



Courtesy Photo

Progress continues at Standpipe Park with the addition of playground equipment.

## New parks, improvements coming this year to Belton

By David Stone  
The Belton Journal

It's going to be a busy year for Belton Parks & Recreation with the addition of two new parks plus improvements at many of the other recreation areas in the community.

The new parks — Standpipe Park and Freedom Neighborhood Park in Liberty Valley subdivision — are expected to open in 2025, according to James Grant, director of Belton's Parks & Recreation department.

"Standpipe Park is about two months from completion, but we will wait until spring for a grand opening," Grant said. "It will be nice and green, and everything will be finished."

The park will be built around the renovated Belton Standpipe, which will be lit up in color-changing lights.

"It will instantly be a Belton landmark because it will be visible from both I-35 and I-14," Grant added.

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# Belton celebrates 40th HOME Program rebuild

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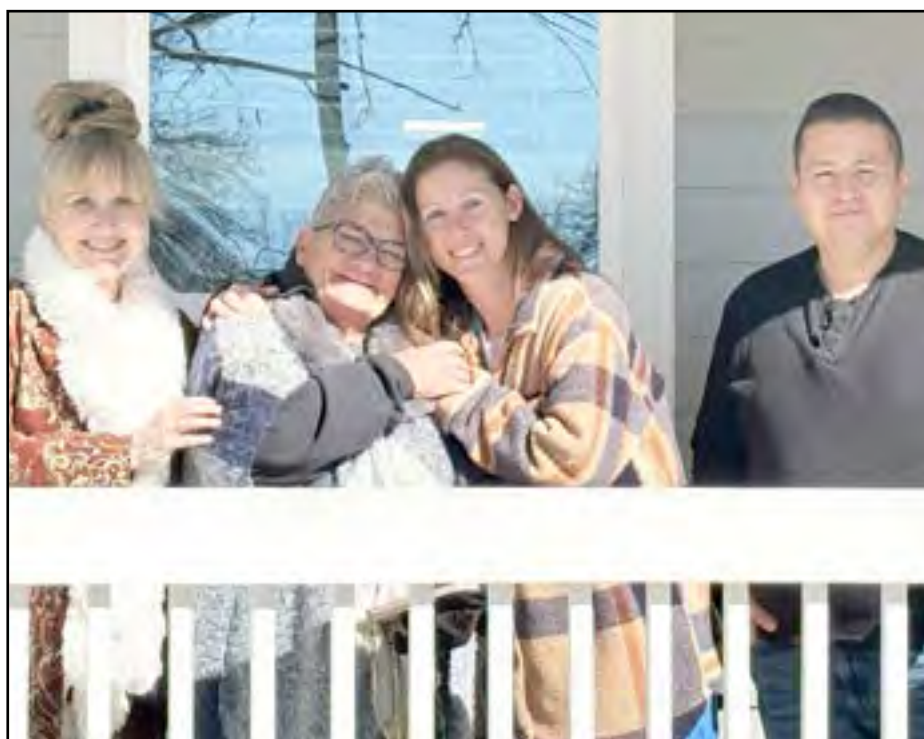
The City of Belton reached a milestone last Tuesday when Mayor David K. Leigh handed over the keys to a resident whose home was rebuilt through the HOME Program, which provides funds to replace homes for low-income residents who meet program requirements.

The Home Program is administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Belton has been participating in the Home Program since 2001. The home completed on Tuesday was the 40th rebuild in Belton under the program.

"This is a great milestone. Over the years this program has provided families with peace of mind and helped rejuvenate neighborhoods," said Jo-Ell Guzman, City of Belton's Grants and Special Projects Coordinator.

To be eligible for the grant residents must be low-income (according to the application), and own and occupy the home within the Belton



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Pictured Left to Right are Karen Walker-Langford Management Services-Consultant, Maria-friend of home recipient, Jessica Nichols, John Robles -Cypress Point Construction.

city limits.

The property must be free from liens and other encumbrances or restrictions, and home must be in poor condition. Also there are no delinquent property taxes.

The latest recipient was Jessica Nichols, a single mother with three children. Nichols' late mother bequeathed her the home.

Five homeowners are currently going through the home replacement process in Belton, which typically takes more than a year after an application is received.

Applications are available online in English and Spanish, or at Belton City Hall, 333 Water Street, Belton, Texas, 76513.

Assistance completing the application is available and recommended.

For assistance and to submit the application, please contact Karen Walker (512-696-4056), grant administrator at Langford Community Management Services, or Jo-Ell Guzman, jguzman@beltonjournal.com or 254-933-5813.

# Belton alum assigned to Carter's honor guard



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Coast Guardsman Justin McGowan, a 2014 graduate of Belton High School, now serves in the Coast Guard Honor Guard. He was assigned to stand watch over President Carter while his body lies in state at the U.S. Capitol.

By David Stone  
The Belton Journal

While most Americans viewed former President Jimmy Carter's funeral from their televisions or computers last week, a Belton native had a much better view.

Coast Guardsman Justin McGowan, a 2014 graduate of Belton High School, now serves in the Coast Guard Honor Guard and was assigned to stand watch over President Carter while his body lies in state at the US Capitol.

"I didn't carry the casket, I guarded it," McGowan said Thursday in a phone conversation. "I was on the first shift when the casket arrived at the Capitol on Tuesday, and I guarded it for two days."

McGowan said he was standing guard while dignitaries such as Vice

President Kamala Harris and President-Elect Donald Trump paid their respects to the nation's 39th president.

Carter passed away Dec. 29. The former Georgia governor served as president from Jan. 1977 to Jan. 1981.

McGowan's mother, Lori McGowan of Belton, said the family was excited about Justin's Capitol assignment.

"We all feel so honored that he was able to participate in such a special occasion," she said.

Justin McGowan was a member of the Tigers basketball team in high school and played college ball at Brigham Young University-Idaho. He later served as a missionary in Peru where he met his wife. After his missions were complete, he looked for his next adventure in life.

"I decided to join the Coast Guard because their work is something I be-

lieve in," he said. "We aren't known for participating in wars, instead we save lives and protect the coast. We also respond to oil spill cleanups."

"During my fifth week of basic training, a recruiter from the Coast Guard Honor Roll came to visit looking for potential members. I was interested, and I qualified. Men have to be at least 6-0 and women 5-8. I'm 6-4."

That was two years ago, and since joining the 60-member Coast Guard Honor Roll, McGowan has participated in at least 56 funerals.

"It's somewhere between 56 and 60," he said. "Most of the funerals are at Arlington National Cemetery, and some are held in the deceased guardsman's home town. Ten of the funerals I've worked at have been for active duty guardsmen."

# Council OKs zoning requests for liquor stores

By David Stone  
The Belton Journal

Belton's City Council on Tuesday approved zoning changes that will allow three businesses inside the city limits to operate as package stores.

According to Paul Romer, director of communications for the city,

the three stores will be the first liquor stores to operate in Belton.

"Voters passed a new law last year allowing package stores in the city," Romer said. "These are the first package store zoning requests — the first wave."

"Two are convenience stores, and they will ex-



pand what they are selling," Romer said. "Our

laws are in line with other communities that allow liquor stores — they can't be near schools or churches."

Texas law requires package stores to be at least 300 feet from schools, hospitals and churches.

The 2024 election loosened alcohol restric-

tions in Belton and allowed businesses such as breweries or liquor stores to open. The proposition passed 381-132.

Council approved zoning changes for Nomads Convenience Store, 2502 FM 439; Nomads

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## Community Chorus board announces kickoff event

*Special to the Journal*

As winter continues in Central Texas, the Salado Community Chorus will begin preparing for spring. The Board of Directors has announced that the kickoff for the Spring semester will be held January 21, 2025, 6 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center, 601 N. Main.

After a soup supper, the director, Dottie Shirley, will preview the music to be performed at the May 6 concert. New members are always welcomed.

The chorus is made up of people from Salado and surrounding communities. Tryouts are not required but a love

of singing, prior experience singing alone or in a choir, and dedication are all plusses that will make you a good fit.

The Chorus practices from 6:00-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Civic Center. Members pay a registration fee of \$30 per semester to help cover the cost of music and concert expenses.

"If you find yourself singing along at our concerts, or wishing you could, come join us! The Chorus is a great group of people, plus we have an amazing director and accompanist," said Kathy McLeod, Vice President.

The Chorus can be followed on their website [www.SaladoChorus.com](http://www.SaladoChorus.com).



*Courtesy photo*

Pictured left to right are community Chorus officers Sheryl Calderon-Treasurer, Marjorie Hairston-Past President, Dottie Shirley-Director, Lezlie Mann-President, Brenda Merz-Secretary, Kathy McLeod-Vice President

## Belton Lake archery hunt helps reduce local deer population

**By David Stone**  
*The Belton Journal*

Seventeen hunters killed 17 deer in the second annual Belton Lake Archery Deer Hunt, US Army Corps of Engineers Ranger Cassidy Pruett said last week.

"Our hunters harvested a total of seven bucks and 10 does," Pruett said. "While these numbers may sound small to some, we have found that harvesting even a small number of deer successfully al-

lows us to better manage populations."

"This year, hunters were authorized to hunt in four of the wildlife management areas (WMA) on Belton Lake. They have the opportunity to choose between Horseshoe Bend, White Flint, Iron Bridge, and Cedar Creek wildlife management areas."

Pruett said the hunt is set up as a draw for hunting permits.



More than 150 hunters applied, and 25 names were drawn for the

hunt. Seventeen of those chosen participated in the hunt.

"Given that this program is still new on Belton Lake, we have opted to keep the number of permits small as we continue to learn for this opportunity," she said.

"The US Army Corps of Engineers opened this hunt to provide population control and management so we can promote a healthier herd in the

area while also promoting an opportunity for the local population to hunt on public lands," Pruett added.

"We are excited for our hunters that participated this year and look forward to hosting this event annually for the general public," she said.

"All of the hunters had positive feedback for the program and have expressed interest in applying next year."

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Liquor Store, 160 W Loop 121, Suite 100; and Valero Convenience Store, 608 E Central Ave.

Nomads Convenience Store would essentially be changed to a liquor store that sells gas.

According to Romer, if the stores have liquor licenses in place, they can start selling prod-

ucts such as gin, tequila, vodka and whiskey.

Council members also gave approval to a Jan. 1, 2025, estimate setting Belton's population at 27,136. According to the Census Bureau, that's an increase of more than 4,000 people from 2020's count of 23,054.

Council approved changes to the city's Facade Improvement Grant Program, which is designed to promote exterior refurbishments in downtown Belton's historical business hub.

Facade grants are available on a 50/50 matching basis. Council's action increased the

cap from \$10,000 per facade facing a public street to \$25,000 for a primary facade and \$10,000 for each secondary facade with a maximum of \$45,000.

Plans to expand the program beyond the downtown area will be considered at a later time.

Council members said the

FIG program has been a big success and has helped bring new businesses and visitors to Belton.

Council also approved consent items, including an expansion of the Parks Board from five members to seven and awarding contracts for mowing services.

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"The lights will change according to the season or special events. For example, if the Tigers or UMHB win a game, the standpipe will be illuminated in school colors."

"In addition to the standpipe, the small community park will have a very nice playground, a restroom, a practice field, a butterfly garden and a quarter-mile walking trail."

"The park also will have our first-ever hill-side slide," Grant said. "The slide will run down the hill and into our playground. There also will be a pavilion with multiple tables and street parking along three sides."

Freedom Neighborhood Park, at the intersection of Huey Avenue and Connell Street, will feature a playground, open spaces and a walking trail. Planning is under way and construction should take place this year.

A new pavilion will be built this year at Chisholm Trail Park through the city's Legacy Program The pavil-

ion will honor Debbie Potts, who served as a counselor at Belton High for many years. The Legacy Program is a unique way to honor others through the beautification of parks and other areas in Belton.

Grant said the new pavilion will be located next to the existing pickleball courts at the park, the number of pickleball courts will be expanded to six. Also, the park's basketball court will be painted green and stripes will be added to mark half-court and free-throw areas.

Several projects are on tap for Heritage Park, Grant said.

"The lights on all four baseball fields at Heritage are being retrofitted with LED lights," he said. "These lights will be much brighter and more energy efficient."

"Also, the soccer complex is getting another practice field, and we are adding lights to the new multipurpose field. This will help out during the summer — kids can

play later when it's not so hot."

The Belton Baseball Association is putting in batting cages at Heritage Park, and they will be open to the public when not in use by league baseball teams.

"The batting cages will be near Community Garden, which also is getting a facelift," Grant added.

Two big park additions are Leadership Belton projects.

"We just did a Welcome to Belton sign and new banner brackets on downtown lamp posts," he said. "Now, Leadership Belton is doing two more projects. One will be renovation of the basketball court and park benches at Miller Heights Park. They also will add more security cameras on the Nolan Creek Hike & Bike Trail."

In a joint project with Temple, a new access trail and boardwalk, and a renovated overlook, will be constructed this year at Miller Springs Nature Center near Belton Dam.

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# OBITUARIES



**Swonke**  
Tenny Taggart Swonke  
February 21, 1947 –  
December 26, 2024

Tenny Taggart Swonke, 77, of Taylor Texas, passed away on Thursday, December 26, 2024.

Tenny was born in Belton on February 21, 1947 to (the late Hugh and Jonnell (Whitley) Taggart. She graduated from Belton High School in 1965 and continued on to receive an Associate degree from X-Ray Technician School in Dallas. She married Robert Swonke on October 10, 2015; they were married for 9 years.

She worked as an X-Ray tech in Dallas and the VA hospital in Temple for several years before moving on to work for the Bell County Tax Appraisal District where she finished out her 20+ year career. Tenny enjoyed arts and crafts, cooking, catering delicious meals for large crowds and family, dancing, and above all spending quality time with her friends and family. She was also actively involved in the First United Methodist Church in Taylor and the Bell County Rodeo Association of Belton.

Tenny is survived by her husband Robert Swonke; daughter Kaci Lewis; stepchildren Missie Crews (Clayton), Richard Lewis (An), Roger Swonke, Kristina Chavana (Frank); sister Terry Taggart; brothers John Taggart, Jay Taggart (Leah), and Jeff Taggart; grandchildren Sloan Crews, Connor Crews, Jordan Lewis, Trevor Lewis, Sienna Lewis, Anthony Chavana, Adelina Chavana; many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. Tenny is preceded in death by her grandparents, parents, and infant son Robin Lewis Arrott.

A visitation was held on Thursday January 2, 2025 from 6pm-8pm at Condra Funeral Home in Taylor. Graveside services were held on Friday January 3, 2025 at N. Belton Cemetery in Belton, TX.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes you consider making donation in honor of Tenny Swonke to the First United Methodist church of Taylor – P.O. Box 530 Taylor, TX 76574 or a charity of your choice.

**Kernes**  
Patricia Louise Kernes  
December 6, 1942 –  
December 29, 2024

Patricia Louise Kernes, a beloved mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully in her sleep at her home on Sunday, December 29, 2024, at the age of 82. Born on December 6, 1942, in Compton, California, she was the daughter of Glen and Jean (McQuillan) Mowrer and graduated from Norbon High School. Her pursuit of further education led her to Harbor College,

where she earned her associates degree in Secretarial and Office Management.

Patricia's career was marked by determination and dedication. She began her professional journey at Boeing Corporation, where she worked as an executive secretary from 1978 to 1980. Following this position, she transferred to Northrup, where she dedicated the next ten years of her life until her retirement. As a single mother, Patricia raised her two sons, Robert Lee Kernes Jr. and John Douglas Kernes Sr., with immense love and commitment. She supported her sons. Patricia's greatest pride came from being a loving mother and grandmother, where she instilled values of honesty, independence, and treating others with kindness. She often reminded her family, "It's a bad moment, not a bad life."

Known affectionately as "Grandma," Patricia had a nurturing spirit that endeared her to many. She cherished her role as a grandmother to five grandchildren: Donna Holmes, John Jr. Kernes, Patricia Kernes, Robert III Kernes, and Penelope Kernes, as well as four great-grandchildren: Robert IV Kernes, William Kernes, Harley Kernes, and Selena Kernes. Her family expanded further with her loving dog Sweetpea always by her side.

Patricia was known for her feisty personality and a spirited love for her family. She took pride in her hobbies, which included baking, collecting snowglobes and cardinals, and creating custom clothing for her loved ones. Her fondness for the color green was evident in the apparel she adorned her family with and reflected in the various cars she owned over the years.

She leaves behind her two sons, Robert Lee Kernes Jr. and John Douglas Kernes Sr., along with his wife, Julie Ann; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a loving dog. Patricia is preceded in death by her parents, Glen and Jean Mowrer, and one sister, Barbara Leber.

Patricia Louise Kernes will be remembered not only for her professional achievements but also for the strength and love that she shared with her family throughout her life. Her legacy will continue through the lessons she imparted and the memories she created with those who loved her dearly.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sabrina Young at Young's Daughters Funeral Home and Bereavement Center

**Brown**  
Harvey David Brown  
November 23, 1942 –  
January 11, 2025

Harvey David Brown, age 82, passed away Saturday, January 11th, 2025, at his home in Moody.

Visitation will be held January 16 at 10:00 at First Baptist Church of Moody with services following at 11:00 with Rev. Ken Laney officiating. Burial will be in Moody Cemetery.

Harvey was born November 23, 1942, in San Saba, Texas to Charles Henry and Virginia Lee Johnson Brown. He graduated high school in 1961 from Salado High School. Harvey

married Betty Wolff May 6, 1964, in Moody. Soon after, he left for basic training after joining the Texas National Guard. He proudly served for 6 years. Harvey worked most of his life in sales, spending many years in radio advertising.

He served on the Moody Housing Authority Board from March 2014 – December 2018.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Moody.

Harvey was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Charles Henry Brown II, his sister, Tabitha Jewel Jackson and his son-in-law Royce Wall.

His family was very important to him, and he enjoyed all family get-togethers. He is survived by his wife, Betty Brown, 3 daughters, all of Moody, Debra Wall, Karen Reat (Bubba), and Jennifer Harcastle (Slade), grand-daughter Maigan Foster (Jordan) of Rankin, Texas, grandson Cole Reat of Moody, and great grand-daughter Adalynn Foster of Rankin, Texas, as well as many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, family requests memorials be directed to St. Jude Children's Hospital or First Baptist Church of Moody.

**Sutter**  
Paul Wayne Sutter  
August 10, 1953 –  
January 11, 2025

Paul Wayne Sutter passed away at home on January 11th, 2025.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday January 18th, 2025, at the First Lutheran Church of Temple. Burial will follow at Bellwood Memorial Park, Temple, Texas.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, January 17th, 2025, at Dossman Funeral Home, Belton, Texas.

Paul Wayne Sutter was born on August 10th, 1953, in Warton, Texas to Raymond and Elenora Hollas Sutter. His father Raymond died when Paul was four years old. His mother then married Jim Kleypas. Jim treated Paul like his own son and taught Paul everything he knew about residential construction. Starting at a young age, Paul would work summers with Jim building houses. Paul graduated from Temple High School and Texas State Technical Institute in Waco. After graduation from TSTI, Paul worked with Jim for many years before starting his own residential construction company. Along the way, Paul taught himself computer-aided design (autocad) so he could design home plans for his customers. Paul then got a job at Scott & White as an autocad designer which also led to him teaching autocad at Temple College in the evenings. Paul then worked for a structural engineer designing foundations.

Paul was the proud owner of a 1942 military jeep that his father-in-law gave him. Paul restored the jeep and entered it in the 2022 Fourth of July parade in Belton. He could talk for hours about that jeep.

Paul was a very active member of First Lutheran Church, serving on the Church Council and as chairman of the Property Committee for many

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## Children's Advocacy Center hosting annual Fiesta with Friends Purse Bingo

By Michelle Rodriguez  
The Belton Journal



# CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER OF CENTRAL TEXAS

The Children's Advocacy Center of Central Texas helps abused children in Central Texas.

They are hosting their annual Fiesta with Friends Purse Bingo on Sunday, Feb. 2 at the Frank Mayborn Center located at 3303 N. 3rd St. in Temple. Doors open at 2 p.m. and game play starts at 3 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.auctriaa.events/FIE-STAPB25](http://www.auctriaa.events/FIE-STAPB25) or by check.

Ticket options are as follows:

Solo tickets are \$80 and include admission for one, one bingo card packet (packet = 1 card/game), access to nacho bar, and sangria and margarita included.

Dos Amigas tickets are \$140 and includes admission for two, one bingo card packet per person (packet = 1 card/game), access to nacho bar, and sangria and margarita included.

A Los Comadres table is \$450 and includes a reserved table, admission for six, one bingo card packet per person, access to nacho bar, and sangria and margarita included.

There will be a silent auction and raffle prizes.

Among the auction items are a lush decor Rowly birds reversible throw blanket, Nicebay hair dryer brush, Nicebay straightener brush, and Vanzon bluetooth portable speakers, to name a few. Participation directly assists in providing hope, healing, and justice for abused children in the community.

"There will be a trip package and a spa day for raffle," said CACC Outreach and Education Director Katie Sharp.

There are options to sponsor the event. Companies can give back and be recognized for their sponsorship. The amounts are from \$500 up to \$3,000.

"Companies are recognized on social media, on the website, and at the event depending on the sponsorship like signage or the big screen next to the bingo game," said Sharp.

If unable to at-

tend there are options to make a donation. Donations are being accepted in the amount of \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, or any amount.

There is also an option to be a partner. Become a CACCT Hand Holder and be recognized year-round. Hand Holders give monthly donations at 3 different tier levels. Blue hand holders give \$10 per month, silver hand holders give \$100 per month, and

gold hand holders gives \$1,000 per month.

This year's sponsors include The Carlson Law Firm, JoAnn Purser Homes, H-E-B, and First Texas Bank.

This year's donors include 17 South, American Eagle, Bella Blue Cafe, Christy's of Salado, Pignetti's, and Salado Winery Company.

For information about the event contact Katie Sharp at [katie@cacct.com](mailto:katie@cacct.com).

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years.  
Paul married Becky Vanicek on March 1976. they have two sons, Jason Sutter of Temple and Bradley Sutter of Porter who is married to Sarah, and they have a daughter, Sadie. Paul is also survived by two sisters, Joyce Haire of New Braunfels and Janice Mincy of Belton, Both-in-law Brian Vanicke (Debbie) of McKinney, sister-in-law Beth Geniewicz (James) of Lake Texoma, two nieces Lisa Quinn of Salado and Lori Mon of New Braunfels. Memorials donations can be made in Paul's name to First Lutheran Church, 1515 W. Adams, Temple, Texas 76504.

### Serrano

Angel Q. Serrano  
October 25, 1949 –  
January 6, 2025

Angel Q. Serrano, 75, a beloved figure to many, was born on October 25, 1949, in San Juan, Puerto Rico to Joaquin Serrano, and Lisa (Ruiz) Serrano. He peacefully passed away in his sleep on Monday, January 6, 2025, at a local nursing home in Belton, Texas, leaving behind warm memories and a legacy of laughter and love. Angel dedicated much of his professional

life to the field of accounting, earning his degree and initially practicing in Puerto Rico. In the mid-1980s, he relocated to Texas where he found a new path, taking on work at Ft. Hood as a laborer. His commitment to his career and ability to adapt to change is a testament to his character and resilience. In addition to his professional achievements, Angel was known for his vibrant personality. He had a remarkable ability to find joy in life, often characterized by his infectious laughter and humor. He had a love for singing and cherished moments spent with family and friends. A strong faith guided his life, as he was a devoted Baptist who found solace in the word of God and spent significant time reading the Bible.

His family was always at the forefront of his heart. He made it a priority to maintain a close and loving connection with them, often traveling to share in their lives. His proudest accomplishment, as he often stated, was the relationships he nurtured and the bonds he created with his loved ones.

Angel is survived by his sister, Querina Lopez of Belton, Texas. He is preceded in death by his parents, Mr. Joaquin Serrano and Lisa (Ruiz) Serrano.

A graveside service in honor of Angel Q. Serrano was held at Killeen Cemetery in Killeen, Texas, on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 1:00 PM. This was a time for family and friends to come together to celebrate his life and the indelible mark he left on all who knew him.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sabrina Young at Young's Daughters Funeral Home and Bereavement Center in Temple.

### Doerr

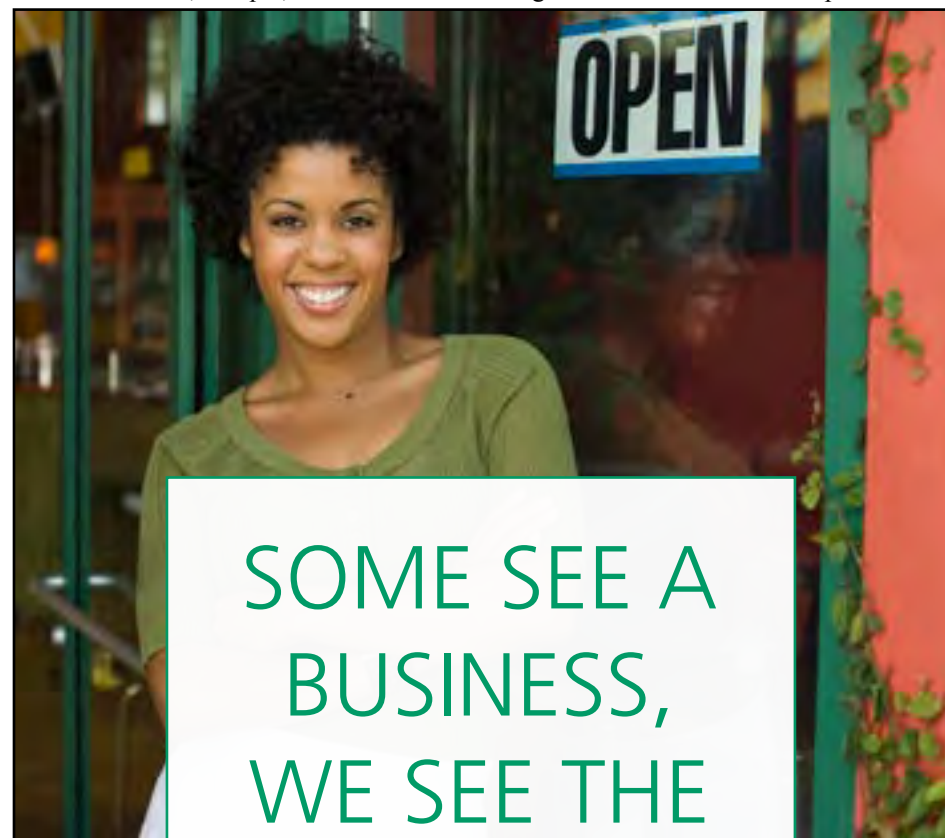
Clara Berniece Cloughly Doerr  
March 28, 1953 –  
January 3, 2025

Clara Berniece Cloughly Doerr of Morgan's Point Resort was called to Our Lord and Savior, January 3, 2025 after a long illness. Clara was born March 28, 1953.

Clara was pre-deceased by her father, Lieutenant Colonel Cecil Pershing Cloughly, her mother, Mary Lee Cloughly, and her infant brother, Orval John Cloughly, II. Clara is survived by her husband of over 50 years, Ronnie Lynn Doerr, sisters Dorothy Irene Baggett, Cecilia Louise Cloughly, Cecilia's husband, Frank R Stott, and sister-in law, Janie Ruth Kollman. Clara is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Clara worked as a teacher at Saint Mary's School in Taylor, Texas and as a revenue processor for the Texas State Comptroller teaching temporary workers how to process state taxes.

Clara's hobbies included maintaining a Family Tree where she recorded over 117,000 close family members and distant relatives. Clara enjoyed collecting dolls, gnomes, and George Shultz Peanuts collectables. Clara enjoyed traveling to Colorado, camping and fishing. Clara enjoyed watching sports on television, especially watching University of Texas Football with her husband, Ronnie. Services are pending. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Our Hospice House, 1661 East FM 93, Temple, Texas EXAS, e-mail - [ourhospicehouse.org](mailto:ourhospicehouse.org).



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# SARW to support Families in Crisis

Special to the Journal

Salado Area Republican Women will be continuing their support for Families in Crisis Thursday, January 23rd at a 11:30 a.m. luncheon at the Salado Civic Center.

Individual personal care items are being accepted as well as monetary donations for the Center.

Michelle Donatelli, the Volunteer Coordinator, will be speaker from the organization. The meeting is a luncheon meeting with the

cost being \$20.

Families In Crisis, Inc. (FIC), a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, houses, supports, and empowers people experiencing family violence, sexual violence, and homelessness. FIC envisions families and individuals that experience comfort and safety through the shelter and services of FIC, leading to restoration, wholeness and self-sufficiency. Families In Crisis, Inc. (FIC) was established in 1980 to assist and empower

victims of family violence and sexual assault in Bell, Coryell, and Hamilton counties in Texas, including Fort Hood, the largest U.S. military installation.

Services include: emergency safe shelter for survivors of family/sexual violence; transitional and permanent housing assistance; crisis intervention

counseling; case management; 24-hour hotline; hospital accompaniment; provision of food, clothing, personal care items, and household items; support groups; life skills classes, and information and referral. FIC's services, which are confidential and free of charge, promote stabil-

ity and self-sufficiency through a goal-oriented approach, helping clients become more effective as individuals, as parents, and as citizens.

In 2023, FIC provided 17,744 shelter nights to 613 family violence survivors. 981 survivors received outreach services, and the agency answered 5,239 calls. The Friends In Crisis Homeless Shelter provided 22,077 shelter nights to 757 individuals. FIC provided rental assistance and supportive services to 3,888

individuals in 1,341 households in its transitional housing programs, and the agency's low-income veterans' housing program provided rental assistance and supportive services to 1,215 individuals in 459 households.

Visitors are invited but reservations are needed for food and seating. Reservations by Friday, January 17 are requested to Sherril Perhach at sherrilperhach@gmail.com or 254 217-4390.



## EDITORIAL

### Random Thoughts for the Week

Pleasant Ramblings • Mark Magnan

Have you ever wondered who invented the little device that smacks your finger for a blood test? I mean what sadistic individual decided to put thought into that thing. I know you have to do it some way, but this is over the top. My finger has skin, not cowhide covering it.

Have you dialed a company and had to endure the menu numbers, and at the end they mention rotary dial phones? Are they still around and do they still work? How come they don't have to navigate the endless menu just because they use an antique phone?

We ride horses in this country and have rodeos using those same horses. What if they had a rodeo in the countries that ride around on elephants? That might be one of those things you would watch on TV, once. I can tell you that the "bucking bronco" version of riding a jumping pachyderm might be something else!

I know that tattoos are a form of self expression. However, have you ever seen a

tattoo and just wondered what the heck the person was trying to express at that point in time? Maybe it was, "I have money, poor judgment and a bad tattoo artist."

I was walking through a very expensive store recently, not that I was shopping there, and noticed some clothes that had worn edges and tears. I can remember a time when it would take several months to get our jeans to look like that, I am glad someone has eliminated the annoying job of wearing out new clothes.

I wonder who was the first person to discover fire, and what was the first thing they cooked on that fire. I hope it was something worthwhile and not some vegetable.

There is a lot of talk about self driving cars these days. I think there might be some merit in that technology. There would be less distractions for the driver. Unless of course the self driving car's computer catches a glimpse of a hot sports car and hits something, much like human drivers.

Was biscotti discovered by a mistake;

"Heya Mama, thisa bread is so hard, I have to dip it ina my coffee..." (my apologies for the Italian accent, although a lot of the accent actually would be the responsibility of how the reader reads that statement) Perhaps some innovative Italian baker sold the biscotti with coffee and opened up a new market.

Another bit of marketing genius is the bicycle. Can you name any other technology that has been passed over so many times and is still around? I mean the bike was a major way of urban transportation, then came the car, and better cars, and even more autos. Yet, bicycles these days sell for a premium price. It went from a needed item to get around, to fun and now sports and exercise. Someone knows how to sell ice to Eskimos. And they even make bikes that sit in your house and don't go anywhere.

Speaking of exercising, why don't they have a coffee shop right as you enter a gym. That would sure give you the energy to workout.

Why do cars even have windows that roll down these days? OK, besides the driver's window for the drive-thru bank, fast food windows, and oh yeah, speaking with the police officer that pulled you over. Honestly, when was the last time you or someone you knew, wasn't running the air or heater in their vehicle. The three other windows could be solid and no one would know.

Remember when you had a couple of flashlights that were strategically placed around the house in case the power went off? They were rather large and heavy. When the power did go out you fumbled around, found the flashlight and it didn't work. I was looking around the other day, I must have twenty small LED lights, some have been lost under furniture for years and the batteries are still good as new.

Have you ever considered the irony in the difference between Hells Angels and Charlie's Angels?

I hope you have a thought filled week.

## A history of Ancient 20th century terms

My Front Porch • Lynette Sowell

We thought we were cool in the 80s, sitting by our boom boxes and waiting for our favorite Top 40 song to come on, so we could record it.

If you knew a thing or two, you could "line up" the tape on your cassette to the exact spot you needed, so when you hit the pause button on the record, the tape would start rolling and THE SONG you were waiting for would record. You needed a good pencil to do this.

If you lined up the tape just right, you wouldn't record over the other song you'd been waiting patiently to hear Casey Kasem, the totally cool disc jockey, play for you and millions of other fans tuned in and waiting by the radios.

Pardon me, I just took a deep sigh while writing this. Kids these days never knew the struggle. You couldn't just pull up a song you wanted to hear. You had to wait for the right moment on Saturday morning.

So far in the first few paragraphs, I've used terms which may or may not be foreign to young ones. What's a boom box? What's a cassette tape? What's a disc jockey?

As we use certain words, technology develops and evolves around us, but some of the words stay the same. We still look for DJs to play tunes at parties, although discs aren't as common. I still have a few, though, that I'll play on our blue tooth turntable.

We don't use cassette tapes anymore and it's hard to find players, except maybe online. My "boom box" now fits in my pocket and is currently on my desk. I don't have to wait to hear a now-classic oldie tune from the 80s. (Where did I put my cane?)

Like cassettes, news depended on tapes too. We still use terms like video "footage" – the term of measurement used for talking about video recording. I remember when we first had the ginormous beta video player. Now, we record digitally without the use of any "tape" or literal "footage", but the terms remain.

And what in the world is a payphone? I can hear kids asking...so, you literally have to pay to

use a phone? And what is that handle thing you have to pick up with a cord and talk into? If you were lucky back in the day, your quarter would cause the phone to work. Kids these days don't understand that concept. All they know is unlimited data. They will also never know the satisfaction and release of slamming a phone receiver down so hard that it jangles the bell inside the phone base.

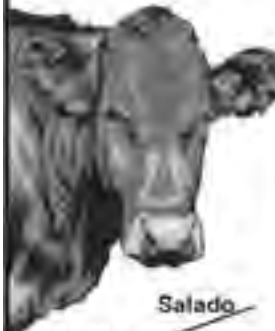
Speaking of old pay phones, I have a vintage photo from my honeymoon, that my husband took of me.

We were in Clifton, and we stopped at a pay phone to call my family. My mid 90s fluffy hair is blowing in the wind and I'm wearing my favorite Banana Republic shirt and my denim shorts, and I'm grinning at him while holding the receiver.

Technology develops, but the terms sometimes stay the same. I like having my boom box in my pocket, and my phone, and being able to pull up information – and video footage – if need be.

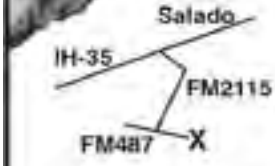
But I still don't think I'm over the fact that my tunes from school are now following me when I shop at the grocery store.

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# LIFESTYLES

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## Local woman hopes to preserve historic ranch land

By Lynette Sowell  
The Belton Journal

Some might describe Ona Trubee Cove as a modern-day cowgirl, as she oversees and cares for the Parrie Haynes Equestrian Center, located on 1,600 acres of state-owned ranch land in Killeen.

Day in and day out, she keeps an eye on the acreage that is home to cabins, camping spots, along with miles and miles of primitive trails that she clears and maintains for the visitors each year.

Located on Maxdale Road in Killeen, the Equestrian Center doesn't just provide a home for horse-folks to bring their horses for trail rides.

It and the ranch itself have provided a space for children of all ages to play, camp, hunt, and have some time in the great outdoors.

"We do marathons out here, have Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, retreats, Latter-Day Saints trekkers, veterans, and more," Trubee said.

The property is part of an original parcel of more than 5,000 acres of ranchland and former cotton fields owned and operated by husband and wife, Allen and Parrie Haynes.

Parrie Haynes bequeathed the entire ranch in 1957 – "to the state orphans home of Texas to help orphan children today as the Parrie Haynes Ranch. Her bequest has expanded to benefit all the youth of Texas", as reads the weather-worn plaque on the portion of the property that could become one Texas' new state parks.

Trubee also spoke to the history of the property and the intent of Haynes.

"Just after the Korean War, there were a lot of soldiers who did not come home. There were people who were just destitute," she added, pointing to the relevance today. "I think it's important to help keep the family group together. It's good to get out here and breathe. It's quiet out here."

The western half of the ranch has facilities that once served as a youth center, and back in 2007, a grant by the Coca-Cola Company via the C5 Foundation funded the construction of cabins and a now-unused 160-seat facility that has a scenic view of the Lampasas River.

The grant-funded facilities, presently uncared-for on the western side of the property, have now sprung up with overgrowth that is encroaching upon the dedication plaque that recognizes the Haynes family for their gift to the children of Texas.

However, Trubee is concerned that the portion of the property that she cares for will lose its purpose of being open to all the children of Texas if a private developer ends up purchasing the property.

Whether it be used for future development, or merely for hunting, Trubee is concerned.

About 10 years ago, Trubee found herself as the property's newest caretaker, subleasing at that time from the non-profit organization, C5, which works with youth. The property is also championed by the nonprofit, Friends of the Parrie Haynes Ranch, which also seeks to protect the property's legacy.

Recently, the center hosted a youth hunt. However, Trubee has more than a vision of young hunters accessing the property a limited number of times per year.

Again, this time around as 10 years ago, the ranch and equestrian center's fate is up in the air.

In October 2024, Bell County officials recommended a new state park at Parrie Haynes Ranch, as one of the priorities they wanted state representatives to consider.

The 89th Texas Legislature convenes on Jan. 14, and there are thousands of bills filed each session.

The State of Texas owns the ranch, and according to the information at that



Belton Journal/Lynette Sowell

**Top:** Ona Trubee surveys the property that she cares for that is part of Parrie Haynes Equestrian Center. **Middle:** A plaque at Parrie Haynes Ranch describes it as a gift from Parrie Haynes to the "orphans of Texas." The site may become a state park. **Above:** The unused multipurpose facility at Parrie Haynes Ranch overlooks the Lampasas River and was funded by a grant.

October meeting, one emphasis was the creation of a state park out of the west side of the ranch.

However, the area occupied by the equestrian center may have a new owner in the near future due to a receivership.

Bell County Judge David Blackburn said in October that the state would be appointing a trustee who would be charged with disposing of the property.

It is uncertain if the state would retain ownership – or if the land that Trubee cares for will be sold to a private buyer or developer.

The park would be funded by the Centennial Parks Conservation Fund, a fund that purchases land and develops new state parks.

For more information on the Parrie Haynes Equestrian Center, go to [www.parriehaynesequestriancenter.com](http://www.parriehaynesequestriancenter.com).

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## Must-have items for your next game watch party

The popularity of professional and college sports is undeniable. Various metrics, from ticket sales to data on how much is spent on team apparel, underscore that popularity. But there may be no greater measuring stick than television viewership, which tends to rise as the games grow more meaningful. In fact, the National Football League reported that international viewership of the Super Bowl totaled 62.5 million people in 2024. When added to the estimated 123.4 million domestic viewers who tuned in to watch the league's championship game, it's evident that watching the big game is a big deal.

Game watches have become a go-to way for fans to get together and take in the big game. The best game watches feature an assortment of variables that combine to make the viewing experience comfortable and engaging.

• **Seating:** Guests will need a comfortable place to sit during the game. Make sure the primary viewing space has enough seating to accommodate everyone on the guest list. If necessary, rearrange furniture so the most comfortable seats, including couches and upholstered armchairs, are positioned so guests can see the television without having to crane their necks or sit awkwardly. Some padded folding chairs can then be brought in to provide additional seating.

• **Multiple viewing areas:** If lots of young children will be coming, consider creating a separate viewing space for youngsters, such as a playroom, basement or another living space that can accommodate the younger fans. In addition, consider setting up an outdoor viewing space if the weather allows. A firepit and some comfortable outdoor furniture situated around an outdoor television or projector screen can accommodate guests who want to watch the game under an open sky.

• **Snacks:** It's not uncommon to order in for a game watch, and pizza and chicken wings are popular items to serve during the big game. But it's equally important to provide fellow fans with plenty of snacking options. Chips and dip, homemade nachos with salsa, pretzels, and snacks for children should be part of the game day offerings. But don't discount nutritious snacks, either. A vegetable tray with hummus can be offered to guests who want to enjoy the big game without indulging in less nutritious fare.

• **Drinks:** Viewers who watch football regularly can be forgiven if they assume beer is an integral component of the game day viewing experience. While it's common to provide some adult beverages for guests at the game watch, hosts must recognize that local laws may consider it their responsibility to ensure guests are not overserved. So while it's alright to provide alcoholic beverages to guests, it's important that nonalcoholic alternatives, including water, soda and juice, be made available as well.

• **Tech:** Of course, the viewing experience will be that much more enjoyable for hosts and guests with the latest technology. A new television with fast response times and a wide viewing angle can ensure the competitors on the field are viewed as clearly as possible and visible from all angles in the rooms where the game will be shown. Hosts who plan to set up outdoor viewing areas should take every step to reduce glare, particularly if the television outside is not designed for outdoor viewing. In addition to the television, new sound systems can make the game watch that much more impressive.

Before inviting guests over for the big game, hosts can consider these variables to ensure the viewing experience is one fans won't soon forget.

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# Little Free Libraries coming to Belton

By David Stone  
The Belton Journal

Take a book, leave a book — that’s the message for the Rotary Club of Temple’s new Little Free Library program.

The small libraries hold 20 to 40 books, depending on the size, and will be located outside select schools in Belton, Temple and Troy.

“The Little Free Libraries will provide free 24/7 access to books,” said Rod Henry, a member of the Rotary Club

who discovered Little Libraries while visiting his granddaughter in Corvallis Oregon. “The libraries are everywhere.”

Right now, there are more than 175,000 Little Free Libraries in 125 countries, and more than 400 million books have been shared.

The idea is to take a book from the library, and leave one you have already read. That way, the libraries will remain full.

In addition to build-



Courtesy Photo

Belton will soon be home to Little Free Libraries similar to this one. The project is being carried out by the Belton Rotary Club.

ing the libraries, the Rotary Club of Temple also will obtain book bundles for each of the eight locations. These “starter sets” — they are books discarded from libraries or donated by students, teachers and parents — will fill the Little Free Libraries and others will be added as needed, Henry said.

“The main thing that caught our attention is the building of community by inspiring readers and expanding book access,” he added.

The eight Little Free Libraries have been built and will soon be installed. Locations include three in Belton ISD — Tarver, Burrell and Highpoint elementary schools; one in Troy ISD — Mays and Troy elementary schools; Buckholts Elementary; and Priority Charter School’s main office and school on Airport Road.

The club hopes to have Little Free Libraries open as early as late February.

## Belton starts 2025 with slim sales tax revenue disbursement

By Lynette Sowell  
The Belton Journal

The office of Texas State Comptroller Glenn Hegar’s office released its monthly sales tax revenue report for January, and the city of Belton is receiving \$758,614.58 in sales tax revenue, up 0.57 percent compared to January 2024.

January’s sales tax allocations to Texas cities are based on sales made in November by businesses that report tax

monthly.

State Comptroller Glenn Hegar’s office is sending cities a total of \$697.1 million in sales tax allocations for January 2025, which is down 0.3 percent than January 2024.

The city of Temple is receiving \$3,067,346.37, up 8.73 percent compared to January 2024.

Morgan’s Point Resort will receive \$29,007.29, up 4.54 percent compared to last January.

Belton	\$758,614.58	up 0.57%
Harker Heights	\$898,668.336	up 2.5%
Holland	\$9,210.70	down 26.06%
Killeen	\$2,782,174.02	up 2.04%
Morgan’s Point Resort	\$29,007.29	up 4.54%
Nolanville	\$149,561.04	down 46.38%
Salado	\$77,994.53.	down 2.85%
Temple	\$3,067,346.37	up 8.73%
Troy	\$78,626.16	down 4.52%

Percentages reflect a monthly increase or decrease compared to January 2024

Troy will receive \$78,626.16, down 4.52 percent compared to January 2024. Over in Nolanville, sales tax revenue went down by 46.38 percent compared to last January, with Nolanville to

receive \$149,561.04.

Holland’s sales tax revenue is down 26.06 percent to start the year, and that city will be receiving \$9,210.70.

Salado sees a lower check this month and will receive \$77,994.53.

Harker Heights sees a slim increase of 2.5 percent for January 2025 and will receive \$898,668.33.

Killeen’s sales tax rebate this month is \$2,782,174.02, up 2.5 percent from last January.

### Body FACT!

Hobbies can keep this part of the body stimulated.

Answer: Brain

### What’s the Difference?

Find the four differences between these pictures.



Answers: 1. Missing glue 2. Red piece on boat is larger 3. Red tool in background is missing 4. There is a second black scrubber in back right

### THIS DAY IN HISTORY

JANUARY 24

**1848:** James W. Marshall finds gold at Sutter’s Mill near Sacramento.

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### Did You Know?

Sewing, like other hobbies, can relax a person by focusing the mind on the task and not on other things in your life.

### Get the PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Paint palette



## BISD softball begins 2025 campaign with tryouts

By Tony Adams  
Belton Journal

In baseball and softball in southern states, you generally have the smell of freshly cut grass, finely manicured infields, and warm breezes.

Yes, it may be a bit too early for the weather part. Cold, rain, sleet, northern winds, all of that. However...

Zeeeeeeee...POP!

The sound of the ball leaving the pitcher's steady hand and connecting into the glove of the eagerly awaiting catcher is unmistakable.

Ladies and gentlemen: Welcome back to the Season of Diamonds in Belton ISD.

Even before the season started, the teams spent time in their athletic periods having worked in anticipation of Friday's official softball start.

"This offseason we really pushed the kids," Lake Belton head coach Kelsie McEachern said. "We challenged them mentally and physically every single day. They rose to the occasion and really put in a lot of work on the field and off the field! I'm excited to see all this hard work put into play!"

"Even in tough conditions at tryouts we have been able to see a lot of athletes drive and form to identify speed and agility," Belton head coach Morgan



Birkel said. "I am extremely excited to return multiple fast players that help give our program depth and diversity in the way they play softball."

The Texas UIL Softball 2025 season got underway for Belton ISD's Belton Tigers and Lake Belton Broncos last Friday.

While each team's situations are different, both face the reality of building a 2025 team with the right culture and chemistry to be a success.

For Lake Belton, having graduated their core that started the Bronco Softball program in 2021 means a change in dynamic, with a ton of power and prolific pitching now on the college level. However, they have a

wealth of returning players that proved valuable in the team's 41-5 campaign and Class 5A Region III Championship last season. Thus, the Broncos will work up to the standard of what the program's founding sisters have set

"I believe the standard has been set," McEachern said. "We have a culture here where we not only expect excellence, but strive for it as well. We have a lot of current players that were able to be a part of last season's success and know what it takes. It is now their job as leaders to help the future Broncos jump on board and buy in to what we have here at Lake."

The program's first two graduating classes

have moved on to college, and there are no "original" Broncos left in the softball program.

"We graduated an amazing group last season," McEachern said. "We know we are a different team this season and we have to be creative in our approach. Our focus this season offensively is to use our team speed to our advantage. We have worked on it all offseason and talked about getting on base by any means necessary. You will see a scrappy team at the plate this season! On the mound we have a staff this year. All of our pitchers are different and specialize in their own thing. I think it will be key to keep teams off balance and use our

staff appropriately!"

The Tigers have their own set of challenges, with having graduated one of their four-year starters in Ramsey Evans-Curran, transfers of two of their key players from 2024, and two more key players concentrating on other endeavors. Let alone the majority of the incoming freshmen still acclimating themselves to high school expectations.

"This year is a great year for the Tigers in our pitching staff," Birkel said. "With Reagan Stuart with her experience returning as well as young pitchers like Hanna Wheeler, Tara Stone, and Addison Reed bringing lots of excitement and energy to the program. This year should be great

for developing depth and providing options in our pitchers."

While the Broncos' first official tryout period began at Lake Belton High School's auxiliary gymnasium, the team ended up at Bronco Diamond for Friday afternoon and Saturday morning tryouts.

"I thought tryouts went great," McEachern said. "We had the largest turnout of my entire coaching career with 43 kids at tryouts! I think the energy was high and everyone gave it their all. This time of year is when we really break things down and teach. The coaching staff and support

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## Belton ISD holds annual powerlifting invitational

By Clay Whittington  
The Belton Journal

The powerlifting season began last week, and Lake Belton and Belton immediately took advantage of the opportunity to compete.

Hosting the annual Belton ISD Invitational, multiple programs descended on Temple's Frank W. Mayborn Civic & Convention Center on Thursday, including the Lady Broncos, who delivered a top showing.

Thanks in part to seven top-three finishes, the Lady Broncos emerged from the event second with 32 points.

Emma Scholz and Jaya Lisenbe each captured individual championships with Scholz winning the 105-pound division with a 535 total. She had a 205 squat, a 115 bench press and a 215 deadlift, while

Lisenbe's 870 total (350-185-335) topped the 198 weight class.

Additionally, Macy Solis was second (200-105-220-525) in the 105 division, while teammates Kaitlyn Maus (97, 135-80-180-395), Scarilytt Cotham (114, 215-135-275-625), Abby Rydberg (148, 245-160-280-685) and Aleyna Castor (181, 280-150-330-760) were each third.

Also generating points for Lake Belton were fourth-place finishers Taylor Love (105, 180-105-215-500), Tatum Vaughn (148, 275-135-260-670) and Avery Park (198, 265-145-300-710) and Shekayla Munoz, who was fifth (215-135-230-580) in the 114 weight class.

With 40 points, Copperas Cove claimed the girls team title, while Little River Academy (30) and Troy (24) were third and fourth, respectively.

The Lady Tigers scored nine points en

route to placing ninth.

Melissa Farmer had Belton's best performance, finishing second (265-135-280-680) in the 242 division, while teammates Makayla Reyes (4th, 123, 195-105-180-480), Gabriela Magana Avila (4th, 181, 285-145-280-710) and Byonka Donaldson (4th, 242+, 265-155-245-665) accounted for the remaining points.

In the boys division, Lake Belton placed third with 28 points, finishing behind champion Troy (48) and Copperas Cove (2nd, 31).

Christian Morales and Brett Harmon each earned gold medals for the Broncos. Morales (405-215-450-1,070) won the 114 weight class, and Harmon (595-385-535-1,515) won the 275 weight class.

The pair was complemented by silver medalist Cooper Arnold (132, 370-255-375-1,000) and bronze medalists

Travellis Harrison (198, 425-245-475-1,145) and Jacob Johnson (308, 490-285-470-1,245).

Fourth-place finishers Leonel Castillo (132, 295-175-330-800), Patrick Hart (165, 415-300-405-1,120) and Blake Baty (198, 440-240-380-1,060) were responsible for Lake Belton's final points.

Waco University was fourth (17).

Logan Ricks won the 165 weight class with 1,265 (500-280-485), helping the Tigers place seventh overall, amassing 10 points.

Rounding out Belton's score was Jorge Guardiola (4th, 148, 275-215-310-800) and Owen Rivera (5th, 132, 295-185-265-745).

Lake Belton and Belton return to action Jan. 23, when the squads travel for the Cameron Yoe meet.



## Broncos' gritty defensive ways indicative on the court

By Tony Adams  
Belton Journal

The Lake Belton Broncos girls' basketball team has been the picture of defensive play this season: having allowed low-percentage shots and muscling up for rebounds on both the offensive and defensive fronts.

On Friday, the Broncos and Waco High Lions faced off at Bronco Gym, as they looked to gain a victory in the girls' basketball District 16-5A standing.

The Broncos put together a 19-12 fourth quarter, and Alexa King and Layla Kings hit back-to-back field goals that gave Lake a lead they would not relinquish in a 62-54 win.

Waco jumped out to a 5-0 lead on field goals by Shamiah Taylor and Aaziyah Degrate. Jordan Carter, Ariella Polley, and Gemma Pierce scored over the course of 63 seconds to erase the deficit

at the halfway point of the first quarter.

Lake Belton opened a five-point lead when Degrate scored six straight points the help Waco regain the lead. Natalie Maldonado's two converted free-throws gave the Broncos a 15-14 lead after the first quarter.

The teams exchanged the lead five times in the second quarter. Taylor's three-pointer with 25 seconds to play in the first half. Layla King's three-pointer from the left corner with two seconds to go in the half gave the Broncos a 30-29 lead at the break.

Lake's 9-2 run over the first 3:40 of the second half established a 39-31 advantage.


Waco answered with an 11-4 closing run to the third quarter, as the Lions trailed the Broncos after 24 minutes, 43-

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**Sports Briefs**

**By Clay Whittington**  
*The Belton Journal*

Contending with unfavorable conditions, including cold, wind and rain, the Tigers struggled at last weekend's Leander Glenn Grizzly Classic, losing all three of their matches.

Belton opened with a 3-0 defeat to Pflugerville Weiss before falling to Fort Bend Marshall 2-0 and the host Grizzlies 3-1. Glenn reached the state semifinals last season.

The Tigers return to action Friday, when they host Waco Midway.

Following a strong showing at the Burnet tournament last weekend, the Lady Tigers travel for the three-day Georgetown tournament beginning today.

The Lady Tigers will play Austin LASA, Friendship and Glenn during their stay.

At Burnet, Belton defeated Cedar Creek 1-0, tied New Braunfels Canyon 1-1 and beat Lorena 3-1.

The Lady Broncos will also be in Georgetown for the annual Governors Cup, playing Austin McCallum, Georgetown East View and Richardson Pearce during their stay.

The Broncos are set to spend the weekend at the Fort Worth Invitational. They will play Abilene Cooper on Thursday and Cedar Hill on Friday.

**LAKE BELTON BASEBALL**

The Broncos will conduct tryouts for the upcoming season beginning Fri-

day.

The three-day process begins with a tryout for freshmen from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on Friday, and later in the day, another tryout for sophomores, juniors and seniors will run from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

On Saturday, all grades will participate in a session from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., and the process concludes Monday with a session from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for all grade levels.

In order to participate, athletes must have a current physical on file with the school and complete all required paperwork.

Athletes also need to bring appropriate shoes and cleats, wear a T-shirt with school colors, baseball pants and socks. They also need to bring any necessary

equipment.

For additional information, contact Lake Belton head coach Chris Peacock at christopher.peacock@bisd.net.

**BELTON BASEBALL**

The Tigers will conduct tryouts for the upcoming season beginning Friday.

The two-day process begins with a tryout for all grade levels from 4:45 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, and on Saturday, freshmen will participate in a session from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., while all other grades will have a session from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Both sessions will be followed by a meeting with players.

In order to participate, athletes must have a current physical on file with

the school and complete all required paperwork.

Athletes also need to bring appropriate shoes and cleats, wear a T-shirt with school colors, baseball pants and socks. They also need to bring any necessary equipment.

For additional information, contact Belton head coach Mark Krueger at mark.krueger@bisd.net.

**BELTON ISD TRACK & FIELD**

The Broncos and Lady Broncos recently released their schedule for the upcoming season, and their first meet is rapidly approaching.

Lake Belton opens at the Killeen ISD Relays on Feb. 7 before traveling to the College Station A&M Consolidated Tiger Relays

the following week.

Lake Belton will also take part in the annual Big Red Relays hosted by Belton on March 1, and it conducts the Bronco Relays at home March 20.

The District 16-5A meet will be April 2-3 at Belton High School with the area meet taking place at Lake Belton on April 10. The regional meet and state meet are scheduled for April 18 and May 2, respectively.

The Tigers and Lady Tigers open their schedule Feb. 14 at the China Spring Relays and competes at Coppersas Cove on Feb. 22 before hosting the Big Red Relays.

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staff are vital in helping us accomplish this. We all specialize in an area and are able to divide and conquer to help our program be successful!"

The Tigers began their tryout period primarily in the outfield, in the bullpen, and hitting cages on Friday and Saturday because of the poor infield conditions from last week's storm that drenched and bogged Lady Tiger Field.

"Tryouts showed us a lot about the grit of our program," Birkel said. "Being

able to work in the cold and wet temperatures showed us a lot about our program's strength and mental toughness. I am so blessed and excited to have such a great coaching staff and incredible managers this year that truly help this program excel!"

When the nickels and dimes add up, both Belton and Lake Belton will be different than teams that we have seen in the past. They both work hard, and on-field leadership is going to be a big intangible for both

teams.

"We have preached leadership all offseason," McEachern said. "Most of these girls have tried out 2-3 times already in high school. It is their job to provide energy, leadership, and help to those trying out for the first time. They know a lot of eyes are on them and to do the little things right and the rest will follow suit."

"We are very fortunate to return a good group of girls, many of which are truly stepping up in a

leadership role such as Iris Molina, Andalyn Logan, and Reagan Stuart," Birkel said. "All three lead in different ways but it helps balance the program to give everyone someone to follow and listen to. This leadership will play a big role in helping develop a better team culture and how we succeed as a group this year!"

The regular season will start in early-February and with the new alignment, Belton and Lake Belton will be housed in

Region II District 16-5A, along with Killeen Chaparral, Killeen Ellison, Waco High, and Waco University. It is a six-team setting with ten games of district play. With the new playoff format, it also will seed two district qualifiers in each region. Every game is important, as the current district would take on District 15-5A. The schools in that district: Corsicana, Crandall, Ennis, Kaufman, Midlothian, Midlothian Heritage, Red Oak, and Terrell.

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42. Taylor's five points established a 46-43 advantage for the Lions with 6:54 to play.

Aniya Victorian's three-pointer tied the game with 5:04 to go, and the King twins scored back-to-back-back field goals to give Lake a 53-48 lead with 2:38 left in the fourth quarter.

The Broncos scored just one field goal down the stretch. Maldonado went 5-of-6 in the final 48.6 to help the Broncos to the eight-point win.

Lake Belton shot 12-of-15 from the charity stripe.

Maldonado led the Broncos in scoring 15 points, which included 8-of-10 from the free-throw line. Layla King added 12 points, and Alexa King contributed 11.

Taylor led all scorers with 34 points, which included 7-of-9 from the free-throw line.

Lake Belton dropped a 78-46 decision to Killeen Chaparral on Tuesday night.

The Broncos will travel to Waco to take University on Friday night. They will start the second half of District 16-5A with a crosstown trip to Belton on Tuesday.

**FISHING REPORT**



**GOOD.** Water stained; 63 degrees; 2.22 feet below pool. Thanks to continued mild weather, the white bass and hybrid striped fishing is consistent and in keeping with how it typically is this time of year. Fishing is best as a front arrives and north or northwest wind velocity increases. Fishing is worse once the north winds subside leaving cold, calm, and clear conditions. Fishing is average as the southerly winds return, and until the next front arrives. White bass fishing is fair with the MAL Original with charrreuse tail for vertical work in deep water, and the White Tomado in 1-1/8 ounce white color for horizontal work when fish show to be carpeting the bottom to either or both sides of the boat. The morning bite is from 7:45-11:00 a.m. Expect a weaker, shorter afternoon bite from 1:45-5:00 p.m. Gulls are beginning to show and help to find fish during the first hour of the day. Report by Bob Maimdelle, Holding the Line Guide Service. Catfishing continues to be excellent. While water temperatures dropping, anglers should search for blue catfish in deeper, 30-45 feet, river channels and around steep ledges. Larger cut baits have been effective for trophy size fish. Eater fish under 10 pounds are still active and slow drifting with small cut shad along sand flats. Channel catfish are fair but can still be caught on warmer days using punch bait in 15 to 25ft of water. Report by Brian Worley, B&S Catfishing.



**GREAT.** Water stained; 60 degrees; 2.18 feet below pool. The white bass and largemouth bass are still putting on a show at Stillhouse with 2-angler catches over 100 fish in a morning. White bass are feeding on the edges of flats in the 20-foot range just after sunrise, then moving quickly deeper and continuing to feed until around 10:45 a.m. Fish can be caught as deep as 48-53 feet, especially on calmer, clearer days when the sun's rays reach that deep on this lake's very clear water. As of December 16, the water temperature from top to bottom was still 58-62 degrees, but will likely drop entirely into the high 50s with the likely weather forecast heading into the weekend. MAL Dense Lures with silver bodies and charrreuse tails worked straight up off the bottom aided by a splasher are getting these results. We will likely drop back to a Bladed Hazy Eye Slab with a spinner and stinger hook going forward as the water cools and the fish slow down. There are plenty of largemouth bass and freshwater drum mixed in with the white bass in these same deep water areas. The shad-imitating 5/8 ounce Bladed Hazy Eye Slab is the go-to bait for these fish. Report by Bob Maimdelle, Holding the Line Guide Service.

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# Tigers battle, fall to No. 5 Ellison

By Tony Adams  
Belton Journal

Following a Friday night battle that saw the Belton Tigers boys' basketball edge District 16-5A foe Killeen Chaparral, the Tigers faced one of the top boys' basketball programs in the state in No. 5 Killeen Ellison.

While the Tigers surged twice and were within seven points with under six minutes to play, the Eagles closed the game on a 19-4 run to fly away from Tiger Gym with a 71-49 win.

"We have a lot of fight, and a lot of good kids," Belton head coach Phil McCaslin said. "We are a good club, and Ellison is as well. They outexecuted us in spot. The biggest thing is nothing is determined tonight."

Ellison (18-5 overall, 2-0 District 16-5A) blasted out to a 15-0 start over the game's first 7:27.

Jay'dn Loggins hit two free throws to put the Tigers on the board with 32.2 seconds left in the quarter. Following two free throw misses by Ahziel McIver with 3.8 seconds left, Noah Childers was fed the rebound



and fired a 45-foot buzzer-beater to give the Tigers their first goal of the night. Ellison led 15-5 after the opening eight minutes.

Belton (21-5 overall, 1-1 District 16-5A) pulled to within six points with 4:41 to play, as Childers, Easton Barrett, and Ty Johnson combined on an 8-3

run. The Eagles scored 13 of the final 17 points of the half, as Ellison led Belton at the break, 32-17.

After Johnson drove the lane and to the basket to deposit the rock 23 seconds in the third quarter, Ellison responded with a 9-0 run that covered 59

seconds to push the lead to 21 with 6:38 to play in the third.

"We had too many turnovers in the half court, although we handled the pressure okay," McCaslin said. "When we get into the front court, we have to do a better job executing."

Belton chipped away at the deficit, as they outscored the

Eagles down the stretch 13-9, but trailed going into the fourth quarter, 50-35.

The Tigers opened the fourth quarter with seven straight points and a 10-2 run to give them a fighting chance, having trailed 52-45 with 5:43 to go.

The turnover bit the Tigers at the wrong time, as McIver, Darone Leaks, Sean Parks, Marneko Thomas, and Shaheim Bogues combined for the 19-point final stretch to give Ellison their second district win of the season.

Ellison went 12-of-19 from the free-throw line and hit four three-pointers.

Thomas led the Eagles with 17 points, and McIver added 14.

Belton converted 7-of-8 free throws and hit seven three-pointers.

Childers led the Tigers with 17 points, and Barrett added nine.

"We be hitting the court again tomorrow, look to get better every day and to get ready for Friday," McCaslin said.

Belton will travel to Waco High on Friday and to Lake Belton on Tuesday.

# Tigers return from strong showing at Round Table Duals

By Aries Ramos  
The Belton Journal

The wrestling season is reaching its crescendo as the Belton Tigers and Lake Belton Broncos gear up for another week of competition, preparation, and celebration. Both programs have shown remarkable growth and resilience throughout the season, with standout performances that set the stage for an exciting finish.

The Tigers are coming off an impressive showing at the Lady Knight Invitational and the Round Table Duals. The boys' team dem-

onstrated grit, splitting their duals with a 1-1 record, while the girls dominated the tournament, claiming the championship against strong competition that included Lake Belton, Austin, Austin Travis, McCallum and more. The Tigers' achievements underscore the dedication and hard work put in by the athletes and coaching staff alike.

For the Broncos, this week marks a critical juncture as they aim to fine-tune their skills and strategies before the district competitions. They will dual against Copperas Cove on Wednes-

day and host the annual Jim Grimm Memorial Tournament on Friday and Saturday. This tournament is the final major event for both JV and Varsity athletes before the district tournaments begin.

Both teams are also preparing for Senior Night celebrations. The Tigers honored their seniors on January 15, providing an opportunity to reflect on their contributions and achievements.

Meanwhile, the Broncos have planned a unique Senior Night event for Wednesday, January 22, when they will face the Ti-

gers in a dual meet. Weather permitting, this match will take place under the lights at Bronco Field, promising a memorable experience for athletes, families, and fans.

The district tournaments loom large on the horizon for both programs. The JV District Tournament will take place on Monday, January 27, at Belton High School. The Varsity District Tournament is scheduled for Wednesday, January 29, at Burleson High School, with the top four varsity wrestlers in each weight class advancing to the Regional Tournament in Addison.

Both the Tigers and Broncos share a common goal: continuous improvement and setting new standards in every practice and match. The coaches have emphasized the importance of discipline, preparation, and supporting teammates. As the district tournaments approach, every athlete's effort and focus will play a crucial role in determining the teams' success.

With the regular season winding down, the Belton Tigers and Lake Belton Broncos are ready to leave it

all on the mat

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# Belton New Tech swimmers gearing up for 13-4A meet

By Aries Ramos  
The Belton Journal

The Belton New Tech swim team is gearing up for one of their most anticipated events of the season: the 13-4A district swim meet. This competition will bring together some of the area's top swimming talent, as teams from across the district will compete for a spot in the regional meet.

The 13-4A district is stacked with competitive teams, including Burnet, Fredericksburg, Georgetown Gateway, LH Legacy Ranch, Marble Falls, Robinson, Salado, Bosqueville, and the Belton New Tech Dragons. As the season reaches its final leg, each school will be looking to keep its team together.

The Dragons have steadily improved throughout the season, building a reputation for their outstanding effort and teamwork.

Under the guidance of head coach Brett Ringgold, the team has focused on refining its techniques, improving endurance, and fostering a competitive mindset. The Dragons' roster features a mix of seasoned veterans and promising newcomers, all eager to make their mark at the district level.

Burnet and Fredericksburg are considered strong contenders, with swimmers who have impressive times in freestyle and relay events. Georgetown Gateway and

Marble Falls have consistently demonstrated depth across various strokes, making them formidable opponents in individual and medley races. LH Legacy Ranch and Robinson are known for their strategic approach to relays, often turning the tide of competition in their favor.

Salado and Bosqueville also bring their share of talent to the pool, making the district a tightly contested field. With standout performances in meets, including Jayden Stille's podium finishes earlier in the year, Belton New Tech has proven to hold its own against the best.

As the Dragons prepare for the meet, they will focus on executing race strategies, maintaining composure under pressure, and supporting each other in and out of the pool. The meet is scheduled for next week and will be held at the Belton ISD Swim Center.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of Barbara Jean Helsel Deceased, were issued on September 24th, 2024 in Cause No. 24CPB00478 in the County Court At Law No. 1 of Bell County, Texas, to: Shannon Schaker, Independent Executor.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required

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to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 9th day of January, 2024

Respectfully Submitted:

Lane Heginbotham, HARRIS LAW OFFICE, 425 North Eighth Street, Killeen, Texas 76541, Phone (254) 526-0108, Fax (254) 526-7141, Lane Heginbotham, State Bar No.: 24000323, lane@centexlawyers.net 01.16

**NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF SHERIAN J. PETERSON, DECEASED**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of SHERIAN J. PETERSON, Deceased, were issued on December 30, 2024, in Cause No. 24CPB00764, pending in County Court No. 1 of Bell County, Texas, to LEIGH A. COOK.

The notice to the Independent Executor may be delivered at the following address: c/o John M. Lane Law, PLLC – 1001 Cypress Creek Road, Suite 405, Cedar Park, Texas 78613.

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c/o: DEVON S. LINZY Attorney at Law, PO Box 428, TEMPLE, TX 76503

DATED the 7th day of January, 2025. DEVON S. LINZY Attorney for BELINDA M KOHE THOMAS, State Bar No.: 24086218, PO Box 428, TEMPLE, TX 76503, Telephone: (254) 773-1663, Facsimile: (254) 773-2574, Email: devon@linzythigpen.com 01.16

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c/o: DEVON S. LINZY Attorney at Law, PO Box 428, TEMPLE, TX 76503

DATED the 7th day of January, 2025. DEVON S. LINZY Attorney for DARRYL R.

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c/o: JOSEPH LEE SCHIGUT, 1717 Shadow Canyon Dr. Temple, Texas 76502

DATED the 13th day of January, 2025.

/s/James O. Cure James O. Cure, Attorney for JOSEPH LEE SCHIGUT, State Bar No.: 05252800, 2584 Blue Meadow Dr., Temple, TX 76502, Telephone: (254) 778-8934, Facsimile: (254) 773-2477, Email: jocure@cureandfrancis.net 01.16

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DATED the 13th day of January, 2025.

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# UMHB hosts immersive ArtsRush experience for high school students

Special to the Journal

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor (UMHB) College of Visual and Performing Arts invites high school students considering a future in art or music to campus on Friday, January 24, 2025, for a full day immersed in the arts.

The ArtsRush 2025 experience will include specialized activities and performances to inspire and expose prospective college students to the arts at UMHB.

Attendees will have opportunities to meet faculty and current students, tour campus, and experience many art and music activities on campus. The day ends with a public art exhibition of the

work created throughout the day and musical performances.

Check-in and breakfast are at 8:30 a.m. in the lobby of the Baugh Center for the Visual Arts. Music participants should bring their own instrument for their day in the life of a UMHB music major.

Registration is through January 21 and costs \$30, which includes breakfast, lunch, snacks, a hand-screen printed t-shirt, and a swag bag with UMHB-branded items. Registration is required for attendance.

Visit [www.umhb.edu/visual-performing-arts/artsrush](http://www.umhb.edu/visual-performing-arts/artsrush) for more information and to register.



Courtesy Photo

UMHB will host its annual ArtsRush experience on Friday, January 24.

## UMHB Dean of Visual & Performing Arts to play solo concert featuring ‘new’ music

By David Stone

The Belton Journal

An upcoming concert at Mary Hardin-Baylor will feature one of the university’s own staff members — Dr. Kathryn Fouse, dean of the College of Visual & Performing Arts.

Fouse has been at UMHB since 2018 after serving 16 years at Samford College in Birmingham, Ala.

She will be presenting *The Sound & The Story*, a solo piano concert featuring new music by living composers, during a Jan. 21 show in the Baugh Performance Hall. The music starts at 7 p.m. and the concert is free.

“Just show up and sit where you want to sit,” Fouse said with a smile.

“The music in the show is in some way inspired by a story, prose or poetry,

and several of the pieces were written for me,” she said. “I know the composers personally and some have been past students.”

“All of the pieces are very impactful,” Fouse added. “One is inspired by William Shakespeare’s bloodiest, most violent plays — *Titus Andronicus*. It’s very tragic but it has a great moral and religious message — revenge doesn’t fix problems.”

“It’s very dark, but I love the music — it’s very reflective of the story.”

*Titus Andronicus* is the story of two battling kingdoms — one led by a queen, the other by a Roman general. After the general wins a battle, he returns the “spoils of war” to his king, prompting their rivals to seek revenge.

The king’s daughter is molested

while walking through the woods, and her tongue is cut out and her hands cut off so she can’t say or write about who attacked her. A bloody cycle of revenge goes back and forth between the two kingdoms.

“The music was inspired by the play, and the score has six movements,” Fouse said. “I’ll be playing all six — it’s about 22 minutes long, which is about a third of the concert.”

“I discovered this music while performing at a music festival in Italy, but there were only two movements at that time,” she said. “When I got back home, people started asking: ‘Where’s the rest of the play?’ The requests led to the final movements.”

The concert also will feature a Walt Whitman-inspired piece and other lighter music to offset the darkness of *Titus An-*

*dronicus*. Fouse will close with a piece written by Joel Scott Davis as an engagement gift for his fiancé.

Fouse said she specializes in new music by living composers. Her UMHB concert’s music has all been written since 2005.

“Back when I was teaching in my early 20s, I didn’t love new music,” she said. “But I was teaching about these new composers and thought a concert would be a good experience, I discovered that it was fabulous.”

“I had heard new music before, and I had heard it played badly often. I didn’t feel like people gave it the attention and honor to new music as music by Beethoven and Bach. I discovered a wealth of wonderful new music and I felt it needed to be heard.”

# EDITORIAL

## When the doorbell rings

Coffee Talk • Renae Brumbaugh Green

I am an incredible person. Not the impressive kind of incredible. More the I-didn’t-know-anyone-could-be-that-clueless kind of incredible.

A few days ago, I was working hard, pecking away at this keyboard, when I decided it was time for a break. I set my phone timer for ten minutes. I don’t remember what I did during that time—probably moved some clothes to the dryer and fixed myself some coffee.

My ten minutes were almost up, and I grabbed a jacket off a chair to hang in the closet when the doorbell rang and my dog started barking. I went to the front door . . . no one. But the doorbell kept ringing. I went to the back door . . . no one. I checked the garage . . . no one. All this time my dog was going crazy.

I got a little creeped out; I went around the house to look out all the windows . . . nobody. But the ding-dong sound repeated, again and again. I took a deep breath, told myself to calm down, and tried to figure out my best line of defense in case the boogey man really did break in and try to get me. Hairspray? A hammer? Superman keeps a hunting bow in his closet. Maybe I could pull a Katniss Everdeen and shoot him with an arrow.

That’s when I realized the doorbell seemed to be ringing from my bathroom, so I grabbed my last fistful of courage and went to investigate. There on the counter was my phone, and that’s when I realized . . . my phone timer was set to the doorbell sound. Talk about

feeling like a ding dong.

True story.

I didn’t know whether to collapse in relief or just pull a blanket over my head in humiliation. At least my dog was my only witness, and she’s not that judgmental. I mean, she was fooled, too.

My little doorbell incident was an accurate parallel of so many other things in my life. Most of my fears turn out to be nothing more than a fake doorbell. When I’m faced with something unexpected, my mind goes to the worst possibility. I look around every corner, under every rock, waiting for the boogey man. But so far, I’m safe. So far, nothing has happened in real life that comes close to the things that happen in my mind.

I hope one of these days I’ll learn to assume the best instead of the worst. After all, why didn’t I look for a delivery of flowers at the door? Or an old friend, or a belated Christmas gift? Why did I assume someone was out to get me?

I can’t really answer that question. But I do know that God loves me, and He’s told me to hope in Him. Hope is the belief that good things will happen. It’s the opposite of fear, which is the belief that bad things are in store.

Even if a strange doorbell rings, I want to reprogram my mind to expect something amazing. In the meantime, I’ve changed the setting on my phone timer. It now quacks like a duck...

*“Those who hope in me will not be disappointed,” Isaiah 49:23.*

## Covering The Truth

Shop the Insanity • Darren Blair

As I’ve mentioned before, unless someone has tried to have it revoked again I have a master’s degree in business administration. In particular, my area of focus was sales & marketing. Due to what I learned about how the game is played, I’ve learned to ask questions and pay a little closer attention to things.

What do I mean? Well, here’s an ex-

ample.

The town I live in provides support for a major military base. Every Fourth of July or thereabouts, the base gets a massive shindig going that the public is invited to. There are festivities, various events, a fireworks display, and a musical performer of some kind as the headliner for it all. Generally speaking, the folks at the base who put

it together go as all out as possible.

One year, I found myself stuck in traffic when I happened to notice a billboard advertising that year’s event. At the top of the billboard in big, bold letters was the name of the event and the date it would be held. In the middle of the billboard, in even bigger, bolder letters, was “KISS”. Off to one side was what appeared to be an image of the Starchild, one of the characters played by KISS band member Paul Stanley.

KISS? The legendary and influential rock band that helped shape the genre as we currently know it? Here in this neck of the woods? Whether one loves them or hates them, that’s enough to leave a person flabbergasted.

Except...

Given that I was still stuck, I was able to look a little more closely at the billboard. That’s how I noticed that there was a lot of relatively \*tiny\* print in and around the big, bold stuff. That tiny print, ladies and gentlemen, was the critical material in all of this. You see, that’s because the tiny print was what told the truth of the matter: it was a KISS \*cover band\* who was going to be headlining the event, and not KISS themselves.

The billboard said, in so many words, that it was a cover band named “KISS IT”

that was going to be performing. In that sense, whoever designed the billboard was \*technically\* telling the truth. However, the exact layout of the billboard was such that even a hypothetical “reasonable” person could have been fooled into believing that we’d actually be getting to see Gene, Paul, Eric, and Tommy instead of a previously unknown group of performers doing their best to imitate them.

I’m not knocking that cover band by any means; I actually didn’t get to go that year, and so I don’t know how good or bad they were. And I highly doubt that they had anything to do with the billboard. To them, it was probably simply another gig, albeit one a little more high-profile than most they’d likely been having.

On one hand, there’s an adage about how we should “never look a gift horse in the mouth”. This adage is based on using the wear and tear on a horse’s teeth and gums to approximate its age, and is premised on the idea of someone insulting the gift-giver by inspecting the gift in front of them. On the other hand, logic dictates that if something sounds too good to be true we should take a few extra moments to make sure that what we’re looking at is actually what we’re looking at and there isn’t any sort of trickery afoot. Even half-truths can lead to a whole lot of trouble down the road.

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1/16 Meet & Greet; Nonfiction Book Club  
1/17 Trailblazers Walking Club  
1/18 Exploring Wines  
1/20 Snack Time Mahjong  
1/21 Bunco  
1/22 Fun Lunch  
1/25 Jimmy's Egg  
1/27 Well Read Women; Crochet and Knit; Monday Canasta  
1/28 Singing Bluebonnets

**February**

2/03: Chat 'n Canasta  
2/04: Footloose Singles; Singing Bluebonnets  
2/05: Monthly Luncheon; Popcorn Bridge  
2/08: Couples Night Out

2/09: Bookworms  
2/10: Singing Bluebonnets  
2/14: TGIF  
2/15: Exploring Wines  
2/17: Snack Time Mahjong  
2/18: Bunco  
2/19: Popcorn Bridge  
2/20: Nonfiction Book Club; Meet & Greet Coffee  
2/21: Trail Blazers Walking Group  
2/22: Jimmy's Egg  
2/24: Well -Read Women; Monday Canasta  
2/25: Singing Bluebonnets  
2/26: Fun Lunch  
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**CAC announces 2025 concert lineups**  
*Here's a look at the 2025 Texas Music Series:*

**MARCIA BALL PIANORAMA — Feb. 8**

Grammy nominated keyboardist Marcia Ball assembles some of her favorite fellow piano players for a one-of-a-kind show she calls Pianorama.

**LITTLE JOE HERNANDEZ Y LA FAMILIA — Feb. 22**

Temple legend and five-time Grammy winner Little Joe Hernandez y La Familia is one of the most popular Tex-Mex bands in the industry. Described as the King of Brown Sound, Little Joe helped pioneer Tejano music, a mix of traditional norteno music and country, blues and rock styles.

**THE TEXAS TENORS — March 30**

Emmy award-winning classical crossover, the trio was formed in 2009 by country singer JC Fisher, pop singer Marcus Collins and opera singer John Hagen. They were a top four finalist in the fourth season of America's Got Talent, making them the highest-ranking vocal group in the show's history.

**SHAWN COLVIN — May 16**

In the 30 years since the release of her debut album, Colvin has won three Grammy Awards, released 13 albums, written a critically-acclaimed memoir, maintained a non-stop national and international touring schedule, appeared on countless TV and radio shows, had her songs featured in major movies, and created a remarkable canon of work.

**RUTHIE FOSTER JAZZ BAND — July 12**

With five Grammy nominations to her name, Ruthie Foster stands as a testament to the power of authenticity and resilience in music. Her soulful melodies, heartfelt lyrics and an unwavering commitment to her art inspire audiences and fellow musicians as she continues to carve a path uniquely her own.

**AN CLIBURN FINALIST CLAYTON STEPHENSON — Oct. 18**

American pianist Clayton Stephenson's love for music is immediately apparent in his joyous charisma onstage, expressive power and natural ease at the instrument.

**ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL — Nov. 8**

Founded in 1970, Asleep at the Wheel has been part of the American roots music landscape for more than 50 years.

**SHINYRIBS — Dec. 6**

Shinyribs, a regular visitor to the CAC, defies genres as a melting pot of Texas blues, New Orleans funk, horn-driven Memphis soul, country twang, border music, big band swing and roots-rock. The 2025 CTOS Classic Music Series includes four big shows.

**The Bell County Museum** will have The Vietnam Experience on display through January 2025. The exhibit of artworks from Naval History and Heritage Command will be accompanied by artifacts and archival documents related to the Vietnam War. Leave a remembrance for a lost loved one or share your own experience in the war through our interactive memorial.

**The Bell County Master Gardener Association** is hosting a free monthly seminar "Growing Spring Vegetables in Central Texas" on Thursday, January 16 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Texas Agrilife Extension Office, BCMGA Learning Center, 1605 N. Main St., Belton. Certified Master Gardener, Dave Slaughter will teach you how to overcome the challenges of growing a spring vegetable garden in Central Texas. Come learn how to overcome the challenges, what seeds to plant, and best time to plant. The class limit is 50. Please register at bcmgaspeakers@gmail.com.

**On Friday, January 17, the Bell County Area Parkinson's Support Group (BAPS) West group** will meet at 2:30. Members and others interested in understanding more about Parkinson's Disease are welcome to attend at no cost. The meeting location is the Killeen Senior Center in Lions Club Park, 1700 E. Stan Schlueter Loop. Contact Gayle for more information at 254.718.4197 or gayleinbelton@gmail.com.

**On Friday, January 24, the Bell County Area Parkinson's Support Group (BAPS) North/East group** will meet at 2:30. Members and others interested in understanding more about Parkinson's Disease are welcome to attend at no cost. Aaron Clark with Abbie will provide information on the newly approved Vyalev medication that is delivered subcutaneously. The meeting location is the Sammons Community Center, 2220 West Avenue D in Temple. Contact Gayle for more information at 254.718.4197 or gayleinbelton@gmail.com.

**The Bell County Master Gardener Association** presents a hands-on workshop "Seed Starting" on Saturday, January 25 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Texas Agrilife Extension Office, BCMGA Learning Center, 1605 N. Main St., Belton. Certified Master Gardener Wayne Schirmer will discuss the requirements for seed germination and how to grow seedlings. You will receive information on when to start seeds to have transplants at the proper time. Wayne will discuss dense seed planting as well as optional things that can assist in seed starting. You will plant seeds that you'll be able to take home to germinate and plant in your spring vegetable garden. The class limit is 20 and the class fee is \$25. Register at bcmgaspeakers@gmail.com. Registration closes on Wednesday, Jan 15 or when the class is full.

**On Friday, February 7, the Bell County Area Parkinson's Support Group (BAPS) West group** will meet at 2:30. Members and others interested in understanding more about Parkinson's Disease are welcome to attend at no cost. The meeting location is the Killeen Senior Center in Lions Club Park, 1700 E. Stan Schlueter Loop. Contact Gayle for more information at 254.718.4197 or gayleinbelton@gmail.com.

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**Bell County Historical Commission** holds their meetings on the fourth Monday of every month at 6 p.m. in the historical Bell County Court House, 101 E. Central Ave in Belton. Join us in our vision of preserving and promoting Bell County's rich historical heritage for current and future generations. We are dedicated to initiating and conducting programs that preserve and celebrate the county's historic cultural resources in alignment with state laws governing historical preservation in Texas. Our community resources consist of a research room, book repository, cemetery information, historical markers and monument records. Our services include information on historic preservation, educational programming, history community outreach and partnerships. We welcome you to come join other history minded folks and get involved by serving on one of our committees that consist of preservation, cemetery, markers and education.

To volunteer or for more information please visit [historicalcommission@bellcounty.texas.gov](mailto:historicalcommission@bellcounty.texas.gov), call 254-933-5917 or go by their office located in the historic Bell County Courthouse, 101 E. Central Ave., RM 117.

**Pistons on the Creek** will meet every third Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Come down to Nolan Creek and show off your rides. From classic to modern, muscle, rat rod, exotic, all automotive enthusiasts are welcome. Support our awesome downtown businesses and restaurants surrounded by live music, food, drinks and a great atmosphere.

**Bell Fine Arts Visitors** welcome Wednesday's from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 306 E th Ave in Belton. Majong games are available every Monday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Come join the fun and meet new folks. For more information text Jeanne at 409-313-0611.

**Local chapter of the Crochet Guild of America** meets from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Lena Armstrong Public Library, 301 E. First St., in Belton. The group is open to anyone interested in crochet. All skill levels are welcome. For information email Betty Reichert at [bettyreichert@yahoo.com](mailto:bettyreichert@yahoo.com) or Kathy Bement at [katshookandneedle@gmail.com](mailto:katshookandneedle@gmail.com). Anyone interested in joining the local chapter of the Crochet Guild of America will also need to join the National Crochet Guild of America. Visit [www.crochet.org](http://www.crochet.org) for details.

**Bell County Texas Democratic Women** holds their monthly meeting on the third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Belton AgriLife Center, 1605 N Main in Belton. Join us to hear from local and state candidates and about important issues and events. This is open to the public.

**Leadership Belton** is an excellent source for learning leadership skills. This 10-month program focuses on three key elements: community awareness training, leadership training, and team building. Do you have someone ready to take the next step to become a leader? If so, Leadership Belton is here to make that difference. For more information on how to participate, contact the chamber at 254-939-3551 or e-mail at [info@beltonchamber.com](mailto:info@beltonchamber.com).

**Engage & Empower with BISD** Belton ISD believes the learning experiences of our students are enhanced through the engagement of our community. We invite parents and community members to get involved in our schools. Register as a volunteer with our new volunteer and partnership system at the following link: [https://beltonisd.ezcommunicator.net/edu/beltonisd/login\\_form.aspx?app=0](https://beltonisd.ezcommunicator.net/edu/beltonisd/login_form.aspx?app=0).

**Community Information**

**TAKE ME HOME PROGRAM** The Belton Police Department is adopting the Take Me Home Program, aimed at helping individuals who need special assistance to return safely home after getting lost. The program is a database with photos and personal information to help police officers find someone who is lost or wandered away from home. Take Me Home is designed for individuals who may need additional aid including those with Dementia, Autism or specific mental health needs. It's free to register someone and the data is kept confidential to first responders. You can sign up a loved one here: [www.beltontexas.gov/takemehome](http://www.beltontexas.gov/takemehome). Read more about the program here: [https://www.beltontexas.gov/news\\_detail\\_T11\\_R1166.php](https://www.beltontexas.gov/news_detail_T11_R1166.php).

**Dial 988 for Mental Health Emergencies** To help those contemplating suicide, press option 1 for assistance with military/veteran population.

**Text-to-911** for speech/ hearing impaired, those unable to call or speak due to home invasion, abduction or domestic violence or physically incapable. Providing location, city name and nature of the emergency in the first message is imperative. For further education on this service, don't hesitate to call 254-933-5500.

**Citizens Helping in Police Service (CHIPS)**

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**Belton Citizens Police Academy** meets Thursday nights to enhance police and community partnerships. Apply online to be a part of this exciting program.

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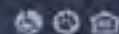
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