booth, visit www.kids-markets.com. Dripping Springs Ranch Park • 1042 Event Center Dr. • Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Celebrate Halloween with PRIDE

Oct 26 • 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. Pride of Dripping Springs and Outlaw Pride will host Boos & Brews, a family-friendly Halloween Celebration. This vibrant, inclusive event promises a day full of not-so-spooky fun, live music, and community spirit for adults and families. Admission is free and open to the public. Costumes are encouraged, kindness and acceptance are required! Beerburg Brewery & Events Venue • 13476 Fitzhugh Rd, Austin, TX 78736

Creepy Crawlers, Wrigglers, and Fliers!

Oct 29 • 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Enjoy a free night of guided nature fun! Dripping Springs Ranch Park and Event Center • 1042 Event Center Drive • Dripping Springs, 78620

Dripping Springs Farmers Market

Oct 29 & Nov 5 • 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. Dripping Springs Ranch Park • 1042 Event Center Dr. • Dripping Springs, TX 78620

2025 Empty Bowls Project

Nov 2 • 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Dripping Springs Empty Bowls Project brings together chefs, potters and musicians to host an event brimming with great food, fellowship and fun in support of the Dripping Springs Helping Hands food pantry. Tickets are available at the door, and include a bowl of your choice to be filled with a soup of your choice! Dripping Springs Ranch Park • 1042 Event Center Dr. • Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Astronomy in the Park

Nov 3 • 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. This small group astronomy lesson is geared toward families, couples, and interested adults. The lesson will be guided by a science teacher. Participants will be using the telescopes themselves and learning about the objects seen through them. Observation logs will be provided for participants to take notes. Cost is \$15 per person. Register at www.drippingsprings-ranchpark.com. Dripping Springs Ranch Park • 1042 Event Center Dr. • Dripping

Springs, TX 78620

DSAL Art Market at the Triangle - Holiday Kickoff

Nov 8 • 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come get a jump on holiday shopping at the Dripping Springs Art League's market. The Triangle • 150 East Mercer St. • Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Holiday Market & Bake Sale

Saturday Nov 8 • 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Sunday Nov 9 • 10:00 am - 1:00 pm The Women In Mission organization at Dripping Springs Methodist Church is holding its annual market and bake sale. Drop by for handmade crafts and delicious baked goods. Proceeds are allocated to local charities and needs. Dripping Springs Methodist Church • 28900 Ranch Road 12 • Dripping Springs, TX 78620

2025 Veteran's Day Dinner and Dance

Nov 11 • 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Rotary Club of Dripping Springs will be honoring local veterans and their families with a free dinner and dance. Alex Dormont and the Hot Texas Swing Band will be providing dance music at the event. Dripping Springs Distillery • 5330 Bell Springs Road • 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. City Council meetings are traditionally held at City Hall Council Chambers, 511 W. Mercer St., Dripping Springs, TX 78620. See cityofdrippingsprings.com for streaming options and meeting agendas.

Transportation Committee Regular Meeting
Oct 27 • 3:30 p.m.

Founders Day Committee Regular Meeting
Oct 27 • 6:30 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Commission Regular Meeting
Oct 28 • 6 p.m.

City Council & Board of Adjustment Regular Meeting
Nov 4 • 6 p.m.

Historic Preservation Commission Regular Meeting
Nov 6 • 4 p.m.

Hays County Commissioners Court Regular Meeting

Oct 28 • 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

Oct 27 • 6 p.m. Live meeting of the DSISD Board of Trustees which sets policy, agenda and strategic planning for the Dripping Springs school district. Agendas and live streaming option available at dsisdtx.us. Live meeting at the Center for Learning & Leadership • 300 Sportsplex Dr. • Dripping Springs, TX 78620.

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DS Volleyball nears end of district play

Carl Waits
Sports Reporter

With two games remaining, the Dripping Springs volleyball team is nestled safely in fourth with the chance of moving up a spot or two. Regardless, Dripping Springs and Austin High will be in Div 11 in the playoffs and begin with a team from District 25-6A. In their last match DS defeated LT 3-1 to give them a 6-4 re-

cord. Standings to date are: Austin 10-1, Westlake 8-3, LT 6-3, DS 6-4.
Vs Bowie (26-24, 25-20, 25-11): Kills (43) Henley Anderson 23, Sydney Lund 7; Aces (8) Anderson 4, Ava Lyle, Livvy Stancik; Blks (9) Anderson 4, Honor White 2, Lund 2; Digs (47) Lund 11, Anderson 9, Emerson Robbins 7; Assts (35) Lund 30, Allie Jenkins 3;

Receiving (47) Anderson 23, Robbins 10.
Vs Westlake (25-22, 22-25, 17-25, 25-19, 10-15) Kills (47) Anderson 28, Madison Sestak 8; Ace (12) Anderson 3, Robbins 3, Jenkins 3; Blk (7) Lund 3, White 2; Dig (67) Anderson 13, Robbins 11, Lund 11; Asst (45) Lund 32, Jenkins 10; Rec (87) Anderson 43, Robbins 17.



Merrick Bloomgren blocks the Lake Travis players as Ronnie Fowkles runs the ball.

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Tigers fall in a tough one, 14-7

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A sold out crowd of more than 8,000 showed up for the rival game between Dripping Springs and Lake Travis, both undefeated for the year. It has been a rivalry since LT split from DSISD in 1981. Electricity was in the air as everyone was expecting the fireworks of two explosive offenses. No one expected a low score. They discounted two very solid defenses that produced six turnovers to thwart any promising drives and two punters at their best. In the end, it was the LT defense that came up with the biggest last to help produce the winning score.

The punters forced the teams to have to go from beyond 60 yards on every drive. Even when they may be able to get a couple of first downs, the defenses still had time to force punts instead of scores. Probably the teams punted more times than they have had to all total. Mateo Perez, the DS punter, had one that travelled 68 yards to the one when a Tiger stopped it there. This punt represented the tenth best in the history

of Tiger football.
The Tigers were able to stop Cavalier drives in the first half by forcing three turnovers. Liam Lawson was johnny-on-the spot twice to intercept passes and Major Bettridge pounced on a fumble after Colton Hanson ripped the ball out of the carriers arms. After the recovery, the Tigers moved the ball to the LT eleven before losing a fumble.
Dripping Springs took the second half kickoff and moved the ball methodically 75 yards on 15 plays with Lawson Attaway scoring from the six. Ian French made it 7-0 with 4:52 left in the quarter. LT started their own drive from the 25 but once again the Tiger defense stopped a fourth and one at the Tiger 22.
The LT first drive in the fourth was culminated with a four yard pass in the back of the endzone. With 8:14 left the game was tied 7-7. After an exchange of punts, Dripping Springs found themselves facing 90 yards to score with 3:58 left. Everyone was bracing for overtime. The Tigers were still thinking get close enough for a winning FG. Unfortunately, a

Cavalier back stepped in front of the receiver at the 34 and returned it to the 15. Three plays later a short plunge gave LT the win. A DS fumble clinched it. It is blatantly obvious the passing game is severely handicapped with Cooper Reid and James Montgomery not on the field. Regardless, the Tigers fought hard to the very end and never gave up the effort. This will bode well for the game with Westlake and the playoffs.
Friday night the Tigers will host Del Valle for their last home game. Kickoff at 7:30pm.
Game stats (DS first): First downs 14-20; Rushing 41-118, 29-88; Passing 95-220; Passes 16-23-1, 23-36-2; Punts 7-45.1, 4-52; Penalties 6-45, 2-25; Turnovers 3-3.
Tiger stats: Rushing: Jacteron Gotta 20-78; Attaway 14-49TD; Ryder Frost 1-2; Frank Accetta 1- (-)1; Chase Ames 5- (-)10. Passing: Ames 16-23-1-95. Receiving: Merrick Bloomgren 7-48; Gotta 3-19, Harrison Rohrer 3-18, Bobby Wilkinson 1-4, Ronnie Fowlkes 1-4, Dodge Reid 1-2. PR: Judah Satterfield 1-7; KOR: Frost 1-12.

Correction: Cross Country District 26-6A Results

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Oops! Thanks to a reader that realized I had published last year's district results. Just a trick of mine to see if we have anyone reading our paper. Ha! Ha! We will try again and get it right. The District meet was held at the Walter E. Long Park course on October 8th. The places remained about the same. The two varsities placed fourth as did the JV boys, while the JV girls were second. Runners in the top ten gained spots at the regional.
Boys varsity standings: Lake Travis 36, Bowie 40, Westlake 71, DS 108, Austin High 120, Del Valle

182, Akins 186.
DS boys: 6. Wes Anderson 16.16.2; 17. Greyson Hill 17.19.4; 18. Steven Allen 17.20.3; 32. Cooper Payne 18.26.3; 35. Cole Schumacher 18.53.8; 37. Bryce Chomko 19.24.0; 38. Christopher Higdon 19.31.5.
Girls varsity: Bowie 36, LT 48, Westlake 52, DS 86, Austin High 153, Akins 170.
DS girls: 5. Callie Schumacher 19.30.6; 16. Quinn Hendrickson 20.29.0; 19. Morgan Reece 20.50.3; 22. Reece Langle 20.58.0; 24. Ella Castillo 21.08.5; 26. Yuralie Galarraga 21.18.3; 27. Wesley Stockton 21.21.0.
JV girls: Bowie 29,

DS 54, LT 70, Westlake 87, Austin High 134, Akins 179.
DS girls: 6. Mia Thomason 21.43.1; 7. Townes Fougerat 22.02.0; 8. Luciana Universal 22.16.8; 13. Lexi Gomez 22.47.2; 21. Vivian Wahlers 23.24.6; 24. Elise Zachrison 23.40.4; 29. Brela Karshens 24.16.5.
JV boys: LT 26, Bowie 36, Westlake 68, DS 112, Austin High 149, Akins 187.
DS boys: 12. Jacob Henderson 18.47.5; 24. Mathis Harness 19.35.9; 25. Enzo Andrade 19.37.1; 29. Alex Hipolito 19.52.4; 36. Xavier Hipolito 20.19.4; 42. Zachary Adams 20.18.6; 43. Luke Hanco 20.43.1.