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Community Calendar

Hays County Youth Livestock Show Jan 17-24
Mark your calendars for the 2026 Hays County Youth Livestock Show and come out and support the 4-H and FFA youth of Hays County. The show includes a wide variety of events, from Ag Mechanics and Home Skills to Rabbit, Sheep, Goat, Cattle, Swine and Poultry shows. Get details at www.hayscountylivestockshow.org. Dripping Springs Ranch Park • 1042 Event Center Dr. • Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Into the Woods Jan 22-25
Dripping Springs High School Theatre presents "Into the Woods" for their first show of 2026, with five performances beginning Thursday, Jan. 22 in the DSHS auditorium. Tickets and show times for the musical are available at dshstheater.ludus.com. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$10 for students. Staff is free of charge with ID. Dripping Springs High School • 940 US-290 • Dripping Springs, TX 78620



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Inspirational Quote of the Day

"IT IS DURING OUR DARKEST MOMENTS THAT WE MUST FOCUS TO SEE THE LIGHT"
- ARISTOTLE



Local Ty Myers grabs spotlight after debut album

Laurie Anderson
Editor

It's been almost exactly one year since up-and-coming country music star Ty Myers, who grew up in Dripping Springs, released his debut album, "The Select." Since then, he's been touring to support that album, and has been getting a lot of attention - both from his fans and the media.

He was profiled in the Los Angeles Times in August, and by Rolling Stone and in September. He graced the cover of

Guitar.com magazine in November. And just last week, he made his late-night debut on The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon, performing his song "Thought it Was Love."

Starting in April, he'll be touring in support of Luke Combs as part of his "My Kinda Saturday Night" tour, with dates across North America and in Europe.

You can also catch him at shows in Houston and San Antonio in February, but that's the closest he'll get to home for a while.

Myers got his start after he posted a song TikTok back in 2023, and went viral overnight. That's still the platform where most of his fans follow him, but he's also pretty active on Instagram these days. His music can be found on music streaming sites, like Spotify, and on YouTube.

He's got a new album, "Heavy on the Soul," set for release in March. Details on his upcoming performances can be found on his website, www.tymyersmusic.com.



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Livestock Show continues to unite communities through agriculture

Colton McWilliams
Sports Editor

Hays County has changed a lot since the first-ever county stock show that took Jan. 25 1946.

But the 80th Hays County Livestock Show has continued to be an annual tradition in the county, uniting the communities of Buda, Dripping Springs, Kyle, San Marcos and Wimberley for one-week

through the world of agriculture.

"As time has progressed, our demographics have changed, and our rural life is getting less and less," Hays County Livestock Show Board President Terry Polk said. "There's more urban subdivisions, but the one thing about our agriculture is everybody still has to eat. By us continuing doing what we do, and I don't mean

just the stock show, but with 4-H and FFA, kids learn where their food comes from, and they actually get to raise it.

"Even the kids that live in the subdivisions, our high schools have some ag farms where they're able to raise animals, be a part of the work and responsibility, knowing that they have to get up in the morning and take care of a living creature then go on

SEE AGRICULTURE ON PAGE 5

DSISD school board applications now available

Staff Reports

The application period for the Dripping Springs ISD Board of Trustees May 2 Election is now open until Friday, Feb. 13. Two seats are up for reelection in 2026, which are currently held by Kim Cousins and Rob McClelland. DSISD trustees do not represent "places", but rather are at-large representatives.

Candidates for the Board

of Trustees in Texas must meet the following qualifications:

- Be a United States Citizen
- Be 18 years of age or older
- Not be mentally incapacitated
- Have not been convicted of a felony
- Be a resident of Texas continuously for 12 months immediately preceding the filing deadline

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Hays County Sheriff's Office corrections officer arrested

Staff Reports

On Dec. 30, Hays County Sheriff's Office corrections officer Isaiah Tiger was arrested by the Buda Police Department at the intersection of Interstate Highway 35 and Royston Road in Buda. Tiger was charged with Driving While Intoxicated, a Class B Misdemeanor. He is assigned to the Corrections Bureau and was off duty at the time of the incident.



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The Hays County Sheriff's Office of Professional Responsibility will conduct an internal administrative

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Hays County cities see ICE activity, local police state they are not involved

John Clark, Associate Editor
San Marcos Daily Record

Over the past several weeks, there have been reports of increased activity by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Hays County and the surrounding areas. In response to that and to reports from around the country, there have been increasing public protests, including one in Dripping Springs on Jan. 10.

On Thursday, Jan. 15, the city of Buda and the Kyle Police Department (KPD) made statements about federal immigration

Enforcement operations that had occurred in their jurisdictions, saying they were not involved in those or other ICE operations.

According to the Kyle Police Department Facebook page, the Hays County Sheriff's Office received a call from Homeland Security / ICE at about 7:45 a.m. on Jan. 15 requesting ambulance assistance for an individual being detained by federal authorities. KPD responded to the scene to provide support to EMS. The individual was transported to the hospital by EMS

in the accompaniment of Homeland Security personnel.

Also on Thursday morning, ICE agents asked the City of Buda if ICE could park a transport vehicle at City Hall to use as a central location for conducting operations in the surrounding area, according to the City of Buda. The city posted on its Facebook page that it requested that the bus be relocated to free up the limited public parking, and the agents complied.

"The City of Buda and the Buda Police



Protesters hold their signs in Dripping Springs.

Department are not involved with this operation," the statement also said.

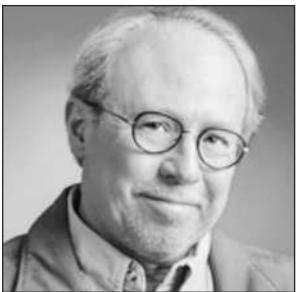
Hays County Judge Ruben Becerra praised both cities for their transparency in a post on his social media.

"When federal activity creates uncertainty, speaking plainly and

confirming facts isn't easy - but it's the most helpful thing a city can do," Becerra wrote. "Being out front relieves pressure so residents don't have to rely on rumor or fear. That kind of transparency builds trust. And trust is what keeps a community steady."

Capital Highlights

Deadline to register for March primary nears



Gary Borders
Texas Press Association

The last day to register to vote for the March 3 primary is Feb. 2, according to the Texas secretary of state's office. Early voting runs from Feb. 17 through Feb. 27, with Feb. 20 being the deadline for applying for a mail ballot.

Prospective voters can visit the votetexas.gov website to find out if they are registered, discern their polling places, learn what is on the ballot and find other information.

More than 18 statewide elected officials are up for election, with the governor's race and a U.S. Senate race topping the ballot. All Texas members of the U.S. House of Representatives are up for election, along with state lawmakers, district judges and local elected officials.

Some Texans will have to vote in new congressional districts after the Legislature redrew the map last summer.

New poll has Talarico leading, Cornyn tied with Paxton

A new poll of the state's U.S. Senate primaries shows state Rep. James Talarico, D-Round Rock, leading U.S. Rep. Jasmine Crockett, D-Dallas by 9 percentage points, 47% to 38%, among likely Democratic voters, The Texas Tribune reported. The Emerson College poll indicates a significant shift since a Texas Southern University poll in December showed Crockett with a similar-sized lead.

In both polls, Talarico leads among white and Latino voters, while Crockett has a commanding lead among Black voters.

On the GOP side, the latest polls show U.S. Sen. John Cornyn and Attorney General Ken Paxton deadlocked, with Paxton at 27% and Cornyn at 26%. U.S. Rep. Wesley Hunt, R-Houston, trailed with 16%. If those margins hold, that race would head to a runoff.

The survey also found Gov. Greg Abbott with a sizable lead over his main Democratic challenger, state Rep. Gina Hinojosa, 50% to 42%.

Solar power surpasses coal in feeding ERCOT grid

For the first time, solar power supplied more electricity in 2025 to the state's main power grid than coal-fired power plants, the Houston Chronicle re-

ported.

Solar farms provided 67,800 gigawatt-hours of electricity last year, according to the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which is the power grid operator for most of the state. Power plants burning coal supplied 63,000 gigawatt-hours of power to ERCOT last year.

The Chronicle report notes that in 2019 solar supplied so little power to the ERCOT grid that it wasn't even included as a separate category in its annual pie chart of where the grid's power comes from. It is now the third-largest supplier to ERCOT, behind second-place wind and first-place natural gas. Coal has dropped to number four.

"It's a remarkable milestone," said Daniel Cohan, a Rice University professor who studies the state's energy transition. "I don't think anyone 10 years ago would have thought that solar would have surpassed coal this quickly."

Texas set to ban smokeable cannabis this month

Smokable cannabis products currently sold legally in Texas could disappear by Jan. 25 under new rules proposed by the Texas Department of State Health Services. According to the Texas

Standard, DSHS has drafted new regulations for the hemp industry, "including child-resistant packaging, stronger warning labels, expanded testing, recall procedures and fee increases of roughly 10,000% for manufacturers and retailers."

Annual fees for hemp manufacturers would rise from \$250 to \$25,000 per facility, while retailers would see their registration fees jump from \$150 to \$20,000.

The proposed regulations would effectively outlaw most smokable hemp products.

DSHS last week heard from dozens of small hemp business owners and cannabis users, many of whom said they support stricter packaging rules and age limits but oppose the ban on smokable products and the steep hike in licensing and registration fees.

"These proposed fees don't regulate small businesses, they eliminate them," Estella Castro, owner of Austinite Cannabis Co., told commissioners. "This proposal would force me to close, despite doing everything right."

Some speakers spoke in support of the proposed regulations, including a mother who said her son developed psychosis from using cannabis and required

medial treatment.

DSHS expanding anti-rabies program to El Paso area

DSHS is expanding its 32nd annual Oral Rabies Vaccination Program to the El Paso area while continuing its aerial bait distribution along the Texas-Mexico border. The rabies vaccine baits will be distributed by hand in targeted areas around El Paso.

"Our mission is to vaccinate wildlife along the borders of Texas to maintain herd immunity against rabies and keep new or previously eliminated rabies variants from becoming established in any part of Texas," said Kathy Parker, ORVP Director. "However, we continue to monitor all the counties of Texas for outbreaks and/or potential areas of rabies interest."

The baits do not pose threats to livestock, wildlife or pets. The project costs \$2 million annually and is funded by both state and federal agencies. Since the program began, no human cases of rabies attributable to the rabies variants found along the border have been confirmed in Texas.

The program covers 19 Texas counties: El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Presidio, Brewster, Pecos, Terrell, Val Verde, Kinney, Maverick, Zavala,

Dimmit, Webb, Zapata, Starr, Hidalgo, Cameron and Willacy.

Texas most popular state to move to

Texas is back on top of U-Haul's list of "growth states," according to the Austin American-Statesman. The company determines each state's net gain or loss by recording how many customers used one-way equipment in 2025.

This is the fourth time the state has topped U-Haul's rankings in five years. In 2024, South Carolina topped the list but fell to No. 5 last year. In second place is Florida, followed by North Carolina and Tennessee.

Coming in dead last in U-Haul's ranking was California.

Correction: An item in the Jan. 4 Capital Highlights reported the Texas business inventory tax exemption has been raised to \$125,000. That exemption applies to all business personal property accounts, not just inventory.

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Texas Master Naturalist Hill Country Chapter to host presentation on water challenges at Jan. 26 meeting

Staff Reports

The Texas Master Naturalist Hill Country Chapter will host its monthly meeting on Monday, Jan. 26, at Herff Farm in Boerne. The public is invited to attend, either in person or online.

The topic is "Too Lit-

tle, Too Much: The Hill Country Water Challenge." The program explores how hydrometeorological extremes - including extended drought and severe flooding - are reshaping the Texas Hill Country and placing increasing stress on riverine and riparian ecosystems.

Clint Carter, the Watershed Ecologist for the Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District, is the featured speaker. He leads efforts focused on water quality monitoring, riparian health, invasive species management, and watershed restoration. He also serves on the

boards of the Texas Riparian Association and the Kerr County River Foundation.

Carter will discuss the ecological impacts of long-term water scarcity and highlight how geospatial technologies are being used to measure vegetation loss, assess habitat vulnerability, and evaluate ecosys-

tem resilience following major flood events, including the historic July 4th flood.

There is no charge to attend. The talk will be held at Herff Farm, 33 Herff Road in Boerne. Online attendance via Facebook livestream and Zoom are also available. To register for online access, visit

<https://txmn.org/hill-country> and look for the meeting registration link.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. with light refreshments served. Starting at 6:30 p.m., the Chapter will hold its monthly business meeting, with the presentation by Carter beginning at 7 p.m.

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County-wide forum for Democratic Primary candidates set for Feb. 1 in Wimberley

Staff Reports

Candidates running for federal, state and county offices in the upcoming Democratic Primary will participate in a forum in Wimberley on Sunday, Feb. 1.

"People always ask, 'who should I vote for—I don't know all these candidates,'" said event coordinator Sandy Pedrazas. "Well, here's your chance because you'll meet and hear them at the forum."

The Wimberley Democrats, in cooperation with all other Hays County Democratic clubs, will host the county-wide event, which will take place from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Wimberley Community Center, 14068 RR 12, in Wimberley.

"Thirty-seven candidates for everything from justice of the peace to the Texas Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General and even the U.S. Congress will speak," Pedrazas said.

Also meeting on the forum's stage will be candidates for Texas State Representative, Hays County Judge, County Clerk, County Treasurer, District Attorney, County Commissioner, and various judgeships at the county, district, and state levels.

"We're calling it the Democratic Deep Dive," Pedrazas said. "Candidates will be vetted by an all-star panel of moderators to help voters decide who to vote for in the Democratic Primary in March."

The moderators who will ask the candidates questions will be Rebecca Minnick, Andrew Weber and Alex Villalobos. Jeff Rasco will serve as emcee.

"We are expecting a rich discussion among the candidates and moderators," Pedrazas said. "The audience will also be able to ask questions of the candidates, as well as meet them before and after the program."

The program begins at 2 p.m., but candidates will be available at 1:15 p.m. to meet personally with individual voters, and after the program as well.

"The primary is such an important election and it's coming up soon," Pedrazas said. "And because some of the races will go uncon-

tested by the Republicans in the fall, the winner of the Democratic Primary will essentially be the overall winner in those races."

The primary election is scheduled for March 3, with early voting beginning Feb. 17. The general election will take place in November.

The Hill Country Honeys, an Americana music band well known in the Wimberley area, will perform. Light refreshments will be served.

Programs for the Wimberley forum will include information about each candidate, and the forum will be available on Zoom and recorded for later viewing.

For more information, contact WimDems@gmail.com

Art & Culture: It's a Two-Way Street

Joe Christenson

The year was 1993; long before I had taken up my vocation as an artist. I had just started a new position working with banking organizations in San Antonio. While shadowing a peer, I entered the main lobby of the Broadway National Bank. As we waited to meet with our client, I scanned the wide, formal space and couldn't take my eyes off the 7' x 9' mural painting depicting the first moonwalk. The work's scale, combined with the depth and texture of the oil medium was breathtaking.

At the moment, I thought it was an interesting choice of subject to be placed in the lobby of a financial services company.

Skip forward to now, as I'm contemplating this article, the reason is obvious. The building was completed in 1968, at the height of America's competition with the USSR to put a man on the moon. The space race was a pillar of the American psyche at the time, and while the painting was finished a few years later, it makes complete sense that a bank would display art that represented one of our country's cultural focal points, not to mention our national desire to succeed.

That particular connection is Exhibit A that art, with its diverse styles and meanings, is often, or some might say always, a product of the culture in which it's created or intended for.

History in Art / Art in History

Art history gives many more examples of the connection between art and the cultural norms and emerging themes of its era. Just look for how they depict meaningful events or shifts in society. Rembrandt's famous work, *The Night Watch*, was



JOE CHRISTENSON

offered as a tribute to a golden age of Dutch civic pride, duty and commitment to a cause greater than oneself.

Similarly, we've all seen Emanuel Leutze's iconic painting of George Washington Crossing the Delaware, reflecting a key moment in America's successful struggle as an independent nation. While his painting came much later, its connection with cultural pride is obvious.

The artist in me, however, appreciates the other side of this coin, the ways in which our collective culture can be influenced by works of art.

Banksy, the street artist, comes to mind. His works go so far as to make a direct point of challenging the status quo, calling out inequity or highlighting hypocrisy where he sees it. His work, *Devolved Parliament*, while comical in its presentation, offers an unmistakable conclusion about the state of at least one governing body. His anonymity, combined with his ubiquity, perhaps adds a layer of fascination, as we wonder, "Who?"

Looking farther back, the pop art icon Andy Warhol cannot be overlooked for his influence on 20th century society. The 50's, 60's and 70's were transformative years in American culture to begin with, but Warhol's contributions stand out. He's credited with blurring the lines between art and commerce, elevating simple everyday objects as art subjects. His creative and frequent use of ce-

lebrities gave his famous subjects a more relatable status in the eyes of the public. His now famous quote about everyone having their fifteen minutes of fame was foretelling of the era of reality television and viral social media content.

Lastly, the work of Leonardo da Vinci most stands out for me as having the most impactful results on society, both in his era and now. For one, the original renaissance man blended the disciplines of art, science, engineering, observation and anatomy to influence how mankind viewed itself and the possibilities of invention.

While presented in the form of drawings, his mechanical designs for flight, warfare and transport formed the basis for groundbreaking inventions centuries later. He was among the



"The Night Watch" by Rembrandt



"George Washington Crossing the Delaware" by Emanuel Leutze

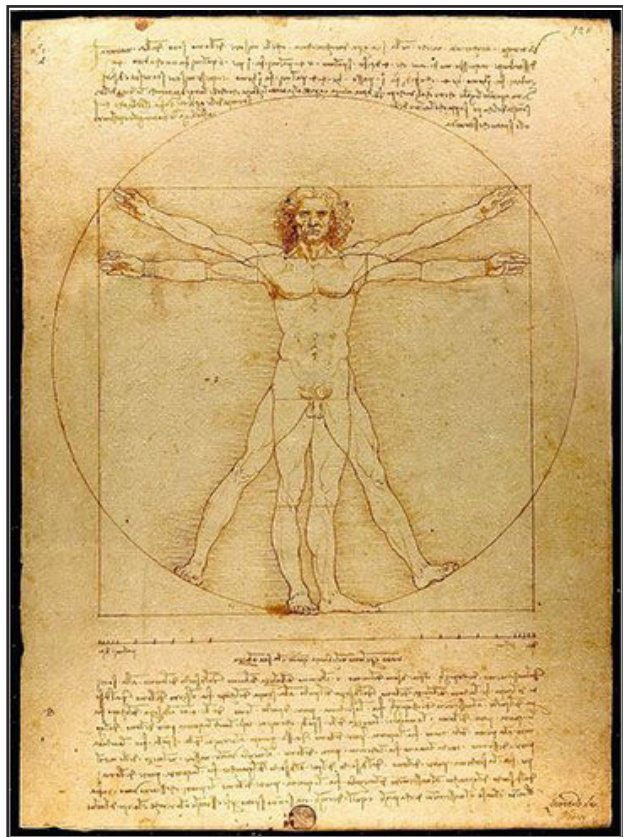


"Guitar" by Joe Christenson

earliest practitioners of what we now refer to as the scientific method, applying in-depth observation as the foundation of study. I have a book that is nothing more than a collection of da Vinci's handwritten notes, but it's clear that he observed the world around him obsessively, and made a point of writing down what he saw, along with every conclusion he arrived at as a result. It's the closest one can get to seeing how his great

mind worked.

Despite his fame today, da Vinci, like all artists of his era, had to hustle to make a living. Finding patrons, whether individuals or governments, to support him was a constant effort. His most famous works, some now valued in the tens of millions of dollars, were all the product of a patron's commission to him. So perhaps we can also conclude that there are some aspects of the relationship between art and society that may



"Vitruvian Man" by Leonardo da Vinci

never change.

So the next time you see a painting, drawing or sculpture that stands out as different; one that makes you stop and pay attention, ask yourself a question. What does it say about society, or how does the culture we live in influ-

ence what you think of it?

Joe Christenson is a local artist with works in several area galleries. He also pens the My Favorite Part of Texas column in the Dripping Springs Century News. View Joe's art at <https://joe-christenson.pixels.com/>



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Week of: Jan 26th-31st

MONDAY

- **Chair Yoga**
9:00AM - 10:00 AM
- **Beginning Ukulele for adults**
5:00-6:00 PM
- **D&D - Homeschool MS**
3:15-5:00 PM
- **Beginning Ukulele for Teens**
5:00 -6:00 PM
- **Rubiks Cube Club**
5:15-6:00



TUESDAY

- **Toddler Storytime w/ Ms. Olivia**
9:30 - 10:15 AM
- **Homeschool Basic Language Skills Class Series**
10:45 AM - 11:45 AM
- **Dungeons & Dragons (HS)**
4:30 - 6:30 PM
- **DSAL Kid Art Studio**
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
- **Mah-Jongg**
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
- **Stitching the Year - Embroidery Circle**
2:00-3:00



WEDNESDAY

- **Toddler Storytime w/ Ms. Olivia**
9:30 - 10:15 AM
- **Book Swap at Solaro Estate Winery**
4:00-5:00 PM
- **Live Music: Lonnie and the Mixers**
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- **Mahjong at Solaro Estate Winery**
5:00-7:00 PM
- **Writing Club with DSAL**
5:45 - 6:45



THURSDAY

- **Baby time w/ Ms. Olivia**
10:30-11:30 AM
- **Homeschool Basic Language Skills Class Series**
10:45 AM - 11:45 AM
- **Bilingual Book Club: Club De Lectura Bilingüe**
4:45 - 5:45 PM
- **Master Gardeners on the Porch**
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- **Mexican Loteria Night**
6:30-7:30 PM



FRIDAY

- **¡Hola Amigos! Spanish Story Time for Little Learners (Ages 3-6)**
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM
- **Homeschool Basic Language Skills Class Series**
10:45 AM - 11:45 AM
- **Beginner's Mahjong**
1:00-4:00 PM
- **Manga Meet Up**
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM



SATURDAY

- **Read with Ruby**
10:30 AM
- **COLTS Robotics and Circuit Activities**
10:30-12:00 PM

- **Sanctuary Sketch Club**
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM



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HEALTH AND FITNESS

SPOTLIGHT: CURIS FUNCTIONAL HEALTH

Laurie Anderson
Editor

In celebration of the new year and new beginnings, Dripping Springs Century News will be featuring a variety of health and fitness oriented articles for the month of January. If you would like to nominate a business or individual for a spotlight, email us at dscnry-news@gmail.com. This week's spotlight is on Dr. Chae Tracy of Curis Functional Health. He and his wife, Dr. Monya Tracy, opened Family First Chiropractic over 20 years ago and had a vision of creating a place for people to go for natural health and healing. After merging with Curis, they have been able to expand their services and get closer to that mission. What first drew you to chiropractic care?

CHAE: I was first drawn to Chiropractic by seeing the body's ability to heal itself, if given the chance. As a kid I was exposed to Chiropractic as an athlete for injuries. It was not until later in life that I was called to serve and see the true potential of Chiropractic. The philosophy of health and healing is pretty simple, "The

Power that made the body heals the body." We start with that simple premise. If there are areas in the spine that are misaligned, or "subluxated" - which is when the vertebrae is out of alignment and puts pressure on the nerve, thus not allowing the nerve to work properly - it results in dysfunction, DISease and symptoms as the body's way of saying "help." However, most just treat the symptoms rather than the cause of them. What are the most common issues you see in patients, and what are some ways you address them?

CHAE: Some of the more common issues we see are low back pain and or sciatica, disc bulges or herniations, headaches and migraines, scoliosis, vertigo, tinnitus. prenatal and growth and growth and development of kids. The other half of our practice is not about pain or problems but rather folks that come in on a regular basis so they don't have aches, pain, problems and dysfunction. They see the potential of how the body has a stronger immunity,

more energy, focus and better sleep as a result of being proactive vs reactive. What's typically the process for a first appointment?

CHAE: Our first day is indepth. We start with a deep dive into your new patient paperwork to give us an idea of your history. That oftentimes leads to problems that you are now experiencing or will. Then we do orthopedic and neurology testing combined with palpation and thermography, bi lateral weight scales and postural assessment and in most cases digital x-rays to get a better idea and understanding of what may be causing the challenges you are experiencing. Once the doctors have spent time reviewing

and analyzing the results, we sit down with the patient and go over our findings and answer questions they may have during this process. In Latin, "doctor" means teacher and educator, so this is a time we do just that. If we are able to help then we create a custom care plan based on their needs and goals. How do you integrate other wellness practices, such as nutrition, mobility work, or stress management, into your treatment plans?

CHAE: At Curis Functional Health we are able to integrate with nutritional and DNA testing, weight loss, mental health, spinal decompression and active rehabilitation if need be. This makes it easy for pa-



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tients to access what their body needs in one place, vs making multiple stops with appointments all over town that none of us have time for nor want to do. What's a misconception about chiropractic care you wish more people understood?

CHAE: Two misconceptions are "I don't believe in Chiropractic." Well guess what? You don't have to, it's not a religion. It's quite simple. The power that made the body heals the body, if given the chance and environment to do so. The other is, once you go you always have to go. It is really more of a choice. It's like going to the gym or taking your blood pressure or cholesterol medi-

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cine, rarely do you do it a couple times but rather you choose to keep doing it. So which would you rather choose? What's your hope for how patients feel after leaving your office?

CHAE: When patients leave our office I would hope that they feel better, but I know that feeling is only ten percent of the nervous system. So they leave knowing that their body and nervous system are working better and more efficiently, just the way God designed it. The challenge is most people have had the patterns of subluxation for years and don't necessarily help it based on daily posture, tech-

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AGRICULTURE FROM PG. 1



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about their business. So it creates good work ethic, good kids, and just good morals." The 80th Hays County Livestock Show will take place this week with thousands of students showcasing their agriculture projects. Being a part of the long-running show as

the board president, Polk is proud to help continue the tradition of the Hays County Livestock Show for the current generation. "It's an honor and a privilege," Polk said. "I love working for the kids, with the kids and providing a good, solid show that they can come

enjoy and compete. Our show's probably one of the most competitive shows around as far as the county. Most of our kids show at the county, then they go to the majors, and most of them place at the majors and do well. So our auction income for the kids is good. We've been able to build that up over the last 15, 20 years. It's a proud moment for me to serve the kids." The show serves its purpose for many people living in Hays County in various ways. For many, this will be the only stockshow participants will show in. But for others, it kicks off the start of the circuit that includes the famous Fort Worth Livestock Show, Houston Livestock Show and the San Antoino Livestock Show. "This kicks off the season for our kids that the county gives them,

4-H, F.F.A. Show Here Tomorrow

1946 Legal Holidays Discussed Monday At RMA Meeting

Committee Decides To Have Exhibits At C. of C. Open House

Meeting at the Chamber of Commerce office Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock, the San Marcos Retail Merchant's Association committee made recommendations for the legal holidays to be observed in San Marcos during 1946.

These recommendations will be included on a ballot which will be sent out to each member of the Retail Merchants' Association. The ballot will also contain a choice between closing or not closing on Wednesday afternoon from May 1 through October 1 as in 1945.

Holidays recommended for observance are Independence Day, Thursday, July 4; Labor Day, Monday, September 2; Armistice Day, Monday, November 11; Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 28; and Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25. It was also recommended by the committee that the city close in observance of VE Day on May 8 and VJ Day on August 14 if they are to be observed nationally.

Membership Meetings

After recording a recommendation that a membership drive be

WILL EXHIBIT AT CLUB SHOW SATURDAY

Howard Key, Hays county 4-H Club boy, will show his baby beef Hereford calf at San Marcos January 26, 1946. Howard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Key, Cedar Valley. This calf was purchased from Gene Scrutchin, San Marcos. The Hays County 4-H-F.F.A. Stock Show, at which this calf will be shown, is sponsored by the San Marcos Rotary Club and will be held in San Marcos January 26, 1946.

Judging to Begin At 10; Calf Sale Set for Afternoon

Scrutchin Used Car Lot is Site For Livestock Display

Judging for the first county-wide 4-H Club-F.F.A. Livestock Show ever to be held in Hays county will begin tomorrow morning, Saturday, January 26, at 10 o'clock at the Scrutchin Used Car Lot on West Hopkins street.

Calf auction will start at 2 o'clock.

Judges for the show will be George W. Barna, animal husbandry professor of Texas A. & M. College, who will judge calves; R. H. Mason, county agent of Caldwell county, who will judge poultry, lambs, and hogs; and Miss Beas Edwards, district Home Demonstration agent of Texas A. & M., who will judge girls' exhibits of sewing and canned goods.

Cash prizes amounting to \$300 plus 200 broodfostered pouls and 50 white Leghorn chicks will be awarded the various winners. The pouls have been donated by the Ramsey Turkey Farm, P. C. Colgin, W. N. Yates, all of San Marcos, and E. E. James of Austin. The chicks are a donation from Carl Devney of Martindale.

Day for exhibition will be 12 noon calves, 5 dairy calves, 3

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Polk said. "It's a stepping stone from here where the kids will go to Fort Worth then to San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston, and on into Austin. ... Not all our kids do that. Some end their projects at the county and that's great. "For our kids that are truly into [stockshow], they have a good spring season and in the fall, they'll be buying animals in February and March for next year while they still have their animals that they're showing. So it's a full year round commitment on these kids and their families but it's a good way of life. It's an honest, clean way of life." With a variety of people competing at the Hays Stockshow, the competition for having the best agriculture project is highly competitive yet friendly at the same time.

"It's pretty neat because it makes everybody step their game up," Polk said. "It's com-petitive as it is [but] there's still a lot of camaraderie. The kids help each other, parents are helping and even though you're competing that day of the show, they are still back in the stalls, helping clip, helping whatever they can do. So it's kind of a big family orientated deal all across the county. "It's almost like a reunion of the county. People get to come and spend two or three days with everybody across the county. It's really a great thing for our youth in Hays County." As the Hays Stockshow continues to grow and evolve with an ever changing world, the goal of the board remains the same, providing a forever home for kids of Hays County to be involved with agriculture.

"It shows that the people that are in have been in on our board and past board members have steadily grown it," Polk said. "We've had to change things with the times, but we've grown. From an older facility to getting into this facility with the city of Dripping Springs, In 2019, we as the showboard added \$75,000 square feet to this facility for our kids to have a forever home in Hays County to show and have events for our kids." "So I hope it still keeps growing and we'll still have people interested. Our entry numbers are about to steady. Things may drop up and down as far as the economy and projects, but as far as I can tell, we're still growing." The Hays County Stockshow will conclude Saturday with the Auction.

2025 housing trends point to long-term stability in Central Texas, group says

Staff Reports

According to the December 2025 and Year-End Central Texas Housing Market Report released by Unlock MLS, the Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos MSA ended the year with clear signs of market stability following a period of adjustment. In 2025, while closed sales across the MSA dipped 3.2% to 29,383 sales, buyer activity gained traction in the second half of the year, price points continued to normalize and inventory settled after peaking midyear. These trends reflect a market that has recalibrated and is now functioning with more predictability and balance.

Vaike O’Grady, research advisor at Unlock MLS, points out that December 2025 data mirrors broader behavioral shifts in the market, reflecting how buyers and sellers needed to adjust their approach throughout the year to be successful.

“2025 wasn’t a year defined by urgency. It was defined by adjustment. Early in the year, we saw the effects of rate sensitivity, price hesitations and a flood of new listings that pushed inventory higher. As the year went on, sellers recalibrated, buyers reengaged and the pace of the market continued to normalize. December 2025 numbers confirmed that shift. Homes sold at more realistic prices, inventory leveled out and buyers stayed active with more than 2,500 closed home sales – an increase compared to December 2024 – even if they were moving more deliberately. That’s not a slowdown, it’s the foundation of a healthier, more sustainable market.”

Looking ahead to 2026, O’Grady expects the Central Texas housing market to remain steady. Mortgage rates are projected to stay near 6%, with home sales and prices holding flat. At the same time, improving affordability and a resilient local job market positions Central Texas to weather national uncertainty and support gradual, sustainable growth.

John Crowe, 2026

Unlock MLS and ABoR president, said that today’s market creates more opportunities and expectations for buyers, sellers and the professionals who support them.

“2025 reminded us that success in this housing market isn’t just about timing. It’s about preparation, strategy and trusted guidance. Whether it’s pricing a home to reflect current conditions or helping a buyer weigh long-term affordability, REALTORS are stepping in with the local knowledge and real-time data their clients need to make smart decisions. As we move into 2026, that kind of expertise isn’t optional – it’s essential.”

Crowe added that Unlock MLS will kick off the year with the 2026 Central Texas Growth Forum, offering a comprehensive look at the policies, projects and economic trends shaping the region.

“We’re bringing together realtors, industry leaders and decision-makers to better understand the forces driving change across Central Texas. Housing doesn’t exist in a vacuum — it’s influenced by infrastructure, policy and job growth. When realtors understand these external factors, they can better guide their clients and advocate for the needs of our communities.”

Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos MSA

2025
29,383 – Residential homes sold, 3.2% less than 2024.

\$435,000 – Median price for residential homes, 2.4% less than 2024.

48,017 – New home listings on the market, 5.5% more than 2024.

156,314 – Active home listings on the market, 14.6% more than 2024.

29,741 – Pending sales, 1.7% less than 2024.

\$16,901,610,663 – Total dollar volume of homes sold, 2.6% less than 2024.

December 2025
2,514 – Residential homes sold, 1.9% more than December 2024.

\$435,000 – Median price for residential homes, 3.3% less than

December 2024.

1,905 – New home listings on the market, 7.3% more than December 2024.

10,372 – Active home listings on the market, 9.2% more than December 2024.

1,908 – Pending sales, 0.2% less than December 2024.

4.2 – Months of inventory, 0.4 months more than December 2024.

\$1,436,112,712 – Total dollar volume of homes sold, 1.4% more than December 2024.

90.6% – Average close to list price, compared to 91.9% in December 2024.

City of Austin

2025
10,096 – Residential homes sold, 0.5% more than 2024.

\$570,000 – Median price for residential homes, 0.6% less than 2024.

17,903 – New home listings on the market, 8.3% more than 2024.

56,763 – Active home listings on the market, 13.8% more than 2024.

10,185 – Pending sales, 1.7% more than 2024.

\$7,719,376,299 – Total dollar volume of homes sold, 2.0% more than 2024.

December 2025
844 – Residential homes sold, 4.1% more than December 2024.

\$550,000 – Median price for residential homes, 3.9% less than December 2024.

539 – New home listings on the market, 5.1% less than December 2024.

3,359 – Active home listings on the market, 6.0% more than December 2024.

594 – Pending sales, 1.2% more than December 2024.

4.0 – Months of inventory, 0.1 months more than December 2024.

\$648,723,194 – Total dollar volume of homes sold, 4.8% more than December 2024.

90.9% – Average close to list price, compared to 91.9% in December 2024.

Travis County

2025
13,217 – Residential homes sold, 1.0% less than 2024.

\$508,000 – Median price for residential homes, 0.5% more than 2024.

23,467 – New home listings on the market, 7.4% more than 2024.

76,206 – Active home listings on the market, 19.3% more than 2024.

13,288 – Pending sales, 0.3% less than 2024.

\$9,315,499,278 – Total dollar volume of homes sold, 0.4% more than 2024.

December 2025
1,126 – Residential homes sold, 6.1% more than December 2024.

\$499,000 – Median price for residential homes, 1.8% less than December 2024.

825 – New home listings on the market, 3.3% less than December 2024.

4,750 – Active home listings on the market, 7.6% more than December 2024.

823 – Pending sales, 3.4% more than December 2024.

4.2 – Months of inventory, flat compared to December 2024.

\$794,753,537 – Total dollar volume of homes sold, 8.2% more than December 2024.

90.8% – Average close to list price, compared to 91.8% in December 2024.

Williamson County

2025
10,070 – Residential homes sold, 4.5% less than 2024.

\$417,000 – Median price for residential homes, 2.8% less than 2024.

15,134 – New home listings on the market, 6.9% more than 2024.

47,738 – Active home listings on the market, 20.0% more than 2024.

10,153 – Pending sales, 3.4% less than 2024.

\$4,800,072,377 – Total dollar volume of homes sold, 6.6% less than 2024.

December 2025
895 – Residential homes sold, 3.2% more than December 2024.

\$415,000 – Median price for residential homes, 3.5% less than December 2024.

645 – New home listings on the market, 6.3% less than December 2024.

3,302 – Active home listings on the market, 17.9% more than December 2024.

640 – Pending sales, 4.9% less than December 2024.

3.7 – Months of in-

ventory, 0.5 months more than December 2024.

\$418,638,137 – Total dollar volume of homes sold, 1.3% less than December 2024.

90.5% – Average close to list price, compared to 92.3% in December 2024.

Hays County

2025
4,468 – Residential homes sold, 3.5% less than 2024.

\$375,000 – Median price for residential homes, 1.6% less than 2024.

6,688 – New home listings on the market, 1.2% less than 2024.

21,601 – Active home listings on the market, 5.6% more than 2024.

4,606 – Pending sales, 0.2% more than 2024.

\$2,167,920,239 – Total dollar volume of homes sold, 3.5% less than 2024.

December 2025
350 – Residential homes sold, 10.9% less than December 2024.

\$395,000 – Median price for residential homes, 1.0% less than December 2024.

321 – New home listings on the market, 10.1% less than December 2024.

1,497 – Active home listings on the market, 2.4% less than December 2024.

304 – Pending sales, 5.9% less than December 2024.

4.3 – Months of inventory, 0.4 months more than December 2024.

\$170,681,317 – Total dollar volume of homes sold, 14.4% less than December 2024.

90.8% – Average close to list price, compared to 91.0% in December 2024.

Bastrop County

2025
1,255 – Residential homes sold, 5.3% less than 2024.

\$352,000 – Median price for residential homes, 1.7% less than 2024.

2,137 – New home listings on the market, 0.8% less than 2024.

8,676 – Active home listings on the market, 16.7% more than 2024.

1,290 – Pending sales, 1.8% less than 2024.

\$499,762,342 – Total dollar volume of homes sold, 7.5% less than 2024.

December 2025
120 – Residential

homes sold, 3.4% more than December 2024.

\$333,000 – Median price for residential homes, 11.9% less than December 2024.

95 – New home listings on the market, 18.1% less than December 2024.

646 – Active home listings on the market, 5.7% more than December 2024.

106 – Pending sales, 19.1% more than December 2024.

5.4 – Months of inventory, 0.1 months more than December 2024.

\$45,491,541 – Total dollar volume of homes sold, 8.5% less than December 2024.

89.4% – Average close to list price, compared to 92.9% in December 2024.

Caldwell County

2025
373 – Residential homes sold, 31.6% less than 2024.

\$282,000 – Median price for residential homes, 4.7% less than 2024.

591 – New home listings on the market, 10.7% less than 2024.

2,094 – Active home listings on the market, 16.4% more than 2024.

404 – Pending sales, 23.0% less than 2024.

\$118,356,428 – Total dollar volume of homes sold, 37.3% less than 2024.

December 2025

23 – Residential homes sold, 25.8% less than December 2024.

\$270,000 – Median price for residential homes, 1.8% less than December 2024.

19 – New home listings on the market, 53.7% less than December 2024.

177 – Active home listings on the market, 33.1% more than December 2024.

35 – Pending sales, 16.7% more than December 2024.

7.7 – Months of inventory, 3.4 months more than December 2024.

\$6,548,180 – Total dollar volume of homes sold, 31.2% less than December 2024.

86.7% – Average close to list price, compared to 89.3% in December 2024.

For more information or to download the December 2025 and Year-End Central Texas Housing Market Report, visit UnlockMLS.com/Stats.

CURIS FROM PG. 5

nology use and the increasing stress and demands that surround us all on a daily basis. Is there anything else you'd like people to know about you or your practice? CHAE: Like anything, there are good and bad chiropractors. So if you had a bad experience, I encourage you to see someone else, as we all do things a little different. I feel that we all need a chiro-

practor, but I am not the right chiropractor for everyone. And if you have never been, check it out. The tests that we do tell the story, and it's not a matter of if but rather when you will have challenges, so be proactive not reactive with your health. Because let's face it, none of us are getting any younger, and an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

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APPLICATIONS FROM PG. 1

- Be a resident of the district continuously for 6 months immediately preceding the filing deadline
 - Be a registered voter from the territory of the office sought
- An application can be downloaded online at dsisdtx.us/elections. Applications may be filed in person, by mail or by email.

In person: Center for Learning & Leadership, 300 Sportsplex Drive, Dripping Springs
By mail: DSISD, Attn: Supt. Office, P.O. Box 479, Dripping Springs, TX 78620
By email: ka-trina.walker@dsisdtx.us
Applications must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 13.

ARREST FROM PG. 1

investigation, which will run concurrently with the criminal investigation. Tiger has been placed on administrative duty pending the outcome

of the internal investigation.

The Hays County Sheriff's Office said an update will be provided when further information is available.

Ted Michael “Ted” Crowder



Ted Crowder

Ted Crowder, 49, of Dripping Springs, passed away January 10, 2026 with his loved ones at his side. A graduate of Alamo Heights High School in San Antonio and Texas Tech University, Ted was an avid hunter, fisherman and all-around outdoorsman. He is survived by his sons, Cord (16) and

Nathaniel (22) of San Antonio, sister Ashley of Houston, his parents, Ginger and Steve Harrison of Gulf Shores, Alabama, John Crowder of La Marque, Texas and his loving partner in life, Stephanie Frey and her son, Wyatt of Dripping Springs. The family would like to thank Stephanie and Wyatt for allowing Ted and Cord to become a part of their lives and for the love they shared with each other. It really meant the world to Ted and Cord. We will always cherish their beautiful partnership and the bond they shared.

Interment was held in a private gathering in Hitchcock, Texas.



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 to fill out an application.



Bastian • Male
10 years old
Bullmastiff

I'm a big ol' sweetheart! People call me a gentle giant, and I sure live up to that. I'm house trained, no need for a crate since I'm too big for one anyway. I'm dreaming of a foster family or a forever home to call my own. My legs aren't the strongest because of arthritis and muscle atrophy, so I don't need long walks, just a little stroll around the backyard to keep my joints happy. I love soaking up the sun outside when the weather's nice, but I'm definitely not an outdoor dog. Other dogs are great, though I might give a tiny nip when we first meet, just saying hello in my own way. I'm working hard in physical therapy to build up my leg muscles, and my bloodwork is all clear, so I'm healthy except for my legs. They say swimming might help me move better, and I'm willing to give it a splash. If you love big dogs, I'm your buddy. I'm super easygoing, perfect for chilling by your side, maybe drooling a bit while we watch movies or you tell me all about your day. Just let me snuggle close, and I'll be the best listener you ever had. Please visit LizzysHospice.com to fill out an application.

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- 1 Dorito or Frito
- 5 Cigarettes' ends
- 10 AIDS activist
- Arthur
- 14 Streaming Stick maker
- 15 Winfrey of "The Color Purple"
- 16 Goal-oriented group?
- 17 Devo hat
- 19 Restaurant handout
- 20 "Mom is going to kill us!"
- 22 Driver's licenses and passports
- 23 Subculture similar to goth
- 24 Graf who married Andre Agassi
- 26 Condition for

- which fidget spinners can be helpful
- 29 Software problem
- 32 Rock salt
- 34 Con's opposite
- 35 "Beauty and the Beast" princess
- 37 Intel-gathering mission
- 38 Paid time off for pet owners
- 41 Tavern that Bart Simpson often prank-calls
- 42 Irk
- 43 "Losing My Religion" band
- 44 Rushed toward
- 45 ____ Day (mathematical celebration that calls for "twice as much pie")

- 46 Part of VIP
- 47 Barrel in a pub
- 49 First word in every "Friends" episode title
- 51 Neighbor of Ga. and Ala.
- 52 "I'm still talking!"
- 59 Figure skater Lipinski
- 61 "100% certain!"
- 62 AED administrators
- 63 Quarterback Rodgers
- 64 Snazzy style
- 65 Cheerleaders' syllables
- 66 Corner piece in chess
- 67 Slothful

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- 1 Rowing squad
- 2 Improve, as skills
- 3 Swedish retailer with an acronymic name
- 4 Sounded like a happy cat
- 5 Prioritizing oneself by not dating guys, in slang
- 6 Prom hairstyle, perhaps
- 7 Walked
- 8 Brings under control
- 9 Cover for a blade
- 10 24/7 banking convenience
- 11 Unconcerned challenge
- 12 "Gimme that!"
- 13 Birds in a 1932 Australian "war"
- 18 Jewel
- 21 How things may be missed or paid for
- 25 Escape quickly
- 26 iPad download
- 27 Person prone to

- overreacting
- 28 "There's no way that just happened!"
- 30 Forearm bone
- 31 Twinkle
- 33 "Tact is the art of making a point without making an ____" (Newton)
- 35 Defeated
- 36 Italian volcano
- 39 Durable wood
- 40 "Oh, really?!"
- 44 Roofing support
- 46 Boat, e.g.
- 48 Painter of "The Naked Maja" and "The Clothed Maja"
- 50 Sing wordlessly
- 53 Close to
- 54 Purple bubble tea flavor
- 55 "Scram!"
- 56 ____ skirt
- 57 "I'm Yours" singer Jason
- 58 Start of a choosing rhyme
- 60 Donkey

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DRINKING A BOTTLE OF SALAD DRESSING DOESN'T COUNT AS EATING A SALAD.

by PETER MARINACCI



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CALENDAR FROM PG. 1

Dripping Springs Farmers Market
Jan 28 & Feb 4 • 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

2026 Wedding Capital of Texas Winter Showcase Jan 25 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
This one day showcase is an inviting, one-day event held in Dripping Springs, bringing together engaged couples and local wedding industry professionals under one roof. It showcases venues, artisans, photographers, florists, caterers, and creative vendors in a friendly, community-centered setting that highlights the charm and beauty of Dripping Springs. Patriots Hall • 231 Patriots Hall Blvd • Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Chamber of Commerce Luncheon
Jan 28 • 11:30 a.m.
The January Membership Luncheon will feature the State of the City report by The City of Dripping Springs. Come hear about the major projects and happenings from 2025 and learn what's in store for 2026. Members and their guests can get tickets at <https://dstxchamber.com> Deep Eddy Vodka Tasting Room & Event Venue • 2250 E. Hwy. 290 • Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Live Music with Lonnie and the Mixers
Jan 28 • 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Lonnie Atkinson, singer-songwriter, has played with Tanya Tucker, David Allan Coe, Marcia Ball, and many others. Join Lonnie and his talented bandmates Larry Eisenberg, Jamie Hilboldt, Kevin Hall, and Steven Vague for a free performance at the library. Register at www.dscl.org. Dripping

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• 501 Sportsplex Dr. • Dripping Springs, TX

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 cityofdripping-springs.com for streaming options and meeting agendas.

Transportation Committee Regular Meeting
Jan 26 • 3:30 p.m.

Founders Day Committee Regular Meeting
Jan 26 • 6:30 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Commission Special Meeting
Jan 27 • 6 p.m.

DSRP Outdoor Arena Ribbon Cutting
Jan 28 • 4 p.m.

City Council & Board of Adjustment Regular Meeting
Feb 3 • 6 p.m.

TIRZ No. 1 & No. 2 Board Regular Meeting
Feb 9 • 4 p.m.

Founders Day Committee Regular Meeting
Feb 9 • 6:30 p.m.

DSRP Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Feb 11 • 11 a.m.

Hays County Commissioners Court Regular Meeting
Feb 3 • 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
Jan 26 • 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.

Wrestling teams ready for district meet

Carl Waits
Sports Reporter

The Dripping Springs wrestling program is in the final stages of its season. It has been a very active season with many and varied activities to prepare them for the real season - qualifying for the state championships. The district tourney is Jan. 29.

Coach Joe Kirksey assessed his season thus. He said the boys team had been playing well and improving all

season. They are presently ranked ninth in the state. The girls have had to battle problems with illness and injury early in the season but have recently gotten healthy and performances have proven this. The girls placed second at the Lake Travis Classic and Lucy Clarno became the first Lady Tiger to win at Texas Outlaw. The boys won the Gillespie Duals and Jackson Shipley won first in the Gut Check

tourney in Kent, Washington.

Going into the district meet, Dripping Springs has nine wrestlers state-ranked. Boys: 120: Jackson Shipley 2nd; 138: Charlie Lundin 13th; 144: Joseph Austin 8th; 157: Tucker Lundin 19th; 165: Caleb Collins 5th; 190: Noah Williams 13th. Girls: 115: Aracella Gonzalez Martinez 15th; 125: Lucy Clarno 1st; 170: Amy Ellis 13th.



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Tigers fall to Westlake

Carl Waits
Sports Reporter

The Tigers boys basketball team is finding district play not to their liking. Despite playing hard and giving their all, they remain winless in district. However, Westlake proved they had more talent in this game than the Tigers and there wasn't much they could do in the 61-46 loss.

It was a fast-paced game from the onset, but the taller Chaparrals were able to control the ball and the play. Time and time the ball-hawking Chaps stole the ball away from the Tigers. Neither team

found hitting the basket easy in the opening quarter. No one was bashful about shooting but they just would not go in. It was like someone had sneaked in and installed the rebound rings. Four minutes deep Westlake held a 3-0 lead. From that point DS would make a push to get back in the game. It was 7-11 after one.

The Tigers were able to get it as close as four (14-18) but Westlake just steadily kept moving ahead, with the half ending 22-31. The second half was much the same. The Tigers would compete and keep the difference consistent,

but never imposed a threat to Westlake's lead. It was 49-33 after three. Westlake started sitting on their lead in the fourth and caused the Tigers to have to commit fouls to try and get the ball back. It is a strategy that coaches think they have to do, but there comes a time when all it does is distort the game's outcome. It is rare there is a positive outcome.

DS scorers: Rushton Budge 15, Grant Reagan 11, Isaac Terry 9, Grant Gillum 4, Will Gardiner 3, Amyron Hurst 2, Judah Satterfield 2.

SOCCER ROUND UP

Carl Waits
Sports Reporter

Boys soccer: The Tigers soccer team hosted their part of the Austin Lakes Elite Showcase. Dripping Springs finished 1-1-1. In a regularly scheduled game, they came away with a 3-1 victory over SA Johnson.

Vs Laredo United South 1-0: Goal: Ricardo Aguilar; Asst:

Canyon Shaw.

Vs SA Brandies 1-1: Goal: Trip Dickens; Asst: Tucker Fusion.

Vs Katy Paetow 2-4: G: Trey Gonczeruk (Dickens); Gonczeruk.

Vs SA Johnson: Fusion(Kyle Kruez); Gus Robichaux (Nash Paczosa); Gonczeruk.

Girls: In a regularly scheduled game with Leander the game ended in a 1-1 tie. It was a scoreless first

half. Bailey Stephenson scored in the second half with an assist from Lily Ruff. Leander scored with six seconds left for the tie.

JV vs Leander: 8-0. Goals: Lily Webb 2, Ciara Ellis, Juanita Diaz, Annaleigh Ferrara, Gemma Mazzanti, Chloe Sprockett, Hazel Peterson. Asst: Mazzantini 2, Sprockett 2, Diaz, Allison Robbins, Ferrara.

Freshman trumpet player named to All-State Band



JONAH SAYGER

Staff Reports

Jonah Sayger, a freshman trumpet player in the Dripping Springs High School Wind Ensemble, has been selected to the 2026 Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) All-State Band following his performance at the Area E auditions on Saturday, Jan. 10, at Pieper High School in San Antonio.

Sayger, one of 15 Dripping Springs High School students to advance to the area auditions, will perform with the 2026 All-State

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Band on Saturday, Feb. 14 at the Henry B. González Convention Center in San Antonio during the 2026 TMEA Clinic/Convention.

All-State is the highest honor a Texas high school music student can achieve. Students are selected through a rigorous, multi-level audition process that begins with approximately 60,000 students statewide, with only about three percent ultimately earning a place in one of 18 All-State ensembles.

Lady Tigers unable to hang with Lady Chaps

It is certainly not an ideal situation when a young and learning team gets to take on the undefeated, No. 1 team in all of 6A basketball. Westlake entered the gym with a sparkling 29-0 record. The Lady Tigers just were not capable of disproving anything about Westlake in dropping the 71-32 decision. They did prove how wide the gap between where they are and where they want to be is - still pretty wide. All one can do is play the best you can and continue to improve.

It did not take long for Westlake to take command of the game. They finished the first quarter with a comfortable 20-7 lead. It was much the same in the second as the teams returned to the dressing rooms at the half with the Lady Chaps owning a 36-13 lead. After the third the lead had been extended to 60-24. Reserves got to see considerable action in the fourth.

Game stats: Scoring: Chaela Luelling 10, Lily Aleshire 7, Bailey Rogers 6, Avery Ames 5, Camille Brown 4. Rebs: Rogers 3, Aleshire 3. Assts: Sloan Geck 2, Rogers 2. Sdls: Ames 3, Ella Beatty 2, Brown 2.

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