

Lisa Wingate featured author for upcoming Book & Author Luncheon



Lisa Wingate

By **Lynette Sowell**
The Belton Journal

The Friends of the Belton Public Library are holding their annual Book and Author Luncheon and Silent Auction on Feb. 22, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church Family Life Center, 210 E. 24th St., in Belton.

Tickets are \$47 per person or a table for 8 for \$360.

This year, they are celebrating the 20th anniversary of the luncheon as well as the 125th anniversary of the Lena Armstrong Public Library.

The special guest author for 2025 is Lisa Wingate.

She is a nationally known, New York Times bestselling Texas author, whose 2017 release, *Before We Were Yours*, has sold more than three million copies and has gone into its 36th reprint.

Before We Were Yours, remained on the New York Times best-seller list for more than

two years. Wingate has authored more than 30 novels, and her books have been translated into more than 40 languages. Her 2024 release, *Shelterwood*, is her 33rd release.

Wingate is a Goodreads Choice Award winner, an Oklahoma Book Award finalist, a Southern Book Prize winner and was named a 2023 Distinguished Alumni of Oklahoma State University.

Americans for More Civility, a kindness watchdog organization, selected Wingate as a recipient of the National Civics Award, which celebrates public figures who work to promote greater kindness and civility in American life.

Booklist summed up her work by saying, "Lisa Wingate is, quite simply, a master storyteller."

She was inspired to become a writer by a first-grade teacher who said she expected to see Lisa's name in a magazine one day. Wingate also entertained childhood dreams of being an Olympic gymnast and winning the National Finals Rodeo but was stalled by a mental block against backflips on the balance beam and by parents who stubbornly refused to finance

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Local coffee shop expanding in Belton



Courtesy Photo

Jesse Bates with Sly Fox Coffee, poses on the old train car where the shop is located. The shop is expanding to a second rail car and is offering more baked goods and sandwiches.

By **David Stone**
The Belton Journal

There are more than 50,000 coffee houses in America, and a growing number are located right here in eastern Bell County.

More than 70 businesses in the local area — Belton, Temple, Morgan's Point Resort, Salado, Rogers, Troy and Little River-Academy — identify themselves as coffee shops, and that doesn't include restau-

rants or convenience stores.

The vast majority of the area's coffee shops have arrived since 2014, and many have been in business less than three years. While chain shops such as Starbucks are lo-

cated in both Belton and Temple, locally owned stores such as Sly Fox, Arusha's, Summer Moon and Toast & Tea are thriving.

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Belton dog park keeps tails wagging



Courtesy Photo

The dog park at Heritage Park is one of the features that appeals to local residents. The park will see upgrades this year.

By **David Stone**
The Belton Journal

Belton's Heritage Park will benefit from many improvements during upcoming months, but local residents are quite pleased with one element of the park that will remain the same.

"The (Heritage Park) Dog Park is a great place — I go there every day," said Belton resident John Kinney. "If it had lights, I'd go at night as well."

Phillip Anderson, also of Belton, is a big fan of the bark park.

"I use it often — I like the size of the park," he said. "The water station needs a little work, though, but I think Belton needs a second park for dogs."

Despite its popularity, residents such as Anderson say the city needs another dog park to serve northside and lake-area residents and their pups, but that likely won't happen anytime soon.

"We do not have any plans to build another dog park at this point, but that doesn't mean we won't build one in the future," said James Grant, director of Belton Parks & Recreation.

According to Grant, the city put up a temporary dog park back in 2019 to see if the community would use it. It became an immediate hit with local pups and their owners.

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Filing continues for local elections

By **Lynette Sowell**
The Belton Journal

Belton ISD has received another application for a place on the ballot for this year's trustee election when Riley Beck filed for Trustee-Area 3.

The election will decide trustees for Areas 1, 3 and 5, with elected candidates serving three-year terms until May 2028. So far, the only candidates on this year's ballot are Jeff Norwood, Suzanne M. McDonald, Manuel Alcozer, and Riley Beck. Norwood currently represents Area 1, McDonald serves Area 3, and Alcozer represents Area 5.

The filing period closes at 5 p.m. on Friday, February 14, 2025.

For more details, visit www.bisd.net/election.

For the 2025 Belton City Council election, incumbent and former Mayor Wayne Carpenter announced he would not seek re-election, and five others filed for three expiring seats. Daniel Bucher and Ty Taggart have filed for Place 5, Luke Potts and Clinton Bailey have filed for Place 6, and Stephanie O'Banion has filed for Place 7.

Bucher and O'Banion are both incumbents on the City Council. Bucher, also a former member of the Belton Parks Board, is seeking a third

term and O'Banion, a former member of the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z), is seeking a second term.

Potts and Taggart currently serve on the P&Z Commission, and Bailey is serving as an alternate on the Building and Standards Commission.

Potential candidates must file during the filing period to be eligible for office. A candidate packet, which includes filing information, is available online for residents interested in serving.

The 2025 General Election is scheduled for Saturday, May 3. Councilmember terms are three years.

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Officers help resolve crisis on I-14 flyover

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Belton Police Department officers and a Bell County Sheriff's deputy helped safely resolve a tense circumstance on Monday, February 3 when a man experienced a mental health crisis on the I-14 flyover exit off northbound I-35.

Officers helped dif-



fuse the situation after he got out of a car at a nearby business, walked

to the flyover, and placed both of his legs over the guardrail appearing ready to jump.

"We are grateful for this outcome and that our officers helped calmly resolve the matter," Belton Police Chief Larry Berg said. "We train to be ready to help people in distress, but in these types of circumstances, a person

must be willing to help themselves too. In this situation, it worked out. We hope the young man gets the help and support that he needs."

The incident lasted for an hour and a half. The 9-1-1 call came in at around 10:30 a.m., and the individual was off the ledge by noon. The man was not injured, but he

was transported to a medical facility for mental health treatment.

While the incident unfolded, the flyover was closed, along with the northbound entrance to I-35 off the frontage road. Emergency personnel from multiple agencies assisted at the scene, including the Department of Public Safety and Bell

County Sheriff's Department.

"If you're struggling with your mental health or know someone who is, reach out. Support and resources are available. You are never alone," Berg said.

The free, confidential mental health hotline, 988, is available 24/7 by text or call.

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a rodeo career. She was lucky enough to marry into a big family of tall tale enthusiasts who never let the truth get in the way of a good story. Wingate lives in Texas and Colorado with her family and her cuddly teddy bear of a dog, Huckleberry.

One of her favorite things about being a writer is connecting with people, both real and imaginary. Find out more at www.lisawingate.com.

Her books are available at Blackbird Books & Spirits Bookstore, 203 N. East Street, Suite E, Belton.

Along with the luncheon and silent auction, book bingo will take place at the event. Free bingo cards are available online at <https://friendsbeltonlibrary.org/baluncheon.php> and also at the Belton Library's front desk.

Readers select and read books that

fit into categories on the card and X out each box. For each completed box, participants will receive a ticket for the prize drawings at the luncheon. This year, there is a children's version of the bingo cards, and it's not required to be present to win a prize.

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"We were trying to decide if we wanted to spend the money and build a permanent one, but we didn't want to build something our community didn't want or use," Grant said.

"Boy, were we ever surprised," he added with a laugh. "It was a resounding hit, and we had more compliments on it and its location than we could count."

"It was so successful that we decided to extend the temporary fence rental for several more months while we planned a permanent dog park."

The temporary park — it was called Pop-Pup Dog Park by the city — was divided into two areas, one for large dogs

and the other for smaller canines. The park was small — about a quarter-acre in size.

Today's park also has two sections, but the overall size is now 1.5 acres.

"We kept it at the same location because everyone loved the shade trees, and it worked well with parking, walking trails and the nearby park playground," Grant said.

"It is completely fenced in with a 5-foot chain link fence, drinking fountains for both human and canines, and we have repurposed some old playground equipment to give our furry friends something to play on," he added. "Most of it is irrigated to help with turf

management, and it has park benches and even a picnic table or two."

Now called Heritage Park Dog Park, money to build the puppy playground was part of a \$750,000 Texas Parks & Wildlife grant awarded a few years ago.

"The park is very popular with pet owners and their furry best friends," Grant said.

"The Belton dog park is great," said Joshua Landon. "It's way better than others in the surrounding area."

According to Grant, several projects are on tap for Heritage Park and many will be started this year.

"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.

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Despite its massive popularity in Belton, Summer Moon is closing shop here because of real estate issues and moving to a second location in Temple.

"We love Belton," said McKenzie Fleming. "Unfortunately, the property where we are located at sold a few months ago and our lease came to an end. We will miss Belton tremendously, but we are also looking forward to the future."

"Thank you all for the love and support you've shown to our Belton location over the past three years," Fleming added. "We have loved the community that has loved us so well. Unfortunately, the time has come for us to relocate."

Belton residents say they also will miss Summer Moon.

"It was conveniently located and the coffee was consistent — not hit-or-miss like some of the others," said Maria Avila-Magana. "I hate that they are leaving."

But while one of Belton's most popular coffee shops is leaving town, another is booming.

"We are thriving," said Jesse Bates, owner of Sly Fox Coffee House, located in an old train car at the Belton Depot.

"We are expanding into a second rail car and offering new and more foods starting with a grand re-opening on Feb. 6," Bates said.

"We haven't been closed, but we are doubling the size of the business," she said. "It's going to be quite

different."

Sly Fox caters to University of Mary Hardin-Baylor students and local businessmen and women who meet for coffee and shoptalk.

"We also have a great number of folks who just stop by on their way to work," Bates said. "Sly Fox has a wide range of customers, but we do have a lot of college students who drink coffee and study."

"Our big sellers are specialty coffees such as espresso-based drinks, lattes and cortados, a Spanish beverage consisting of espresso mixed with a roughly equal amount of warm milk."

Right now, we sell a limited amount of food, but come Feb. 6, we will offer a lot more baked goods and sandwiches," she added.

Bates acknowledged that there is a growing number of coffee houses in Central Texas, but she sees that as a good thing.

"Coffee houses can't be overdone," she said with a grin. "Every shop has a unique twist — we all service a very different market. There's a lot of competition, but coffee shops are a close community. People tend to visit all of the shops because we are all different."

Belton resident Megan Kenney agreed. "I think most (shops) are great for different reasons," she said. "They are all worth a show for their unique creations."

Greg Burnett, owner of the popular 1914 Coffee House in Temple, said many of the new coffee shops

are well-known chains and those businesses force the local shops to be great.

"The established chains bring industry expertise and a high level of quality and service," Burnett said. "In my opinion, to survive, local shops have to provide a similar level of quality and service, and they must offer something the major chains don't."

"At 1914, we strive to provide high-quality drinks, food and service," he said. "We desire to create a cozy environment where our community can gather, grow and feel cared for. I hope and believe this personal touch differentiates us from the chains."

So why are today's coffee shops so popular? According to store owners like Sly Fox's Bates, they are popular because they often provide a comfortable, social space where people can gather to work, study, meet friends, or simply relax with a cup of coffee.

They often offer a "third space" outside of home and work, with a welcoming atmosphere, often with good Wi-Fi, and a variety of drink options that are not readily available at home.

They essentially act as a community hub for interaction and connection. UMHB students are often seen with open laptops reading over class assignments, and businesspeople often meet at coffee shops for small, casual meetings.

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OBITUARIES



Kelton
Bob Kelton
 January 26, 1951 – January 28, 2025

Bob Kelton of Belton, Texas passed away at his home on January 28, 2025. He was 74 years of age.

Bob was born on January 26, 1951, in Belton TX to Bartholomew Jr. and Wilma (Smitha) Kelton. In his youth Bob loved all sports, but especially baseball, and played competitively, even being scouted by professional teams until the birth of his son, at which time he settled down to raise his family in Belton.

As a lifelong resident of Belton, Bob had deep roots in the community. Over the years he worked in various demanding managerial positions at Eckerd Drugs, Britts Drugs, Inman Pharmacy, City Pharmacy and Golden Chick often working 6-7 days a week. But as the saying goes "Find a job you enjoy doing, and you will never have to work a day in your life." While Bob worked a lot, his roles allowed him to interact with friends and colleagues regularly. Most recently, in his "retirement", you could find him at the Expo Quik Stop, chatting with friends about his beloved Dallas Cowboys or discussing the latest golf tournament. Bob was also a member of the First Baptist Church of Belton where he served as a Deacon. Above all else, he loved his family, following his grandson's baseball careers, and supporting his grandnieces and nephews and his community which he served in any way he could.

Bob is survived by his son Kevin Kelton (Serenity) of Pantego, Texas, sisters, Shelia Kelton Gaines (Larry) of Belton, Texas, Susan Kelton Clark (Lucky) of Harker Heights, Texas, Kathy Gail Kelton (Chris) of Waco, Texas, uncle Billy Joe Smitha of Belton, Texas, aunt Sandra Smitha Harrison of Temple, Texas, and grandchildren Koby Kelton of New York City, New York and Kamden Kelton of Pantego, Texas and a host of family and friends.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation for family and friends was Friday, January 31, 2025, 5-7 p.m. at Dossman Funeral Home in Belton, Texas. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m on Saturday, February 1, 2025, at Dossman Funeral Home, with burial immediately following at North Belton Cemetery, Belton, Texas.



Cloud
William Perry Cloud
 November 19, 1929 – February 1, 2025

William Perry (Bill) Cloud passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Saturday, February 1, 2025, at the age of 95. He was born in Temple on November 19, 1929, to Thomas Jefferson and Rebe Ogden Cloud.

Bill graduated from Temple High School and attended the University of Texas at Austin. He was happily married to Betty Jean Lengefeld for 66 years. Bill also served a brief stint in the United States Army. Bill was passionate about his family, friends, cutting horses, cattle, and the construction industry. His career with Cloud Construction Co., Inc. spanned over 50 years, and he was instrumental in constructing many landmark buildings in Temple and Central Texas.

Bill was also very active in community service, lending his talents to many organizations. He raised money for the Temple United Fund and served as a member of the Temple City Commission. Bill was president of the Central Texas Ft. Hood Chapter of Association of United States Army and served on the Commanding General's Civilian Advisory Committee for five commanding generals at Ft. Hood. In addition, Bill served as president of several organizations including the Bell County Junior Fair and Livestock Show, the Temple Chamber of Commerce, the Temple Industrial Foundation, and the Central Texas Cutting Horse Association. He worked as board member of the National Cutting Horse Association, the Scott and White Health Plan, the Temple Economic Development Corporation and the Central Texas Region

Scott & White Memorial Hospital Greater Century Campaign.

Bill is preceded in death by his loving wife Betty Jean Cloud, parents T.J. and Rebe Cloud, and brother Thomas Maynard Cloud. Survivors include daughters Renee Fuller, Susan Bolton and husband Mancel, and son Perry Cloud and wife Laura; five grandchildren, Mark Fuller and wife Olivia, Katie Moncivais and husband Tony, Kasey Welch and husband Jerod, Will Bolton, and Thomas Cloud and wife Emily; and six great grandchildren Max Moncivais, Amelie Moncivais, Elizabeth Welch, Cooper Welch, Emma Fuller, and Charlotte Cloud. The Pallbearers are Mark Fuller, Will Bolton, Thomas Cloud, Bruce Walker, Andrew Cloud, John Cloud, Mike Marshall, Tony Moncivais, Jerod Welch, Rex Baugh, and Roy Walker.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to the Temple College Foundation to create a Bill and Betty Jean Cloud Scholarship, 2600 S. South First Street, Temple, TX 76504 Attn: Temple College Foundation or the charity of your choice.

The family wishes to express gratitude to all the caregivers at Baylor Scott & White Hospital, Baylor Scott & White Hospice, and Home Instead. Visitation will be held at Scanio Harper Funeral Home on Friday February 7, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. A Celebration of Life gravesite service for family and friends will be held on Saturday February 8, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Hillcrest Cemetery, Temple, TX. Scanio Harper Funeral Home oversees arrangements.

Swanson Jr.
Lester "Skip" Samuel Swanson Jr.
 March 17, 1947 – January 21, 2025

Lester "Skip" Samuel Swanson Jr., beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and believer in Jesus Christ, passed away on January 21, 2025, at the age of 77 in a rehabilitation and healthcare home in Belton, Texas, due to complications following a fall. A graveside service with military honors will be held on February 10th at 10:00 a.m. at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen, Texas.

Born on March 17, 1947, in Dallas, Texas, to Lester

Samuel Swanson Sr. and Marjorie Sue Smith Swanson, Skip's active life can be epitomized by Newton's Second Law: "an object in motion remains in motion at a constant speed and in a straight line unless acted on by an unbalanced force." His early years were shaped by the love and guidance of his mother, Sue Swanson; his Grandma Potsie; the rules of baseball; and the Baptist church. After graduating from Kimball High School in Oak Cliff, he played baseball at Kilgore College in East Texas, where he was scouted by the St. Louis Cardinals. An injury redirected his path, leading him to Braniff International Airlines, where he met and married his cherished wife, Maureen Lorraine Brown, on February 28, 1969, at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Carrollton, Texas.

Shortly after, Skip answered the draft to serve his country during the Vietnam War, joining the U.S. Army on April 26, 1969. Skip's athleticism flourished in the military, earning him a rare perfect score in the U.S. Army's PCPT at Fort Bliss, Texas. Following his honorable discharge, Skip earned a Bachelor of Science degree and embarked on a career as a Technology Systems Management Administrator, where his curiosity and passion for innovation shone. Companies such as Braniff, Great Western Sugar, and BancTec benefited from his creative energies.

As a third-generation Texan, Skip and Maureen raised their two children, Shannan and Clint, in Dallas, where they lived until 2005 before relocating to Central Texas. A man of faith, Skip found immense joy in serving the Lord as a member of First Baptist Church in Gatesville and as Chaplain for Boy Scouts of America Troop 201 in Gatesville, Texas. He also drove a church bus and assisted with Wednesday night children's services, often saying, "I like telling rambunctious little boys how Jesus helped me." Skip's love for life was reflected in his boundless interests and enthusiasm. He could talk to anyone about anything at any time. He loved baseball, Boy Scouts, the U.S. Army, and anything sweet. Known for his energy, he kept moving like the Energizer Bunny on the baseball diamond, around the house, or at Boy Scout campouts. Even after a

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School choice, water, teacher pay raises make governor's emergency list

By Richard Lee
Special to the Journal

Speaking from Austin's Arnold Oil Company headquarters Sunday evening, Governor Greg Abbott touted the state's business-friendly climate as a model for the rest of the country during his biannual State of the State address.

"Texas is the most powerful economy in America... Texas is number one for the most new jobs, Texas has been number one for economic development for more than a decade. Texas is the number one best state to start a business," he said. "Texas is the blueprint for the future of America."

In his address, Abbott also declared seven "emergency" items, permitting immediate legislative action on these issues. The state constitution prohibits passage of bills in the first 60 days of a regular session, unless tagged as an emergency by the governor.

First on Abbott's list is property tax relief. Following more than \$22 billion in property tax cuts approved in 2023, Abbott says that too many local jurisdictions negated those savings by exploiting loopholes to raise rates.

"Last session, we slashed your

property taxes," he said. "But for many Texans, those cuts were wiped out by local taxing authorities that hiked your property taxes even more. That must end this session."

Abbott called for spending at least \$10 billion of the state's \$23.8 billion surplus on additional property tax relief. He also wants to raise the threshold for voter-approved tax hikes from a simple majority to a two-thirds supermajority.

Water infrastructure is also an emergency item this session, and Abbott says the legislature will ensure 50 years of water security for Texas this year.

"We will make the largest investment in water in the history of Texas. We will tap into new water supplies and repair pipes to save billions of gallons of water each year," he said. His plan calls for an investment of \$1 billion each year for the next 10 years to find new sources of water and to repair leaky pipes. Abbott also wants to see

legislation that creates a stable revenue stream for water infrastructure and continued investment in rural water supply.

For public schools, Abbott wants legislation that pays teachers more and a robust school choice program implemented this session and named both issues as emergencies.

The Senate budget includes nearly \$5 billion in funds set aside for a \$4,000 across-the-board raise for teachers, with teachers serving rural districts eligible for an additional \$6,000, in addition to funds to bolster the state's teacher merit pay program.

School choice legislation is already moving in the Senate, with the Education K-16 Committee approving a plan last week to spend \$1 billion in state money to create 100,000 education savings accounts that parents can use to pay for education-related expenses. By designating the issue as an emergency, Abbott has opened the door for immediate action for consideration and passage of the bill by the full Sen-

ate, as early as this week. The governor also wants to increase workforce training for high school graduates, naming career technology training as an emergency item.

Abbott also named two public safety issues as emergencies, first calling for legislation to reform bail practices in Texas, including denial of bail to violent offenders. Such legislation passed the Senate in the 2023 regular session, but couldn't get through the House. He also wants to create a cyber-crime center in San Antonio to protect against growing on-line threats.

"San Antonio is the home to one of the world's largest concentrations of cybersecurity experts. We must harness those assets to protect against threats from China, Iran, Russia, and other foreign enemies," he said.

Designating emergency items gives legislation a head start and the force of the governor's influence, but it doesn't guarantee that Abbott will end the session with a bill on his desk. In 2023, Abbott also named school choice as an emergency item, and ended up calling four special sessions on it, but the issue still couldn't find the necessary support in the House.



Sniffin hired as elementary principal at Academy ISD



Jeanna Sniffin

Special to the Journal

The Academy ISD Board of Trustees approved a new principal for Academy Elementary School at a recent board meeting.

Jeanna Sniffin, an educator with 19 years of experience as a campus principal and a passion for designing effective learning systems and implementing strong processes for improving student outcomes, will soon lead the District's 1st and 2nd grade campus.

Sniffin most recently served as the principal of High Point Elementary School in Belton

ISD. Her journey in education began as an elementary teacher and assistant principal before she led her first campus in 2005.

Since then, she has served as principal of two middle and four elementary school campuses, demonstrating her proven ability to develop efficient instructional frameworks and foster professional learning communities.

"We are thrilled to welcome Jeanna Sniffin to Academy Elementary and the Bumblebee family," said Darla Nolen, Superintendent of Academy ISD. "A veteran principal, her vast experience in education, coupled with her dedi-

cation to student growth and teacher development, makes her a great fit for our incredible district."

Sniffin holds a Master of Education in Administration and Supervision from the University of Houston-Victoria and a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies from Stephen F. Austin State University. She also completed the Rice University Education Entrepreneurship Certificate Program, further enhancing her school leadership and innovation expertise.

Jeanna Sniffin will begin leading the Academy elementary campus in late February.

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spinal cord injury, a dear family friend remarked that his gift of gab remained intact during his physical therapy sessions. Skip's love

of learning and sharing knowledge continued until his last day, when he spoke about Chuck Norris's roundhouse kick technique, Kilgore, the

Rangerettes, baseball, and a dear friend. Skip is survived by his devoted wife of nearly 56 years, Maureen Lorraine Swanson;

his daughter, Shannan Michelle Swanson-Bryan of Belton, Texas; his son, Samuel "Clint" Clinton Swanson of Chicago, Illinois; his sister, Linda Sue Swanson and her husband Rex Blue of Flower Mound, Texas; and his treasured grandchildren, David Granvill Bryan of College Station, Texas, and Emily Sue Bryan of Austin, Texas. He is also lovingly remembered by beautiful nieces, a nephew, grandnieces, and friends far and wide.

He is preceded in death by his parents, L.S. Swanson Sr. and M. Sue Swanson, and his sister, Elizabeth Jean Swanson. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to Rangerette Scholarships at Click here to Donate, a reflection of Skip's generous heart and commitment to education and athleticism. May Skip's legacy of faith, curiosity of learning, and service to others continue to inspire all who knew him and remind us of two things: Newton's 1st law of motion, "An object of rest stays at rest" and Psalm 73:26: "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." Amen

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Sherman

Carolyn Ann Sherman
March 22, 1945 –
January 30, 2025

Carolyn Ann Sherman, 79, born on March 22, 1945, in Oakland, California, passed away peacefully, on Thursday, January 30, 2025 in Waco, Texas, surrounded by her loving family. Carolyn lived a life marked by devotion and resilience. As an honorable housewife, she was a steadfast partner to her husband, Eddie Sherman Sr., with whom she brought two cherished children into the world. Though their marriage eventually dissolved, Carolyn's heart found new love, leading her to a partner Clyde Lee with whom she experienced the joys and tribulations of life together. She supported this partnership through various entrepreneurial endeavors centered around the entertainment industry. Education played a significant role in Carolyn's formative years; she graduated from B.C. Elmore High School, after which she dedicated herself to her family. Carolyn was immensely proud of her loved ones, and she celebrated their successes with traditional family photographs that adorned her home. With a vivacious personality, Carolyn was known for her love of music, dancing, and fun.

A woman of integrity, she balanced honesty with compassion, always ready to lend an ear or offer an honest assessment when needed. Her interests included singing, music, and nostalgic TV shows. These hobbies that brought her joy and allowed her to express her vibrant spirit. Family was the cornerstone of Carolyn's life. She cherished the special moments shared with her children Vickie and Eddie, who ensured that she engaged regular family BBQs, dominoes games, and milestones throughout the years. She is survived by her son, Eddie Lee Sherman Jr and his wife Allisa; one brother, Robert Hart; two sisters, Deborah Hart and Eldreda Brown, along with her husband Wesley; and a robust lineage that includes six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, with an additional blessing on the way. Carolyn is preceded in death by her parents, L.C. Cruse and Irene (Walker) Cruse and stepfather Samuel Hart; her lifelong partner Clyde Lee, her daughter, Vickie Sherman; her brother, L.C. Cruse Jr.; and her sister, Sandra Hart. A memorial service will be held in her honor on Friday, February 7, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. at Bethesda Fellowship Ministries. Her legacy lives on through the lives she touched and the love she fostered. Carolyn Ann Sherman will be remembered not only for her engagement in the lives of her family and friends but also for the indelible impression she left on all who were fortunate enough to know her. Arrangements are under the direction of Sabrina Young, at Young's Daughters Funeral Home and Bereavement Center.



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Morgan's Point EDC searching for Tiny Village anchor

By David Stone
The Belton Journal

The Morgan's Point Resort Economic Development Corporation is searching for an anchor tenant for its planned Tiny Business Village, EDC President Linda Bridges said this week.

"We've been doing our research and we're working to recruit an anchor business for our village," Bridges said. "Plus, we are waiting on the city's new Master Plan. We have an idea of residents' wish list for businesses that would locate in the village, but it will be good to see the statistics."

The Tiny Business Village would consist of

six retail shops, a stage, picnic tables and gravel walkways.

"Our EDC has the idea of creating a place to gather to boost the city's economy," Bridges said. "We are thinking of places such as Barrow Brewing in Salado or Fire Street Pizza in Belton — that could be our template."

"Since we have no sewer, bringing food into the equation creates a location problem," she said. "But, if the food idea doesn't work, we are thinking of using a 'maker-space' as the anchor. Maybe art-themed classes to complement our village vendors."

"If we can't find a popular business to set up



in Morgan's Point Resort, we could hold activities on a regular basis."

Bridges said the six village chalets with retail establishments could be open 24/7 if they wish.

"Plus, on weekends we would allow pop-up

tents and food trucks," she added. "We could always anchor the village with art and live music."

Bridges explained that the village chalets would not serve as a permanent home for businesses but as a temporary

home before they opened a brick-and-mortar location. The businesses likely would have a six-month season and they would be required to be open at least three days a week.

"We would love to locate the village on either FM 2483 or on Lake Forest Drive," she said. "The structures would have electricity and air conditioning, but there isn't sewer service at those locations so we likely would start with port-a-potties."

"I'd love to see a great food truck commit to Morgan's Point Resort, or maybe a local winery or brewery open a satellite location here," Bridges said.

"Our residents want this — they want some sort of activity in town."

Bridges estimates that the project would cost about \$100,000.

"The buildings will cost between \$8,000 and \$10,000 each, and we hope to have six. We also would need to bring in electricity, build a stage and tables, and have some sort of parking lot."

She said the village could be expanded later on.

"The village would be owned by the city, and most likely the EDC would operate it," Bridges added. "We would lease the structures out, and start a business association to pay for maintenance and landscaping."

EDITORIAL

Randomness

Pleasant Ramblings • Mark Magnan

Some years ago, cars were a lot fancier, they had different levels of trim with some being adorned with chrome on the sides where it was not expected and even hood ornaments. I think it was a better time to drive, you could feel special in your car, and with those hood ornaments you felt like it was a luxury car. Now even some luxury cars don't have hood ornaments.

Do you ever wonder what the best thing in the world was before sliced bread?

Have you ever pondered the origins of tortillas? They are bread. What if way back someone made a large round loaf of bread and cut off small slices for the fam-

ily, that was one way of getting plenty for everyone. Then somewhere down the line someone invented a machine that makes tortillas out of a round dough ball. It really doesn't matter, tortillas are some of the best bread out there.

Have you ever been working hard in the kitchen and not realized that you actually cut yourself until you mixed up something containing salt or lemon juice?

What do I plant to start raising seedless grapes?

There is a veterinarian clinic near me that advertises a "drive thru window". OK, what do you do, drive up, hold up your dog and explain that he has diarrhea and they

toss you some pills? It is probably a good idea if you have a pet snake, no sense taking the whole darn thing inside when all the vet wants to see is the head anyway.

What is the deal with wedding cake? Is it something special? Why don't we have it for other occasions? And why do Italians have a special wedding cake? I have been to a few weddings that should have just served fruit cake.

We hear the expression about comparisons, apples and oranges, why wasn't it something different, say; rhinoceroses and hippopotamuses?

Since almost everyone has a phone with a camera and the ability to take video, we don't

really see the evidence of UFOs like I thought we might. I figured by now there were be some lady in east Texas dressed in her terry cloth bathrobe, standing on the front porch of her double wide trailer filming her husband being sucked into a "flyin saucer" by a tractor beam, all the while three "coon" dogs are barking their heads off in the yard. Disclaimer; before anyone thinks I am making fun of someone living in the woods of east Texas, I would be quite content to have my own double wide living way back there where it gets really dark, and the chance of an extraterrestrial encounter is fairly good. Oh and throw in marginal cellphone reception and I

am in for sure.

We see a lot of funny and even amazing things filmed these days. I wish people had the ability to concentrate on the task of filming. At times just when the incident takes a turn the "camera-person" panics and moves the camera. I mean I really do want to see the outcome of those two shoppers fighting over that 95" TV. I want to know who deserves it. What I don't want to see is the photographer's shoes.

Who is the culinary genius that invented corn dogs? Why don't we have a three day weekend in

the summer honoring that amazing dish?

If you are trying to change the channel on the TV and the batteries are getting weak, why do you stretch your arm out the extra three inches and press harder on the buttons?

Have you ever seen some property that was so junked and cluttered that you would normally avoid it, yet they have a "No Trespassing" sign? I have seen some of those places and thought there was no way I was hopping the fence and going in there, no real need for the sign.

Throwing Starfish

My Front Porch • Lynette Sowell

Sometimes in the everyday sameness of life and our routines, we can feel a little overwhelmed with everything we have to do and those we need to do things for, and others who may need us.

We can sometimes get discouraged, wondering if what we do is making any difference.

Or, we don't hear a simple thank-you for what we do.

Maybe, we start feeling unappreciated and we start to wonder if our efforts are futile.

I'm reminded of the story of the starfish, and it goes something like this:

An old man had a habit of early morning walks on the beach. One day, after a storm, he saw a figure in the distance moving like a dancer. As he came closer he saw that it was a young woman and she was not dancing but was reaching down to the sand, picking up starfish and very gently throwing them into the ocean. "Young lady," he

asked, "Why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?"

"The sun is up, and the tide is going out, and if I do not throw them in they will die."

"But young lady, do you not realize that there are miles and miles of beach and starfish all along it? You cannot possibly make a difference."

The young woman listened politely, paused and then bent down, picked up another starfish and threw it into the sea, past the breaking waves, saying, "It made a difference for that one."

Single mother—or single dad—no one applauds you or throws out the red carpet for working hard, putting supper on the table, toting the kids to practice in the rain—but it means the world to your little starfish, growing before your eyes.

Tired teacher, staying late grading papers, listening to yet another complaint from a par-


ent, while still paying out of your pocket for a student's lunch because they're hungry—no unseen good deed is insignificant to the one it serves.

Burger flipper, you wonder if you'll ever finish college as you serve yet another drive-through breakfast with a smile—your smile may be the only one that customer sees today. One

day, you'll be cruising through drive-through on your way to your dream job, too. Smile, as you remember where you had your start.

Small, seemingly invisible acts of kindness, bravery, self-sacrifice, even love. You who work unseen and unrewarded—keep throwing those starfish. It makes a difference for each one.

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Cepeda family offers mind and body wellness services to the community

By Michelle Rodriguez
The Belton Journal

Amber Cepeda, LLC, is a licensed professional counselor and owner of Mindfulness Counseling which provides counseling to children, adults, couples, and families. Dr. Clint Cepeda, specializing in health science and exercise sports medicine, owns Cepeda Rehab and Wellness which helps patients bridge the gap from post-operation and physical therapy to full recovery.

The Cepedas' offices are located at 1023 Canyon Creek Dr., Ste. 105 in Temple. Along with the Cepedas, therapist Josh Keller and a psychiatrist come in once a week to see patients.

"Our services combined provide mind and body wellness. I have been in the fitness and wellness field for 20 years," said Dr. Cepeda.

Amber, a former counselor for Killeen ISD, was also a teacher for fifteen years and taught advanced English at Harker Heights High School. She received her degrees from Texas State and Lamar University.

"I was a counselor at the elementary school for five years for the kids on post. I saw a lot of kids be-

cause that's where I started, and then I expanded to see adults and couples," said Amber. "I have a Psychology Today profile and am listed on insurance panels like Baylor, Scott and White, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, and United Healthcare."

Dr. Cepeda saw there is a gap for patients sometimes, after physical therapy. Most insurances allow six visits per year and once that's done, many patients are still not well. Most people don't do the post-op exercises and will likely get injured again, he said.

"There are mobility issues for some patients that have sciatica, knee, shoulder, lumbar spine, post-operation issues such as from a knee replacement. If they were not fit before the operation, after the operation they try to do the physical therapy or post-op exercises, but don't do them, or are unable to. People are getting knee replacements younger and younger," said Dr. Cepeda.

"I am originally from Hawaii. I moved to Texas because my dad lived in Texas, was in the Army, and owned land. He suggested I go to college in Texas. I went to law school in Michigan but didn't like



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Amber Cepeda, LPC and Dr. Clint Cepeda offer their patients mind and whole body wellness.

it. It was not what I imagined, and harder than what most people think it is. I did not like living in the snow," said Dr. Cepeda.

Then he returned to Texas, where he met Amber. The couple has three children, ages 15, 11, and nine.

"The commonality of the two businesses is that we want to help the community. We sponsor kid's sports teams like at BCYC. Our oldest son plays tennis and my husband helps the team if they experience any pain," said Amber.

"We want a business with a conscious and want to invest in and support the community. I never want to see people as dollar signs. I want them to come to us because they need help. It's more personal, especially with my wife's mental health prac-

tice," said Dr. Cepeda. "We would like to impress upon the community that we are in the business to service the whole body; the heart, mind, and soul, and everything biochemically, the muscles, skeletal frame, and sports medicine."

Eldred's Nursery hosts first fundraiser of the year

By Michelle Rodriguez
The Belton Journal

Eldred's Nursery Foundation offers job training for individuals with disabilities and held its first fundraiser for the year on Jan. 31 at Tizrah located at 115 N. East St. in Belton.

The theme was Swedish Death Cleaning Sip and Shop. Swedish Death Cleaning is a decluttering method that aims to ease the burden on families after a loved one's passing.

"I donated my lifetime personal collection of purses, vintage jewelry, contem-

porary jewelry, sunglasses, and quality pieces that you can't find anywhere from my travels. I'm a shopaholic and working more on my relationships with people and causes and less things," said Berlin Rodriguez, development coordinator for Eldred's Nursery.

Wine and hors d'oeuvres were served as people shopped from Rodriguez's collection, purchased plants from the nursery, and took pictures at a photo booth that was provided by Sarah Tadesse, owner of ZSD Tiny Workshops.

"Within the nursery, Margaret Chadwick takes the lead since she's the founder. She's going to retire, but will never leave us," said Rodriguez.

Eldred's Nursery Foundation was established in 2017 and founded by Margaret Chadwick and her

husband, Robert. They train individuals with disabilities transitioning from high school to adulthood. They teach job skills to help young people enter the community job market and offer real-life experiences in a workplace with trainers who establish individualized goals and objectives.

"I manage the operation by training. I'm a retired director of transportation for the school district. I came to volunteer and I loved what they were doing. I have a retail background. I know how to train and manage. I'm excited to see it grow," said Andrew Forrester, general manager of Eldred's Nursery.

"I help Andrew Forrester and am an assistant to Margaret Chadwick. Three days per week I do inventory. I do the groundskeeping every Sunday. I've been

there eight years. I love it! I was born and raised in Belton," said Josiah Guthrie. "I mow, weed eat, and occasionally water when we are closed so we don't bother anybody with debris."

Eldred's Nursery Foundation is dependent on sales of their plants, shrubs, and trees which trainees care for, but also on donations, grants, and gifts. Learn more and donate at www.enfound.org.

Keep an eye out for future fundraisers. To help nurture the cause, tell family and friends about the nursery, sponsor the greenhouse or a dome, volunteer, assist with special events, participate in fundraisers, buy gift certificates, and/or make a donation.

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Picture of Andrew Forrester, general manager, and Margaret Chadwick, Owner/Founder of Eldred's Nursery Foundation at the first fundraiser of 2025, Swedish Death Sip and Shop.

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How to make the most of your local library

Local libraries are invaluable resources for residents, including students and their families. The value of libraries has been recognized for far longer than many may realize. The Franklin Public Library, opened in 1778 in Franklin, Massachusetts, is considered the first lending library in the United States. Since then, libraries have become integral components of communities across the nation and even the globe.

It's easy to overlook a local library, but residents who resolve to make the most of these venerable institutions can do so in the following ways.

- Get or renew your library card. The first step to making the most of a local library is to sign up for or renew your library card. Each member of the family, including children, can get their own card, which affords access to books on site and often additional texts and offerings the library can request from other branches.

- Acquaint yourself with all the offerings at your local library. Books may be the first thing people think of when pondering local libraries, and modern branches still maintain extensive catalogs of books spanning the genres. But libraries also offer more than books. Film fans may be surprised to learn libraries typically have extensive catalogs of films that can be borrowed on DVD, and some even allow movies to be streamed through library-affiliated streaming services.

Libraries also offer services to adults, including seniors, and children that can range from tax preparation tips to passport application assistance to craft projects for youngsters.

- Utilize the research capabilities of local libraries. Card members have access to a wealth of resources at their local libraries, and that includes research databases like JSTOR that might require paid subscriptions if users try to access them on their own. These databases can help individuals grow their knowledge about the world they live in and prove invaluable to students young and old who are conducting research for school projects.

- Open doors to new career opportunities. Many libraries offer career counseling services free of charge. These can be particularly useful to prospective small business owners, recent graduates looking to get a foot in the door in their chosen field, and even mid- and late-career professionals who want a change but aren't sure where to begin.

- Grow your social network. Not all social networks are grown online. Community-based events and programs sponsored by and hosted at local libraries can be great places to meet neighbors with similar interests.

Local libraries are more than just places to borrow a book. Residents can utilize an array of services to make the most of their local libraries.



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Our Hospice House invites the community to an open house event

Special to the Journal

Our Hospice House, a nonprofit dedicated to providing around-the-clock, family-like care for terminally ill guests at no cost, is excited to welcome the community to a special Open House event.

The open house is set for Friday, Feb. 7, from 3-7 p.m. Our Hospice House is located at 5235 Tollbridge Rd. in Belton.

This gathering offers a rare opportunity for local residents, healthcare professionals, and community supporters to tour the facility, meet the team, and gain an inside look at the compassionate care provided to those at the end of life.

Since opening its doors, 'Our Hospice House' has served 99 guests and welcomed over 3,500 people, including families, friends, hospice providers, volunteers, and more. The home operates entirely through community support, volunteer efforts, and partnerships with 15 local



Our Hospice House

hospice providers to ensure every guest receives compassionate, dignified care in their final days.

"At Our Hospice House, we believe no one should face the end of life alone," said Jennifer Bates, Co-Founder and Board Member. "This Open House is a rare opportunity for the community to witness firsthand the love and care that make this home so special. Whether you are a supporter, a potential volunteer, or simply curious, we invite you to step inside and experience the heart of our mission."

Attendees will have the chance to tour the home, hear personal stories from families impacted by Our Hospice House, and learn about ways to get involved—whether through volunteering, donations, or advocacy. Light refreshments will be provided.

This event is free and open to the public. Join us as we open our doors and share the heart of 'Our Hospice House' with the community!

Feed your game day crowd with smoked chicken wings

Sports fans across the globe tune in when the National Football League hosts its annual championship game each winter. And that already robust viewership is growing, as figures from Nielsen Fast National and Adobe Analytics indicated Super Bowl LVIII between the Kansas City Chiefs and San Francisco 49ers garnered 123.4 million viewers who tuned in to watch Patrick Mahomes orchestrate a 25-22 overtime victory over Kyle Shanahan and the Niners.

Super Bowl Sunday has become an unofficial holiday in the United States, where fans ranging from the diehard to the casual to those simply tuning in for the commercials and halftime show gather to enjoy a few fun-filled hours. Seasoned party hosts know that food features as prominently as football and fun come Super Bowl Sunday. Guests may expect a few staples, including chicken



wings. With that in mind, hosts can impress their guests by serving up this recipe for "Virgil's Smoked Chicken Wings With Blue Cheese Dip" from Neal Corman's "Virgil's Barbecue Road Trip Cookbook" (St. Martin's Press).

Virgil's Smoked Chicken Wings With Blue Cheese Dip Serves 4

Blue Cheese Dip

- 2 cups blue cheese crumbles, divided
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 2 teaspoons hot sauce
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 cup finely chopped scallions
- 1/4 cup finely chopped celery

Marinade

- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup hot sauce
- 4 tablespoons Virgil's Dry Rub (see below)
- 4 tablespoons granulated garlic
- 4 tablespoons granulated onion
- Juice of 1/2 lemon

Wings

- 8 large chicken wings
- 1/2 cup Virgil's Dry Rub (see below)

Sauce

- 10 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 teaspoon cornstarch
- 4 tablespoons white vinegar
- 3/4 cup hot sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

1. To make the dip, combine 1 cup of the blue cheese, mayonnaise, buttermilk, hot sauce, Worcestershire sauce, and salt in the bowl of a food processor and blend on low until smooth.



2. Remove to a medium mixing bowl and fold in the rest of the blue cheese, scallions and celery, being sure to break up the larger blue cheese crumbles. Place in a covered container and refrigerate overnight.

3. Mix all the marinade ingredients in a large mixing bowl. Place the wings in a large container with a lid and pour the mixture over the wings. Toss until the wings are thoroughly coated. Cover and refrigerate for 2 days.

4. Preheat the grill or smoker to 245 F.

5. Spread out the wings on a sheet pan and wipe away any excess marinade. Sprinkle liberally with the dry rub, coating the wings all over.

6. Position the wings on the grill away from the direct heat of the coals or burners, and add hickory to the smoker or hickory chips on the coals or gas burners.

7. Cook the wings for about 3 hours, flipping every 30 minutes (their internal temperature should be about 165 F when cooked).

8. While the wings are cooking, cut the butter for the sauce into 1-inch cubes and refrigerate. Whisk the cornstarch into the white vinegar in a small bowl.

9. In a medium sauté pan over medium heat, bring the hot sauce to a simmer and whisk in the thickened vinegar. Return to a simmer, cook for 1 minute, and remove from the heat.

10. Add the cayenne and slowly whisk in the cold butter. Keep warm until serving.

11. Remove the wings from the smoker or grill and put half of them into a bowl, cover with the sauce, and toss. Repeat with the remaining wings and serve on a platter, with the blue cheese dip on the side.

Virgil's Dry Rub Makes 5 to 5 1/2 cups

- 2 1/2 cups sweet paprika
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup Texas-style chili powder
- 1/2 cup minced onion
- 1/2 cup granulated garlic
- 1/4 cup dried parsley flakes
- 6 tablespoons kosher salt

Combine all of the ingredients in a medium bowl and whisk together until completely incorporated. Transfer to a covered bowl with a tight-fitting lid. Store in a cool, dry place.

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to heart health. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 11 = R)

A. 15 6 5 11 10
Clue: Pumps in chest

B. 13 5 11 14 3 4 23 5 12 13 20 1 5 11
Clue: Having to do with the heart

C. 2 11 6 12 12 20 11 6
Clue: Force of blood moving through body

D. 23 6 12 12 6 1
Clue: Vein or artery

Answers: A. heart B. cardiovascular C. pressure D. vessel

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to heart health.

A Q P E U L

Answer: Plaque

GUESS WHO?

I am a singer born in Canada on February 16, 1990. I began to gain a following after anonymously uploading my songs to YouTube. I went on to release a mixtape, which was met with acclaim. I have since won multiple Grammy awards.

Answer: The Weeknd

HEART HEALTH WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

- AORTIC
- BLOOD PRESSURE
- CARDIAC
- CARDIOLOGIST
- CHOLESTEROL
- CORONARY
- FAILURE
- HEART
- MITRAL
- PACEMAKER
- PRESSURE
- PULMONIC
- PULSE
- STRESS
- STROKE
- SYSTOLIC
- TACHYCARDIA
- THROMBOSIS
- TRIGLYCERIDES
- VALVES
- VENTRICLE



Guess Who?

I am a retired athlete born in Pennsylvania on June 11, 1956. I was a quarterback for the Ringgold High School Rams, and invited to Parade magazine's All-American team. I won a national championship for Notre Dame, and later led the 49ers to four Super Bowl victories.

Answer: Joe Montana

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THE STATE OF TEXAS CITATION BY PUBLICATION CASE NUMBER 24CPB00815

To: UNKNOWN HEIRS
ZELDON HUCKABY, Applicant, on December 20, 2024, filed an Application for Independent Administration and Letters of Administration Pursuant to the Texas Estates Code and Application to Determine Heirship within Administration in a proceeding styled: COLTON BLAKE MAYNARD, Deceased, and bearing the number 24CPB00815 in the County Court of Bell County, Texas.

The court will hear the aforesaid Application after the expiration of ten days, exclusive of the day of publication, from the date this citation is published which will be January 09, 2025, in the County Court at Law #1 Courtroom, at the Bell County Justice Complex, 1201 Huey Road, in Belton, Texas.

All persons interested in the aforesaid estate are commanded to appear at or before the time set for said hearing by filing a written contest or answer to said application should they desire to oppose or contest it.

Said written contest or answer shall be filed in the office of Shelley Coston, County Clerk, Bell County, Texas, PO Box 480, Belton, Texas 76513.

The name and address of the attorney for applicant is: STEVE BLYTHE, 319 N THIRD ST, PO BOX 2088, TEMPLE TX 76503

The officer serving this Citation shall, in compliance with the Law, serve it by publication once in a newspaper of the general circulation in this, the County in which the decedent last resided as required by Section 202.052 of the Texas Estate Code, for not less than ten days before the return day hereof, exclusive of the day of publication, and the date of publication said newspaper bears shall be the day of publication.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at office on January 06, 2025.

Shelley Coston County Clerk of Bell County, Texas, PO Box 480, 1201 Huey Road, Belton, TX 76513

By: Lillian Phillips, Deputy
02.06

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Eldon Edmund Lange were issued on January 31, 2025, in Cause No. 24CPB00772, pending in the County Court at Law Number 1 of Bell County, Texas, to Glen Janke.

All persons having claims against the estate, which is presently being administered, are required to submit them, within the time and manner prescribed

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by law, and before the estate is closed, addressed as follows: c/o Glen Janke, 10841 Burgess Road, Temple, Texas 76501

Dated Feb. 1st, 2025

/s/ Buck Major, Buck Major Attorney for Executor of the Estate of Eldon Edmund Lange
02.06

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM RONALD RUSSELL, DECEASED

NOTICE is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary were issued on January 29, 2025 in a proceeding styled Estate of William Ronald Russell, Deceased, in Cause Number 24CPB00781, pending in the County Court At Law #1 of Bell County, Texas.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Independent Co-Executors, addressed as follows:

David John Russell and Rose Mary Gershel Independent Co-Executors of the Estate of William Ronald Russell, Deceased. c/o Burk Roberts, Roberts & Roberts, L.L.P., 2501 East Elms Rd., Ste. A, Killeen, Texas 76542-3023

All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Signed on January 31, 2025.

Roberts & Roberts, L.L.P., Attorneys for David John Russell and Rose Mary Gershel

By: Burk Roberts
02.06

APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE WITH THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION

for an original Package Store Permit (P) for BEST LIKE GROUP, LLC. dba KC LIQUOR SHOP 2 at 3002A LAKE ROAD, KILLEEN, BELL COUNTY, TEXAS, 76543.

DATTA BAHADUR KC (Manager)
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THE STATE OF TEXAS CITATION BY PUBLICATION

CASE NUMBER 30565

To: OTHER LIVING RELATIVES

Samantha Davis, Applicant, on January 27, 2025, filed an Application for Appointment of Successor Guardian of Person in a proceeding styled: , Incapacitated, and bearing the number 30565 in the County Court of Bell County, Texas.

The court will hear the aforesaid Application after the expiration of ten days, exclusive of the day of publication, from the date this citation is published which will be February 06, 2025 in the County Court at Law #1 Courtroom, at the Bell County Justice Complex, 1201 Huey Road, in Belton, Texas.

All persons interested in the aforesaid estate are commanded to appear at or before the time set for said hearing by filing a written contest or answer to said application should they desire to oppose or contest it.

Said written contest or answer shall be filed in the office of Shelley Coston, County Clerk, Bell County, Texas, PO Box 480, Belton, Texas 76513.

The name and address of the attorney for applicant is: Mary Wiley, 100 W. Central Texas Expressway, Suite 306, Harker Heights, Texas 76548

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Shelley Coston County Clerk of Bell County, Texas, PO Box 480, 1201 Huey Road Belton, TX 76513

By : Delainy Treadway Deputy
02.06

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
CITATION BY PUBLICATION
CASE NUMBER 29975**

To: OTHER LIVING RELATIVES
SAMANTHA DAVIS, Applicant, on January 27, 2025, filed an Application for Appointment of Successor Guardian of the Person in a proceeding styled: , Incapacitated, and bearing the number 29975 in the County Court of Bell County, Texas.

The court will hear the aforesaid Application after the expiration of ten days, exclusive of the day of publication, from the date this citation is published which will be February 06, 2025 in the County Court at Law #1 Courtroom, at the Bell County Justice Complex, 1201 Huey Road, in Belton, Texas.

All persons interested in the aforesaid estate are commanded to appear at or before the time set for said hearing by filing a written contest or answer to said application should they desire to oppose or contest it.

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Said written contest or answer shall be filed in the office of Shelley Coston, County Clerk, Bell County, Texas, PO Box 480, Belton, Texas 76513.

The name and address of the attorney for applicant is: Mary Wiley, 100 W. Central Texas Expressway, Suite 306, Harker Heights, Texas 76548

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Shelley Coston County Clerk of Bell County, Texas, PO Box 480, 1201 Huey Road ,Belton, TX 76513

By : Delainy Treadway Deputy
06.06

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
CITATION BY PUBLICATION
CASE NUMBER 25CPB00033**

To: UNKNOWN HEIRS
PING HSIU CHEN, Applicant, on January 21, 2025, filed an application for independent administration and letters of administration, and determination of heirship in a proceeding styled: PETER HSUEH- LI CHEN, Deceased, and bearing the number 25CPB00033 in the County Court of Bell County, Texas.

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The court will hear the aforesaid Application after the expiration of ten days, exclusive of the day of publication, from the date this citation is published which will be February 06, 2025, in the County Court at Law #1 Courtroom, at the Bell County Justice Complex, 1201 Huey Road, in Belton, Texas.

All persons interested in the aforesaid estate are commanded to appear at or before the time set for said hearing by filing a written contest or answer to said application should they desire to oppose or contest it.

Said written contest or answer shall be filed in the office of Shelley Coston, County Clerk, Bell County, Texas, PO Box 480, Belton, Texas 76513.

The name and address of the attorney for applicant is:

JAY R. BEATTY ,3106 SOUTH WS YOUNG DR BLDG D #401, KILLEEN TX 76542

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Shelley Coston County Clerk of Bell County, Texas, PO Box 480, 1201 Huey Road, Belton, TX 76513

By: Sophia Nieto Deputy
06.06

EDITORIAL

Peanuts to Diamonds

Coffee Talk • Renae Brumbaugh Green

Did you know that peanuts can be turned into diamonds? It's true! Scientists have now discovered a technique that harnesses pressures that are even higher than those found at the earth's core. They are using this technique to turn unlikely substances, including peanut butter, into diamonds.

Professor Malcom McMahon, of the Center for Science and Extreme Conditions at Edinburgh University, is one of the scientists involved in this groundbreaking discovery. He said, "Pressure can cause extraordinary changes in all kinds of materials and can create completely novel materials."

Of course that kind of pressure would cause extreme changes. But peanuts to diamonds? That's nuts. I would have guessed it would make some kind of runny, smelly peanut juice, or even a useless, evaporated peanut gas. Never in a million rhinestones would

I have thought that pressure would turn a peanut into a diamond.

It makes sense, though. And it gives me hope, because I'm kind of peanutty. As much as I long to be sleek, smooth, and sparkly, most days I feel sorta crunchy. My attempts at presenting myself as the Duchess of Cambridge usually end up looking more like the Planter's Peanut guy.

Although I want to be a person of great value and substance, I don't always handle pressure well. I cry. I melt. I get all sticky and smudgy. I'd much prefer to live a life with no stress, no difficulties, no hardships. But the honest truth is, if we don't endure some pressure, we will remain peanut-like. Crunchy snack foods. At times, it may seem that the pressures of this life are too great. We feel they'll will overtake us, even destroy us. But if we let it, the pressure will

actually turn us into something beautiful and valuable.

I can look back at the hardest times of my life so far and see that I'm a better person because of those struggles. They have taught me to persevere. They've given me compassion. They have led me to become a wiser, more loving, more caring individual. The difficulties have made me smoother, less brittle. Perhaps, if I continue to let the pressures of my life to change me in a positive way . . . maybe someday I'll be a diamond.

In the meantime, I think I'll invest in a peanut farm.

James 1:2 – 4 "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

Entertainment 101: Alternate History

Shop the Insanity • Darren Blair

Fans of rock music likely know the story of how the band Van Halen was discovered by KISS co-founder Gene Simmons. Van Halen was still playing the club

scene and competing against rival groups like Quiet Riot when Gene saw them perform and liked what he saw. In time, he would not only produce a demo album but

also give them some advice to help them get going... including an infamous piece of advice where he suggested that they change their name to "Daddy Long-Legs" (or some variation thereof; the accounts I've seen differ slightly). While Van Halen passed on the name change, they did indeed accept the jumpstart Gene's attention gave their career.

Now, imagine for a second that Gene saw Quiet Riot perform and chose to be their patron instead. Or that something about Van Halen didn't impress him. Or that Van Halen agreed to change their name as he suggested. One might wonder how it is that music history would have been altered.

Well, there's an entire genre of fiction premised around asking such questions, the genre known as "Alternate History". You might also hear the terms "Counterfactual" and "Speculative History", but basically it all comes down to one single premise: look at an event in history and ask what would have happened had something gone differently than how we have it. Now, this might sound about as easy as replacing a blown head gasket, but with this you're a bit less likely to spend the afternoon lobbing angry words at inanimate objects.

History is replete with instances where things could have easily gone one way over another. We have, as an example, the above bit with the band Van Halen. A writer could easily pick one of these instances and pull at whatever threads they envision appearing before them. Perhaps, in this instance, they chose to change their name, only to discover that it drew the wrong audiences (such as glam rock fans

over fans of more traditional rock) or made it harder for them to get taken seriously by record labels, costing them time before they changed their name back and kicking things down the road.

Alternatively, a writer could pick a critical point in history that didn't have an "it could go either way" moment and they establish one as happening, something that could be plausible under the circumstances. Perhaps, in keeping with the above example, we have the band deciding to record a random show tune on their demo album. After all, Van Halen's first paying gig was doing cover songs (that is, playing songs first done by other groups) and they would do covers on their first several albums, so that wouldn't have been entirely out of the question for them.

Then of course a writer could always throw a massive and astounding curve of some sort, often of a fantasy or science fiction nature. Imagine, perhaps, that at some critical point Van Halen decided to recruit a fifth member and scouted Xortblat from the planet Gaminus 27 as their new splieegalblas player. Yes, for those of you too young to have been around during the 1980s, you kinda had to be there...

So why might a writer go this route? It could be that they legitimately want an answer to that question. It could be that they're trying to make some point or argue some case. It might even be that they think people would find it as entertaining as they did to write it.

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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
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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 joyful 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 Cultural Activities Center in Temple has announced lineups for its two premier music series, and visiting bands will include Los Lonely Boys, Asleep at the Wheel and the wildly popular Shinyribs. 2025 will usher in new music in both the Texas Music Series and the Central Texas Orchestral Society's Classical Music Series. Some old friends will be making return engagements in Temple, and many new performers also will be playing the CAC stage. For more information, please visit <https://www.cacarts.org/events>. Be on the lookout for the full 2025 Texas Music Series lineup in next week's edition of the newspaper.

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 Abbvie 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 Schimer 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.

The Bell County Historical Commission will meet on Monday January 27, 2025. Meetings start at 6:00 pm in room 117 of the old courthouse at 101 East Central Ave, Belton, Texas. This will be a business meeting, and various committees and chairs will be introduced. The meeting is open to the public and all who are interested in history are encouraged to attend.

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.

The Bell County Master Gardeners and the Temple Public Library Garden Club presents "Herbs 101" on Saturday, February 8 at 2 p.m. at the Temple Public Library, 100 W. Adams, Temple. Certified Master Gardener, Tracy Brown will discuss how Central Texas has a unique climate that allows for a diverse range of herbs that have culinary and aromatic uses. She will provide a brief overview of some popular herbs you can grow in Central Texas. We would like to invite you to attend the "Herbal Bath Blends" demonstration immediately following the seminar. Must be registered to attend the demonstration. The class limit is 15. Please register for demonstration at bit.ly/TPLAdultRegistration. For any questions, please contact Norma Kramer, Temple Public Library, 254-298-5555

The Bell County Master Gardeners and Troy Chamber of Commerce Lunch and Learn presents "Roses in the Landscape", Friday, February 14 from 12 to 1 P.M. at the Troy Community Center, 201 E. Main St., Troy. Certified Master Gardener's Carol Morissette and Jan Upchurch will discuss types of roses, when to plant, prune, how to propagate and perform maintenance. They will also discuss Rosette disease, the class limit is 50. Register at KTB Troy@gmail.com or contact Gaby Warlick at 254-400-7345. Please bring your own lunch and drink of your choice.

Aspen Hospice and Palliative Care Volunteers Needed Listed here are many ways you can help make a difference for our hospice patients. You can provide companionship, listen to music, read, reminisce, play games, cards, checkers, paint nails, apply makeup, curl hair or take them on walks. Please visit aspenhealthcare.net or call 512-856-5668 for more information.

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, 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 or Kathy Bement at 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 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.

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.

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. Read more about the program here: 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) are extra eyes and ears while in areas where large groups may gather. Contact the Belton Police Dept. to join.

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

Slam the Scam Throughout the year, we give you the tools to recognize scams and stop scammers from stealing your money and personal information. Share the information with your loved ones & Slam the Scam! Visit ssa.gov/scam for tips.

Dementia/Alzheimers Support Group- Young's Daughters Funeral Home & Bereavement Center, 4235 E. US HWY 190 in Temple. Fridays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Join us for activities while caregivers discuss and help each other during this difficult time. Call Sabrina at 254-401-1302



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