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Community Calendar

4th Annual Egg-stravaganza
Apr 4 • 10 p.m. to 4 p.m.
The Dripping Springs community is to attend the 4th Annual Egg-stravaganza, presented by Dripping Springs Ranch Park and Holiday and Harvest! There will be two helicopter egg drops - one at 12 p.m., and one at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person. Children under 2 are free. Dripping Springs Ranch Park • 1042 Event Center Drive • Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Dripping Springs Farmers Market
Apr 8 & Apr 15 • 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

2nd Annual Kite Fest
Apr 11 • 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
The City of Dripping Springs is hosting its 2nd Annual Kite Fest. Participants can bring their own kite or just come enjoy the view at this free event for all ages. Founders Memorial Park • 419b Founders Park Rd • Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Farm to Fork Junior Chef Challenge
Apr 11 • 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
This family-friendly fundraising celebration at Hope Full brings together youth talent, local chefs, and

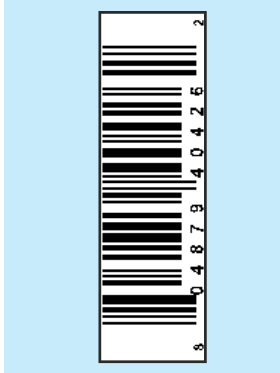
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THANK YOU VETERANS FOR YOUR SERVICE

Inspirational Quote of the Day

"YOU DON'T HAVE TO SEE THE WHOLE STAIRCASE, JUST TAKE THE FIRST STEP."
- MARTIN LUTHER KING



Dripping Springs veteran featured in new documentary on PTSD, plant medicine

Laurie Anderson
Editor

Lynn Krug spent six years as a U.S. Army Combat Military Police officer, deployed to Bosnia, and got out of the military two weeks before September 11, 2001. What followed was decades of living with PTSD, cycling through VA appointments, and dealing with what she

describes as an inadequate mental health system.

Today, Krug says she finally feels like herself again. Her journey back is part of a film that premiered March 25 at the National Medal of Honor Museum in Arlington, Texas, on National Medal of Honor Day.

Healing Heroes: No Mind Left Behind, produced by Solo Vive

Studios, follows six veterans and first responders through an immersive treatment experience exploring both established and emerging approaches to PTSD recovery, including plant medicine. Krug is one of those six. The film is expected to begin streaming on major platforms in April.

Krug, a Dripping Springs resident, SEE **KRUG** ON PAGE 5



Local veteran Lynn Krug participates in a one year follow-up interview with the Healing Heroes film crew at Vista West Ranch.

PHOTO BY LAURIE ANDERSON



Students from Sunrise Christian Schoolhouse recite Bible verses for the audience.

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36th annual Wild Game Dinner raises \$145,000

Laurie Anderson
Editor

The Dripping Springs Wild Game Dinner (DSWGD) wrapped up its 36th annual event in February, raising approximately \$145,000 for local charities. This year's "Paddles Up" recipient was Sunrise Christian Schoolhouse, a faith-based K-6 school in Dripping Springs that is currently expanding. Longtime DSWGD member Bill DWinne said the response from the crowd was record-breaking.

"We just presented them a check the day before yesterday for a little bit over \$43,000 - and that was just from Paddles Up," DeWinne said. "We're lucky if we can get \$25,000, so it was very rewarding."

DeWinne said students from the school attended the dinner and delivered a Bible verse reading that visibly moved the crowd.

"It's hard to get 850 people to be quiet, and it was very impressive," DeWinne said. "It was emotional and it was spiritual, and it clearly impacted the crowd. I was really proud of those little kids."



A student from Sunrise Christian Schoolhouse helps serve desserts.



Attendees at the dinner go through the serving line.

The event, held at Dripping Springs Ranch Park and Event Center, drew an estimated 800 to 850 attendees for an evening that included wild game dinner, live and silent auctions, live music, and a raffle.

"It was actually a

great event," DeWinne said. "Mother Nature really cooperated with favorable weather. We had struggled the last two years with some really chilly weather and did our best to heat that building, but this

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Sunset Construction and Excavation was in charge of the demolition on March 30.

PHOTOS BY CHRIS KELKER-NEULAN

Volunteers needed for latest Hometown Missions build

Laurie Anderson
Editor

Volunteers with Hometown Missions demolished a 1970s mobile home Monday in Dripping Springs, clearing the way for a new tiny home to be built for long-time resident Melody Snell as

part of the organization's Spring 2026 Home in a Month project.

The demolition kicks off an intensive, volunteer-driven construction timeline aimed at completing a new stick-built tiny home for Snell within a single

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State Representative Erin Zwiener meets with the press outside of Hays County Judge Ruben Becerra's Water Summit after she was denied entry.

DAILY RECORD PHOTO BY DALTON SWEAT

WATER WARS BOIL OVER Zwiener denied entry to Becerra's water summit

Laurie Anderson
Regional Editor

Tensions over how to address Hays County's growing water challenges boiled over Friday after State Rep. Erin Zwiener was turned away from a water summit hosted by Hays County Judge Ruben Becerra, who said he did not want an "agitator" in the room. Zwiener said after initially being excluded

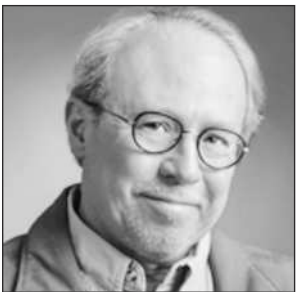
she had been invited to the summit, RSVP'd earlier in the week and was turned away at the door when she arrived. Becerra said her RSVP was sent to a staff member who was on vacation and did not make the attendee list.

The invitation-only "Clear Water Summit" was organized by Becerra and local water officials to bring together regional stakeholders to

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Capital Highlights

Paxton calls for Hancock's removal



Gary Borders
Texas Press Association

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton called for Gov. Greg Abbott to remove acting state comptroller Kelly Hancock, calling him an “incompetent loser,” The Dallas Morning News reported. Paxton said the governor should replace him with Don Huffines, who defeated Hancock in the

GOP primary race for the post earlier this month. “Kelly Hancock was rejected by Texans because he failed to do his job. He failed to take me down during impeachment, and his career is over,” Paxton wrote on X. “It’s time for him to be fired.” Before his appointment as acting comptroller, Hancock served in the Texas Senate and was one of two Republican state senators who voted to convict Paxton in his impeachment trial. Paxton was acquitted. The latest dispute comes after Hancock sent a letter to Paxton

and to federal officials, calling for stripping the Houston Quran Academy of its charter because of alleged ties to CAIR, the nation’s largest Muslim civil rights advocacy organization. Abbott has designated that group a foreign terrorist organization. The academy is suing to overturn the designation. **Texas poised to lead nation in data centers** Texas is poised to lead the nation by 2030 in the number of data centers, the Austin American-Statesman reported, surpassing Virginia. The state currently has 6.5 gigawatts of data center capacity under construction, accounting for 20% of the capacity added to the U.S. pipeline last year. One gigawatt can power about 750,000 homes on average.

Data centers provide the infrastructure to support both crypto currency facilities and the growth of artificial intelligence. The centers require huge amounts of power and water to operate. The Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which operates most of the state’s power grid, said the continuing growth in data centers will increase Texas energy demand by 71% in the next five years. Central Texas has become the top data center market in the country. The American-Statesman identified at least 55 completed or planned projects between Temple and San Antonio in 2025. **\$116 million in FIFA safety grants announced** The city of Houston and the North Central Texas Council of Governments, areas

that are both hosting FIFA World Cup events, will receive \$116 million in grants to provide for safety personnel, equipment and other public safety needs, the governor’s office has announced. “The FIFA World Cup coming to Texas gives our state a premier opportunity to showcase all it has to offer,” Abbott said in a news release. “These public safety grants will help ensure that travelers visiting and traveling throughout Texas can enjoy our great state safely, will bolster Texas’ efforts to combat crime, and help prevent potential acts of violence.” The money is coming from the federal government under the omnibus budget bill passed last year. The budget provides \$625 million in federal funding to host cities across America. The funds are allocated for recipients to provide extensive security to protect venues, players, staff and attendees against potential terrorist attacks. **License seekers will have to prove they’re in country legally** Anyone seeking a professional license in Texas, from barbers to dog breeders, will have to prove they are in the country legally after May 1, The Texas Tribune reported. The state’s Commission on Licensing and Regulation last week adopted a new rule that could affect thousands of workers. A long line of speakers at a hearing urged the commission not to adopt the rule, arguing it will hamper the state’s economy and push people to work without a license. The commission oversees the

Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. “TDLR has long been evaluating verification of license eligibility in line with federal law. With the transfer of the Texas Lottery to TDLR, the recent launch of our licensing system modernization project, and increased focus on combatting human trafficking, the department is moving forward with lawful presence verification,” Caroline M. Espinosa, a TDLR spokesperson, said. TDLR attorney Derek Burkhalter told commissioners that some non-citizens will still be able to get licenses if they are here legally; for example, if they were granted asylum or admitted as a refugee. “The proposed rules do not impose a citizenship requirement,” Burkhalter said. “Individuals who are not U.S. citizens may still be eligible for licensure if they meet the eligibility criteria.” **Pedestrian, bicyclist fatalities continue to increase** With spring and warmer weather here, there are more pedestrians and cyclists out on the road. More than 20% of all Texas traffic fatalities involve either pedestrians or cyclists, according to the Texas Department of Transportation, which is urging drivers to know and follow the rules for sharing the road. In 2024, 852 cyclists and pedestrians were killed in crashes on Texas roads. There were 6,095 crashes involving pedestrians and 2,761 crashes involving bicyclists. In 2025, there were 1,372 traffic crashes

involving pedestrians in Texas and 527 traffic crashes involving bicyclists. In these crashes, 186 people were killed. “All of us share a responsibility to watch out for each other, but people on foot or riding a bike are most at risk for serious injury or worse in a crash with a car, which means drivers must be extra vigilant,” TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams said. **Slightly less active hurricane season predicted** Hurricane season is a little more than two months away, and weather media outlet AccuWeather is predicting a slightly less active season this year than in 2025, the Houston Chronicle reported. However, Texas and the Gulf Coast are still at risk of being hit. AccuWeather is forecasting 11 to 16 named storms, including four to eight hurricanes. Of those, one to three are expected to become Category 3 or strong hurricanes, with winds of at least 111 mph. Three to six storms could directly hit the United States, including one to three along the Gulf Coast, putting Texas and neighboring states at risk. Last year was the first since 2015 without a hurricane making a direct U.S. landfall. Hurricane season runs from June 1 to Nov. 30. *Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches, Lufkin and Cedar Park. Email: gbor-*

OBITUARIES

Reynaldo Herrera

January 3, 1958 — 3/6/2026



Reynaldo Herrera

Reynaldo “Rey” Herrera, a true cowboy, passed away on March 6, 2026 leaving behind a legacy of strength, independence, and unforgettable charm. Rey lived life at the beat of his own drum—free-spirited, bold, and unapologetically himself. Known for his striking presence and handsome nature, Rey had a way of leaving a lasting impression on everyone he met. He was the kind of man who built deep, loyal friendships, and those bonds stood the test of time. Whether you knew him for years or just a moment, you knew you had met someone special. Rey found his greatest joy in the simple, hon-

est things—ranching, working with horses, and embracing the cowboy way of life he loved so deeply. He also knew how to enjoy life, always ready for a good time, laughter, and the company of those he cared about. Rey will be remembered for his rugged heart, his fierce independence, and the way he lived life fully and on his own terms. His memory will ride on in the stories shared and the laughter remembered. May he rest in peace. Services will be held on April 11, 2026 at St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church in Dripping Springs 230 Post Oak off of Ranch Rd 12. Rosary will be held at 10:00am, Mass at 11:00am and burial to follow at Phillips Cemetery 26001 Ranch Rd 12 Dripping Springs, TX. In the next few days, Harrell Funeral Home will display a slide show available to leave your condolences to the family at www.harrellfuneral-homes.com

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Man pleads guilty to sexual abuse, sentenced to 30 years

Staff Reports

Luis Rangel, 50, of San Marcos, was sentenced to 30 years in prison on March 10 after pleading guilty to three counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child. These sentences will run concurrently, according to the office of Hays County Criminal District Attorney Kelly Higgins. The sentencing came one day after a jury was selected and moments before opening statements in the trial. This case was investigated by the Austin Police Department and the San Marcos Police Department and was prosecuted by Assistant Criminal District Attorneys Cassidy Story and Daniel Sakaida, assisted by Sandra Groters, Avery Slocum, Zoie Sanders



Luis Rangel

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and Sergeant Investigator Robert Torres. “We want to thank the jury for dedicating their time,” Story said. “Without their willingness to serve, a plea agreement would not

have been reached.” Story also thanked the victim for their bravery. “We hope that the closing of this chapter will open one that leads to continued

healing with the assurance that this man finally paid for the long-term damage he has done.” Rangel was indicted in 2023 for sexually abusing a child from the ages of 7 to 12 years old shortly after a delayed outcry in 2022. Rangel entered a plea of guilty to three counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child for acts alleged in 2014, 2017 and 2020. Because the case was resolved by a guilty plea, the child victim did not have to testify about the sexual abuse experienced at a young age, according to Hays County. The child was present for Rangel’s guilty plea and sentencing and spoke during allocution to the defendant about the trauma that continues because of his actions.

3D Textured Fabric Art – Simple and Fast!

Sabrena Wright

How do artists create flowing, abstract 3D wall art? It is easy and tons of messy fun! The materials and “batter” recipe below are for one 12 by 12 inch canvas. Increase proportions pro rata for larger projects.

Materials:

- Cradle board, stretched canvas, or canvas board. Seal surface with two gesso coats.

- Fabric. It is best to use 100% natural fibers like cotton or silk. The batter “sticks” to natural fibers better due to their inherent texture. Also natural fibers swell when wet and tighten as they dry, stabilizing the drywall.

- The size and shape of fabric needed varies greatly based on the design. General rule: cut fabric twice as wide and high as the canvas. Fabric weight and weave can vary the body and texture of the art. I used a 24 x 24 inch piece of medium weight cotton bed-sheet for my 12 x 12 canvas.

- Drywall Powder – ProForm Quick Set Lite - 20 minute drywall powder. You can use slower drying versions, but you risk fabric sagging before it



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sets.

- Elmer’s All Purpose Glue – I recommend this specific brand for consistent adhesion. “School”, “washable” or “glitter” glue bonds are too weak. Wood glue works, but is not archival.

- Water – Tap water is fine.

- Equipment: 2 gallon or bigger mixing bucket, three 8 ounce plastic cups, and something to stir the batter. For stirring, I used a hand drill and a paint/mud mixing drill bit. It also helps to use a discarded silicon spatula or sturdy spoon to scrape the bucket corners and sides.

Optional materials that make life easier:

- Plastic table cloth to protect your work surface

- Nitrile gloves
- Thick paper like builder’s floor paper cut a little larger than the project and placed beneath it to move the art easier before it is dry; and a timer to track your work “window” before setting begins.

The Batter Recipe (for 24 in by 24 in fabric)

- 2 ounces of glue mixed with 2 ounces of water

- 2 - 8 ounce of cups of water (you may not need it all)

- 2 – 8 ounce cups of drywall powder

Step 1: Put your canvas on the thick paper. Place the fabric on your canvas and plan your fabric shape.

Step 2: Thoroughly wet the fabric in water and squeeze it out well. Set it aside.

Step 3: Hand mix equal parts of glue with water in a cup. This prevents glue clumps in the drywall batter.

Step 4: Pour one 8 ounce glass of water and glue pre-mix into the bucket. Stir. Refill cup with 8 ounces and set aside.

Step 5: Pour drywall powder into the bucket and stir with drill for about a minute. Add ½ of the remaining water and stir for another minute. Take a sturdy spoon to bring any dry powder on bucket bottom to the surface. Stir another two minutes to get the lumps out. Pause for two minutes then check consistency. Your batter should look like a rich pancake batter, loose but with body. If it

needs more water, then add some sparingly and stir for one minute.

Bear in mind that making “batter” is more of an art than a science. The water needed can vary based on humidity, drywall powder type, and how well it is blended. Generally, in 5 minutes the powder is fully hydrated, so it is better to err on less water than too much. After 5 minutes of mixing the batter, set your timer for 20 minutes.

Step 6: Put your fabric in the batter and quickly coat all sides with batter.

Step 7: Put the battered fabric on the canvas and shape it. PVA glue slows the setting process, so you have 20 minutes to

shape. By 30 minutes, typically, the batter starts to set.

- Don’t worry if you can see fabric through the batter. If you follow these instructions, the fabric fibers are saturated with binding agents.

- Use fabric edges within your design or fold them to the canvas back. Cut off excess fabric either before or after drying.

Step 8: Watch it cook. Shiny surfaces will look dull starting in the driest areas. By an hour after mixing the batter, the entire surface will have a matte finish and is firm to a light touch. At this point, you can lift the thick paper and move the canvas.

Step 9: Painting. Wait at least 24 hours (48 hours preferred) so that the densest areas are bone dry. I like using acrylic spray paint as a primer layer. Consider using several thin layers of spray acrylic paint for the nooks and crannies within fabric folds.

You are done!

What an adventure. There are so many possibilities by building on this technique. Experiment and enjoy!

Sabrena Wright is a member of Dripping Springs Art League

DINNER FROM PG. I



Volunteers replenish the ice tea during meal service.

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One of the auction items was a large quilt featuring 63 National Parks.

PHOTO COURTESY OF KATHERINE DRYE



Volunteers season the meat on prep day.

PHOTO COURTESY OF TALIA WADE



The auction featured a wide variety of items.

PHOTO COURTESY OF KATHERINE DRYE



Prior to the auction, Rob Linton makes sure everyone has their paddles.

PHOTO COURTESY OF KATHERINE DRYE

year was really nice.”

Both the live and silent auctions set new records, DeWinne said, crediting in part a new auctioneer the committee brought in from San Antonio.

“They really got the energy and the excitement going,” DeWinne said.

DeWinne struggled to put the atmosphere of the evening into words, but said that energy is part of what keeps people coming back year after year.

“When that building is full, it’s got a vibe and electricity.

You just have to feel it,” DeWinne said.

Doors opened at 5 p.m. to allow guests to browse the silent auction and find their seats, but DeWinne said people were arriving even earlier than that.

“People were showing up at like 4 o’clock. It was crazy,” he said. “It was unbelievable the amount of people.”

Among the evening’s highlights, DeWinne pointed to the national anthem.

“When they did the Star-Spangled Banner

and everybody is singing, that’s pretty impressive,” DeWinne said. “That’ll give you chills.”

Planning for the event starts the October prior, and really ramps up during the final week. Over the course of several days, volunteers gather for meat cutting, prep, and sausage making. They also show up on event day to set up tables and chairs and staff the evening.

The event’s 37th edition is already in the works, with Jer-

emy Peele set to serve as chairman. The dinner is scheduled for February 27, 2027.

DSWGD has raised nearly \$1 million for local charities since its founding in 1991, when a group of men from Dripping Springs United Methodist Church first gathered to cook a meal and give back to their neighbors.

“I’ve done it for over 20 years and I still get excited about it,” DeWinne said. “I’m really glad to be a part of it, and I can’t wait for next year.”



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OPINION

State Rep. Zwiener: Silence enables county judge's 'bad behavior'



Erin Zwiener
State Representative District 45

Editor's note: This column reflects the views of the author. The Dripping Springs Century News has reached out to Judge Ruben Becerra for response and will publish it when received.

When I was 21, a man punched me in the face. It was at the holiday party of the Forestry Club at the University of Montana. His name was Mike, and he had been flirting with me but also forceful. I told him I wasn't interested and went back to chatting with my friend. A few minutes later, a fist came out of nowhere and knocked me to the ground.

I couldn't let him hurt me like that without consequences, so after giving the other party attendees a heads up, I called the police. They came, interviewed me, and arrested Mike. He pled guilty to assault and did probation. I was

satisfied. But the Forestry Club and that group of friends? Most of them began avoiding me, and I no longer felt welcome at their events. Over the next few months, I floated away from that community entirely. I didn't realize I'd broken a secret, unspoken rule: Speaking up against a problem often gets you labeled the problem.

But we can't live that way. People do bad things, and we must have the courage to talk about it. Cultures of silence and punishing those who speak up only protect bad actors, those who lie and who treat others with disrespect.

We've come a long way from college but not far enough. Recently, an odd game that Judge Ruben Becerra has been playing came to a head. He, in his eighth year in public office, decided to engage on water issues. He brought a proposal to the Commissioners Court on water and data centers that had not been posted publicly or had legal review. Unfortunately, his proposal came with unintended consequences—it would have allowed industrial water users to sidestep the county development

process entirely. When the legal team, other commissioners, and I (through a letter to the Court) pointed this out, the judge tabled his own proposal.

Then the judge announced a water summit and pointedly said he expected attendance from every Hays County state legislator...except me. The omission stood out to many Hays County residents, because I have been working on water issues consistently and fighting to bring more resources to our groundwater districts. When constituents asked why I was left off, he lied and said I declined to attend. I corrected the record and said I was not invited. Then he publicly invited me, and I said my office would try to participate. My staff RSVPed via an email to both the judge and one of his staffers.

But when my staff and I showed up, we were told we weren't on the list and that the venue was at capacity despite folks inside saying there were several empty seats. The judge's story for why has continued to change. Sometimes he says my RSVP slipped through the cracks, and sometimes he de-

fends excluding me, saying I'm an agitator because I dared to criticize his approach on water issues. I have no reason to believe my exclusion was anything but intentional.

This isn't the first time something like this has happened with Judge Becerra. In 2020, when we were all scrambling to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, the judge held conference calls for local leaders with briefings from the epidemiologist. I asked to be included to help bring needed state resources to the county. At first the judge acted like I was included but the information for the calls never arrived. When other elected officials sent me the call in information, he changed the call in time at the last minute. The judge implied in texts to me that I had nothing of value to offer and told me not to text him. When mayors and commissioners advocated for me, he yelled at them. He instructed county staff to not communicate with me.

I felt disrespected and angry, but it was a global pandemic, and the work was more important than one badly-behaved elected

official. I pulled together medical experts and did virtual town halls for the community. The judge's then chief of staff and I developed a backchannel about mask orders and federal relief money, which I believe he largely hid from the judge. I fought to get the state to bring the National Guard to Hays County for testing sites, going around the county to get the first week organized. I worked with mutual friends who still had a relationship with the judge to feed him information and ideas without my name attached.

I made myself smaller to make it work and to try (not entirely successfully) to avoid public disagreements between myself and the judge. But it was three times as much work for everyone to tiptoe around the judge's utter refusal to work directly with me, and we accomplished less for the people of Hays County because of it.

When the judge exhibited such similar behavior last week, I wasn't willing to make myself smaller anymore. Some of my fellow Democrats, even some of my friends, have criticized me for

being divisive. But I can't believe that calling out lies, gaslighting, and bullying is more divisive than the bad behavior itself.

This is the sad truth: Judge Becerra's bullying and dishonest behavior has been an open secret in Hays County for years. You're either with him or against him, and he publicly attacks those whom he considers to have opposed him. County staff and contractors report fear of retribution if they speak out. Local nonprofits, elected officials, business owners, and even many within the Hays Democratic Party have the same fear.

Just because someone is theoretically on the same side of an issue or in the same political party doesn't mean we should accept bad behavior. Bullying and lying make true unity and collaborative work impossible in a time when we need everyone's talent and time at the table. We must break the culture of silence, of using the idea of "everyone getting along" as a shield from accountability. I hope that my speaking out gives others the courage to do the same.

KRUG FROM PG. 1

Springs resident and owner of the Brass Ovaries studio in Austin, attended the film's premiere in Arlington. Joe and Stacey Hogge, owners of 12 Fox Beer Co., were also in attendance. They are active advocates for veterans, and some of the documentary was filmed at one of their properties. Krug said the audience of roughly 200 people was visibly moved by the film.

"Some people were crying, and they thanked us afterwards for sharing our stories and our healing," Krug said. "Everybody was really dressed up and just out there to support the message."

At the end of the screening, the filmmakers included updates on each of the six veterans - where they are now, what they're doing, how their lives have changed since the cameras stopped rolling.

"It was really good to see some of the people that were also in the film and people that worked on the film," Krug said.

The documentary follows Krug and five other veterans - Ryan Henderson, Courtney Allen, Keegan Smith, Megan Watts, and Jason Braadt - through a 10-day treatment program in Tulum, Mexico, designed specifically for veterans.

Dr. Charles "Charlie" Powell, the documentary's creator and a former U.S. Navy Lieutenant Com-

mander and combat veteran himself, described watching the process unfold as the most meaningful work of his career.

Powell said he hid his own PTSD for 18 years before finding a treatment that worked. He also said the U.S. has been too slow to research and offer alternatives to traditional pharmaceuticals.

"Medicines like this have been known for over a decade to help with this, but no one even tried to get a study in the US," Powell said. "Why are the people that defended this country having to leave it to go get something that finally works? That doesn't make sense to me."

He also pushed back on widely cited statistics about veteran suicide, arguing the real numbers are significantly underreported. Only 30 percent of veterans ever register with the VA, he said, meaning the commonly cited figure of 22 veteran suicides per day almost certainly reflects a fraction of the actual toll.

"Take that number and multiply it times three," Powell said. "That's a starting point, and it's still probably on the low side."

Krug's path to plant medicine began with the Heroic Hearts Project, which connects veterans with plant medicine retreats - including ayahuasca, a

plant-based brew with roots in Indigenous Amazonian traditions. It has drawn growing scientific interest for its potential in treating trauma.

She has now participated in seven plant medicine retreats - including experiences with ayahuasca, psilocybin mushrooms, and ibogaine, a compound derived from an African root that has shown promise in treating both PTSD and addiction. Each, she said, addressed something different.

"Ayahuasca healed me of the traumas that happened to me from other people, from other things, from other situations," she said. "Ibogaine forced me to look at myself - the trauma I caused myself or the trauma I caused other people. It's like really intense shadow work that my therapists have been trying to get me to do forever, but I'd been avoiding."

She is careful to note that plant medicine is not for everyone, and emphasizes the importance of proper medical screening and supervision.

"From a toxicological standpoint there is some danger to it, so you need to make sure that who you're going to is safe and actually doing the medical prep beforehand."

Powell echoed that caution.

"The power of these medicines is something that has to be



Lynn Krug, Courtney Allen, Ryan Henderson and Keegan Smith, veterans who participated in the documentary, attend a Fireside Chats meeting at 12 Fox Beer Co. with director Charlie Powell.

PHOTO BY LAURIE ANDERSON



Lynn Krug takes a photo with Stacey & Joe Hogge at the premiere.

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given enough respect," he said. "There's a lot of fly-by-night people out there that think they know what they're doing. You can really mess people up."

Krug said that one of the most valuable parts of participating in the Healing Heroes project was being vulnerable around a group of people who didn't know each other and were thrown to-

gether in an unfamiliar place. She said she was more vulnerable in those moments than she's ever been, even with her therapist.

"Knowing that eventually this was going to be very public, it's just showing that it's okay not to be okay. Just showing somebody else that it's okay to be vulnerable," Krug said. "You don't have to hold it inside, because

that really makes it worse."

Krug said she also wants the show to give others hope that they can find the healing that works best for them.

"For myself I tried practically everything that the VA was offering and it got me to a certain point, but I knew there had to be something better," Krug said.

To that end, Krug has also gotten involved in advocacy work, and has gone to Washington, DC to try to push for changes in laws around plant medicine.

"We need safe access," Krug said. "Not everybody can afford to go out of country. Not everybody has the resources to leave for 10 days, or a job that they could leave for 10 days without having some repercussions."

Her closing message to anyone who might see themselves in her story was simple.

"I'm hoping that it does show people there are different modalities to heal if the current pharmaceuticals and the current modalities aren't working for them," she said. "And hey, if it helps even one veteran, then it was worth it."

More information is available at www.HealingHeroes.com. If you or a veteran you know is in crisis, contact the Veterans Crisis Line by calling 988 and pressing 1, or by texting 838255.

BUILD FROM PG. 1

month. Snell has lived in the Dripping Springs community for more than 40 years. According to Hometown Missions, her current mobile home had become unsafe and no longer provided adequate shelter.

Hometown Missions Operations Manager Chris Kelker-Newlan said the project reflects the organization’s mission.

”This is what community looks like — people showing up, rolling up their sleeves, and building something that truly changes a life,” Kelker-Newlan said.

A full project schedule, along with volunteer sign-up opportu-



Melody Snell attends the demolition of her old home, making way for the new.

PHOTOS BY CHRIS KELKER-NEWLAN

nities, is available on the Hometown Missions website. The Signup Genius includes organized tabs for March, April, and May, allowing volunteers to easily find opportunities that fit their availability.

Hometown Missions encourages individuals, families, businesses, and church groups to get involved and be part of this life-changing experience.

”There is a role for everyone, no matter your age or skill level,”



Volunteers constructed the walls for Melody Snell’s new home offsite at Dripping Springs Presbyterian Church, with help from the DS Young Men’s Service League.

PHOTOS BY CHRIS KELKER-NEWLAN

Kelker-Newlan said.

Snell is a member of Gateway Church in Dripping Springs, where she is known as an active participant and prayer leader. She spent her early years in Peru, where her parents

served as missionaries translating the Bible into native languages. In recent years, she has faced significant health challenges, including cancer, according to Hometown Missions. The next event is the

slab pour and dedication, which is set for April 9. The next volunteer day will be for the raising of the walls on April 11.

For more details, visit www.hometownmissions.org.

WATER FROM PG. 1

address growing concerns over water availability as development continues across Hays County.

The dispute comes as Hays County faces increasing pressure on limited groundwater supplies amid rapid growth and ongoing drought conditions.

Becerra defended the decision following the meeting saying she had “publicly undermined” efforts, and that the summit was intended to move past political disagreements and focus on coordination among water providers.

“I will not invite ... someone [who is] a known agitator of this actual effort,” Becerra said. “That is not the energy I want in this summit at this time.”

He said the meeting was a “very fragile” first step and that his goal was to keep the discussion focused on collaboration among participants.

Zwiener pushed back on that characterization, saying she has worked on groundwater policy throughout her time in office and remains willing to collaborate.

“I’ve been working diligently on groundwater issues since day one of my election,” Zwiener said. “If he would like to be successful in working on them, my door is open.”

She also questioned Becerra’s involvement in the issue.

“I am glad that in year eight of his time in public service, Judge Becerra has discovered those issues,” she said.

Zwiener also suggested the effort may be politically motivated. The clash comes as Becerra and Zwiener, both Democrats, have been involved in ongoing disagreements over groundwater policy in the region. Becerra is currently in a Democratic primary runoff against Hays County Precinct 2 Commissioner Michelle Cohen.

“Quite frankly, I think this is more about attention than actual work,” Zwiener said.

Part of that tension stems from disagreements over legislation related to the Hays

Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, which Zwiener worked to pass through the last legislative cycle.

“They have a broken funding structure, and so I worked very hard to try and pass legislation to fix that so that they can stay solvent,” Zwiener said. “We did pass that bill through the Texas House, over the objection of folks like Dripping Springs water supply and Representative Carrie Isaac. The bill passed the Senate unanimously, and then there was a very successful campaign to get that bill vetoed. So right now, we are at risk of our groundwater district becoming insolvent and having no protection over our groundwater.”

Mark Key, a Dripping Springs Water Supply Corporation board member who Becerra tapped to help organize the summit, was part of a group that helped secure Gov. Greg Abbott’s veto of the bill.

DSWSC, the water supplier for much of northwest Hays County including the city of Dripping Springs, opposed the measure.

Key said he was proud to have fought the legislation.

“I fought it tooth and nail, because that legislation would have stripped away all exempt well rights for people with less than 10 acres,” Key said previously. “...Their wells would have suddenly been subject to fees, fines and legislation by the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, so you’re damn right I fought it.”

Zwiener said she did not recall telling local officials the legislation “was going to pass whether you like it or not,” as Key claimed during the press conference.

Becerra pointed to that dynamic in explaining why he did not want Zwiener at the summit, saying he was trying to avoid confrontational rhetoric and keep the discussion focused on collaboration.

Zwiener emphasized

that she planned to attend the meeting and said she has worked on groundwater issues alongside local stakeholders for years, seeking to ensure those voices were represented in the discussion. She said she wanted to advocate for local groundwater districts, including the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, which she feared could come under attack during the summit.

“I was concerned this was going to be a vehicle for them to attack the groundwater district, and wanted to make sure that if that happened, I could be there to speak up for them,” Zwiener said.

“The groundwater district has been very nervous to participate in any of this, because they are currently in litigation with DSWSC,” she said. “Those legal fees are threatening the financial solvency of the district.”

The Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District did not immediately respond to a request for comment after business hours Friday.

Becerra and Key said the summit was intended to bring together water providers, policymakers and regional stakeholders to begin coordinating responses to growing supply concerns. Zwiener called together her own working group of elected officials, non-profit leaders and long-time water advocacy organizations to examine how high-water-use developments — particularly data centers — are affecting communities in Hays County.

Becerra said that nearly 100 participants representing water utilities, groundwater districts, regional authorities and neighboring counties attended the water summit on Friday. He said discussions focused on water availability, infrastructure challenges and long-term planning as the region continues to grow.

Officials said early conversations included improving regional coordination, sharing



Becerra and Dripping Springs Water Supply Corporation Board of Director Mark Key meet with the press following the meeting.

PHOTO BY DALTON SWEAT

data on groundwater levels, addressing aging infrastructure and exploring expanded water reuse.

They also said de-

mand from large industrial users, including but not limited to data centers, is becoming an increasingly frequent concern in local

water planning discussions.

Becerra said he plans to hold similar summits on a quarterly basis, with future meetings aimed at refining ideas and developing recommendations for lawmakers and local officials. He and Key said they remain open to future conversations with the state representative. Zwiener said she would participate in future discussions if allowed and emphasized that she is ready to use her role in the legislature to help build solutions around groundwater management and local control.

ALL MY ROLE MODELS WENT TO PRISON



JESUS

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**Liberty Fellowship. Sunday’s at 11am
at the VFW in Wimberley. LibertyTX.org**

pet of the week



Peppa • Male
12 years old
Chihuahua

I am a 12 lb, 12 year old Chihuahua. I am a fun and outgoing little guy. I am house trained and crate trained. I love to go for car rides and I get attached to my person quickly. I love to snuggle with my peeps. I just got fully vaccinated, neutered, and had a dental. I am heartworm negative. I'm super easy going and you can love on me in a million ways. I promise to return the love ten-fold. Foster to adopt may be a good option, also. I look forward to meeting you soon! Please visit LizzysHospice.com or email us at LizzysHospice@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to fill out an application.



Mint • Male
12 years old
Chihuahua

I'm definitely a lapdog. I am a bit shy in new places, but I love to be held and know everything is good because it helps me feel safe. I love to sit on laps and be petted. I do well with other dogs, but I keep to myself. I prefer a quieter home. Larger dogs intimidate me a bit. I love to go for walks and ride great in the car. I am now fully vaccinated, neutered, and had a dental so my smile and breath is Minty fresh. I am heartworm positive but starting my treatment to get rid of it once and for all. I'm gonna feel so good when I'm back to my normal, healthy self again! Lizzy's is paying for the heartworm treatment, no matter if I am in foster or with my forever family. I am an easy pup to care for and to love. Please visit LizzysHospice.com or email us at LizzysHospice@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to fill out an application.

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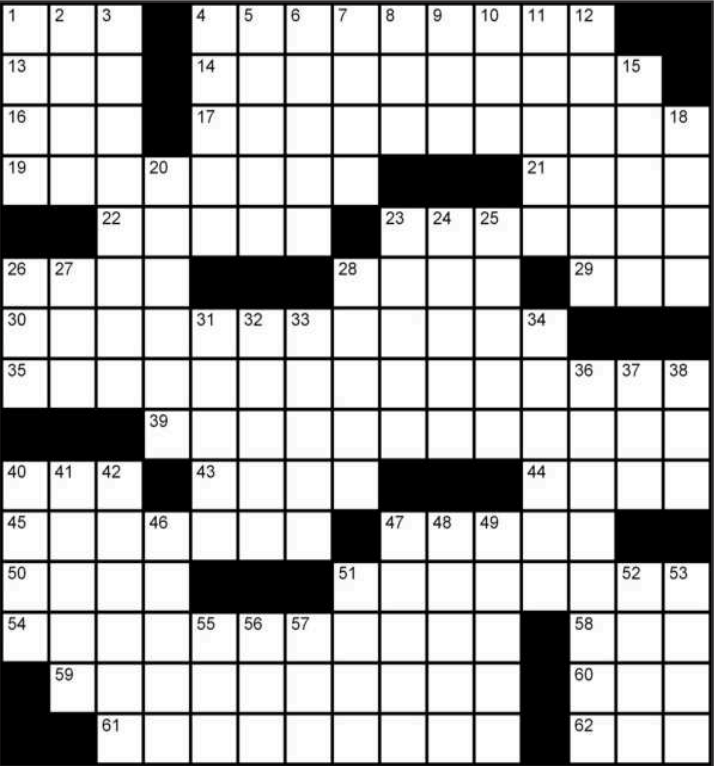
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CALENDAR FROM PG. 1

community change-makers for a day of food, fun, and impact. Junior chefs will be paired up with acclaimed Central Texas culinary professionals to create farm-inspired dishes using organic produce grown at Hope Full Farm. Chef Mentors are Fiore Tedesco (L'Oca D'Oro), Edgar Rico (Nixta Taqueria), Sarah McIntosh (Épicerie), and Michael Fojtasek (Olamaie). In addition to the Junior Chef Challenge, guests will enjoy live music, farm tours, kid-friendly activities, and delicious bites — all while supporting Hope Full Farm's mission to combat childhood hunger and support the next generation of regenerative farmers. Hope Full Farm • W Fitzhugh Rd • Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Dinner by the Bite
Apr 16 • 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
It's time for the 21st annual Dinner By The Bite - an evening of gourmet food, drinks and auction items all to benefit the homeless pets at PAWS Shelter of Central Texas. This casual event is held at Wilson AC & Appliance in Dripping Springs. There you will find a beautiful showroom with unique, fully functioning kitchens bustling with chefs hard at work preparing their most popular dishes in bite sized form. Guests are free to roam from station to station picking their favorite bites while socializing with like-minded animal lov-

ers. Visit www.pawshelter.org for tickets. Wilson AC & Appliance • 4205 US-290 • Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Night to Inspire - Color Our World
Apr 16 • 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
The Dripping Springs Art League invites the community to step inside its dazzling Kaleidoscope Gallery to be surrounded by hundreds of original works by local artists - oil and acrylic paintings, fiber arts, woodworking, writing, stained glass, metal sculpture, jewelry, photography and so on. All displayed art is available for purchase. Guests can watch art come alive as live painters will transform their canvases into vibrant masterpieces, and artists at demonstration booths share their techniques and creative processes. Tickets include tapas courses curated by Austin's own Chef Keii (as seen on the Food Network). Three drinks tickets are also included. Details at www.artindripping.com. Dripping Springs Ranch Park • 1042 Event Center Dr. • Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Old Settler's Music Festival
Apr 17 to Apr 19
Old Settler's Music Festival (OSMF) offers a fun and family-friendly experience for music enthusiasts and fest goers. Ranked in the top five of

USA Today's list of North America's 10 best festivals, OSMF's unique atmosphere features a laid-back, community-oriented vibe that keeps music lovers returning year after year. Visit <https://oldsettlersmusicfest.org/> for tickets. Camp Ben McCulloch • J18301 Ranch to Market Rd 1826 • Driftwood, TX 78619

PODS Crawfish and Shrimp Boil
Apr 18 • 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Join Pride of Dripping Springs for the 2nd Annual Crawfish Boil! This year it's bigger and spicier! Come out for an afternoon of great food, music, and neighbors coming together in celebration and community. More information at www.prideofdripping-springs.org. Beerburg Events • 13476 Fitzhugh Rd • Austin, TX 78736

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.

Historic Preservation Commission Regular Meeting
Apr 2 • 4 p.m.

City Council & Board of Adjustment Regular Meeting
Apr 7 • 6 p.m.

DSRP Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Apr 8 • 11 a.m.

TIRZ No. 1 & No. 2 Board Regular Meeting
Apr 13 • 4 p.m.

Founders Day Committee Regular Meeting
Apr 13 • 6:30 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting
Apr 15 • 6 p.m.

City Council Quorum Notice - Parks & Recreation Commission
April 15 • 6 p.m.

Farmers Market Committee Regular Meeting
Apr 16 • 10 a.m.

Emergency Management Committee Regular Meeting
Apr 16 • 12 p.m.

Utility Commission Regular Meeting
Apr 16 • 2 p.m.

Hays County Commissioners Court Regular Meeting
Apr 14 • 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
Apr 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.

Track Meet Results

Carl Waits
Sports Reporter

The track teams entered the huge Charles Austin Varsity Classic sponsored by Texas State University in final preparation for the district meet in a couple of weeks. There were dozens of schools with top talent which means only the top members are competing for places and the rest are competing for self-improvement and to give the team depth at the district meet. The results will include the top Dripping Springs

finisher in each event.
DS girls: 3200: 4. Callie Schumacher 11.52.73. 400R: 4. DS 49.53; 800: 14. Kate Rapp 2.23.95; 100H: 10. Meghan McClelland 16.44; 100: 3. Amara Mouton 12.50; 400: 32. Rapp 1.04.65; 300H: 17. Jade Hanco 49.33; 200: 6. Mouton 25.55; 1600: 16. Quinn Hendrickson 5.32.67; HJ: 3. Avery Dixon 5'2; TJ: 18. Avery Ames 31'11.25; PV: T1. Adeline Spies 11'6.
DS boys: 3200: 26. Wes Anderson 10.37.15; 400R: 25:

DS 50.26; 800: 4. Bryce Chomko 1.58.97; 110H: 16. Trip Wiese 16.04; 100: 27. Hayden Fontenot 11.31; 800R: 9. DS 1.30.65; 400: 52. Wyatt Dukes 56.65; 300H: 10. Jairo Alcaraz 40.97; 200: 23. Fontenot 22.81; 1600: 8. Anderson 4.28.44; 1600R: 11. DS 3.36.43; HJ: 2. Solomon Igharo 6'4; TJ: 17. Landon Upchurch 39'7; Discus: 4. Major Bettridge 147'1.25; SP: 2. Bettridge 53'7*.
Wheelchair: Izzy Crew: 100: 18.83; 400: 1.05.52.

Baseball team still in the running for district lead

Carl Waits
Sports Reporter

The Tigers enjoyed two five-inning victories over the Austin Maroons to stay in the running for the district lead. The first was an

11-0 shutout, followed by a 19-7 win. Their next district opponent was Bowie. The Tigers lost to the Bulldogs 6-1 and then rebounded for a 3-2 win. Their 5-1 record will get them into the playoffs and

the results of the Lake Travis and Westlake games will determine the district championship.

Vs Aus1: Team hits: 13-1. Hits: Bobby Wilkinson 2, Jason Steele 2, Breydan Madeley 2. 2B: Ryan Gambin, Jake Pardue, Sam Branyon. WP: Blake Cox 4IP, 1H, 1W, 5K. Rhett Strauss 1IP, 2K.

Vs Aus2: TH: 14-5; Hit: Cade Sanders 3, Pardue 2, Nixon Badilla 2, Colby Wilson 2, Madeley 2. 2B: Sanders. WP: Oscar Johnson 1.1IP, 1H, 4R, 2ER, 3W, 2K; Logan Starnes 1.1IP, 3W, 4K; Badilla 1.1IP, 2K; Cody McDaniel 1IP, 1H, 2R, 2ER, 1W, 2K.



Alex Wiatrek hits a home run against Fredericksburg High School.

PHOTOS BY CELESTE GAMBLE

Lady Tigers continue to cruise

Carl Waits
Sports Reporter

The Lady Tigers remain undefeated in district softball play with wins over Westlake and Austin Akins. Westlake scored five in the sixth to tie the game at seven but the Lady Tigers would break loose for another seven in the top of the seventh to nail down the 14-7 win. Akins yielded 21 runs early as the game was stopped after three.

Vs Westlake: Team hits: 13-14. Hits: Tatum Green 3, Brooklyn Reiling 2, Alex Wiatrek 2, Lillian Wearden 2, Lorelei Gamble 2. 2B: Wia-



Morgan Riley goes to bat against Akins High School.

trek, Gamble. HR. Kara Daniel 2, Emma Phillips 2, Gamble 2. 1.1IP, 2H, 1W, 1K; 2B: Byrnes, Wearden, Daniel. 3B Gamble. 12H, 7R, 6ER, 7W, HR: Bradford. WP: Green 1IP, 0H, 0R. 6K, 1HR.
Vs Akins: TH: 16-2. Hit: Lauren Byrnes 2, 2H, 2K.

Lady Tigers soccer team advances to regional finals

Carl Waits
Sports Reporter

The Lady Tigers survived two nerve-racking wins to put them opposite Vandegrift in the regional finals. DS scored in the last three minutes to ease past SA Soto-

mayor 1-0 and had to go beyond with Harlingen. Regulation ended 1-1, plus an OT period. Rules call for a shootout to decide and the Lady Tigers emerged a victorious 5-4 for the win.
In the first game Bailey Stephenson

would get the lone goal on a cross shot assist by Juanita Diaz Fajardo. Carson Thompson was named Player of the Game. The winner of the Vandegrift game will draw the Kingwood-Tompkins winner in the state semis.

34th New Braunfels Area Car Club Swap Meet

April 17 - 19, 2026 Gates open at 8AM.

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MLS: 4863591

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\$1,100,000
MLS: 1233686

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UNDER CONTRACT

000 RR 12, Dripping Springs: Prime 1-acre commercial lot located along RR 12 North, just up from HWY 290 with high-visibility frontage and proximity to Austin. Zoned CS with 2 LUE's attached. Site Plan available.

\$725,000
MLS: 8284894

2550 Bell Springs Rd, Dripping Springs: 22.72-acre with substantial improvements and a gorgeous wedding venue in place, concept plans for luxury villas. Includes 10,000sf venue, 4,200sf chapel, 3,680sf house, and a 912sf casita.

UNDER CONTRACT

11605 Fitzhugh Rd, Austin: 1.77-acre commercial tract ideally suited for a live/work setup. Perfect for landscaping companies, contractors, or businesses requiring outdoor storage. Easy access to HWY 290 and close to Austin.

\$750,000
MLS: 1752719

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UNDER CONTRACT

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\$1,700,000
MLS: 7220964

13100 Fitzhugh Rd, Austin: A rare opportunity to acquire a thriving RV park with approximately 90% occupancy and 35 RV Spots, ideally located just off Fitzhugh Road on +-7 Acres, with convenient access to Austin and Dripping Springs.

UNDER CONTRACT

13127 Fitzhugh Rd, Austin: Unique 4.79-acre unrestricted tract right outside Dripping Springs. Features 4,900+- square feet of improvements which includes 21 beds across three houses, two cabins, and a commercial-grade kitchen/pavilion.

\$1,500,000
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MLS: 7269294

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COMMERCIAL LEASE

701 US 290 W #101, Dripping Springs: 1,200 square feet of office space located in the heart of Dripping Springs, just 30 minutes away from Austin. This property features a reception area, two private offices, a conference room, and bathroom.

\$2,160
MLS: 4123945

701 US 290 W #103, Dripping Springs: 1,450 square feet of office space located in the heart of Dripping Springs, just 30 minutes away from Austin. This property features a reception area, three private offices, a conference room, and bathroom.

\$2,610
MLS: 4287145

100 S Canyonwood Unit 1-B, Dripping Springs: 1,072 SF of air-conditioned office space available right outside of Dripping Springs, minutes from Austin and is conveniently located just off HWY 290.

\$1,447
MLS: 7096035

10020 Darden Hill Rd, Austin: 3,750-6,020sf of fully climate-controlled Warehouse/Office space right outside of Austin and close to Dripping Springs. Units can be leased separately or together!

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T'ai Chi Chih: Joy Thru Movement Beginning Series
11:00 AM

First Chapter Book Club
4:00 PM

TUESDAY

3RD - 5TH STEAM Lab with Mr. L
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Mahjong Open Play at Deep Eddy
5:00 PM

Local Voices: Author Spotlight Series with Debbie Derbyshire
5:45 PM

The Reading Crew - Bluebonnet Edition
4:45 PM - 5:45 PM

THURSDAY

Adult Art Studio with Dripping Springs Art League: Watercolor
12:30 PM

Conversation Circle for ESL Adults
6:00 PM

Charlotte's Book Club
6:00 PM

Bilingual Book Club
4:45 - 5:45 PM

FRIDAY

Picture This Poetry
1:00 PM

Open Gaming
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

SATURDAY

Love History? Become a Docent at the Pound House
10:30 - 11:30 AM

Crafting College List
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

HISTORY

RECURRING PROGRAMS

Chair Yoga every other Monday at 9 AM

Mah - Jongg every Tuesday at 1 PM

Mah - Jongg for Beginners every other Friday at 1 PM

Toddler Storytime every Tuesday and Wednesday at 9:30 AM

Baby Storytime at 10:30 AM every Thursday

Friday's Storytime at 10:30 AM

Master Gardeners on the Porch every Thursday from 3 - 6 PM

Read with Ruby the Therapy Dog on Saturdays at 10:30 AM

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