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Winds from 80-85 mph tore through this Stillhouse neighborhood in Monday night's storm, uprooting several large trees and snapping power line poles to the ground.

Heavy rains, thunderstorms strike **Bell County**

By David Stone The Belton Journal

Belton, Salado and Temple were pounded by heavy rains and severe storms Monday, resulting in power outages, structural damage and debris-

covered roadways. Two homes in Belton were struck by lightning, according to city spokesperson Paul Romer. Both homes had damage but neither caught fire.

"We had one highwater call by Summer Fun, and lightning struck one piece of farm equipment," Romer said. We had mul-

tiple fire alarms caused by electrical malfunctions. We also had a tree on a roof on CountrySide Lane, one on Avenue A and one on Toll Bridge Road."

"A Bradford pear tree was split in half at the Harris Center, and lots of debris was in Nolan Creek," he added.

Romer said water was over the top of the lowwater crossing in Shirttail Bend, but the road reopened Tuesday morning after crews removed accumulated debris.

According to Brennan Darrah, a meteorologist with the National Weather

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Belton holds Memorial Day ceremony at VFW Post





BELTON JOURNAL/DANIEL MOCTEZUMA

Belton Area Chamber of Commerce President Randy Pittenger and Belton Mayor David Leigh speaks about the importance of preserving local military history during Monday's Memorial Day ceremony at VFW Post 4008.

By Daniel Moctezuma The Belton Journal

Belton's Memorial Day – Remember & Honor ceremony was held Monday at VFW Post 4008 after rainy weather forced a move from the usual location at the Patriot Way Brick Walk.

Each year, the Belton Area Chamber of Commerce organizes the event to recognize military service members who died while serving the country, along with those newly honored with engraved bricks at the Brick Walk. This year's honorees were printed in the event program and read aloud during the

Mayor David Leigh spoke about his family's ties to World War II, sharing how two of his relatives, twins Ray and Roy Goates, served in the 36th Infantry Division. Ray was captured and spent time in a prisoner of war camp, later dying of cancer in his 30s. Leigh also reflected on Capt. Henry T. Waskow, a Belton native who died in Italy in 1944 and was the subject of a widely read article by war correspondent Ernie Pyle.

"We lose so much in our community when we don't have the connection to the land, to each other, and to our stories,"

Leigh said.

Veteran Andy Sneed said the event brought people together around a shared purpose.

"There's no division here," he said. "We are all here together on one accord to pay respect to the ones who paid the price for us."

Sneed added that remembering fallen service members is also about teaching younger generations what the flag and the country stand for.

"When they look at old glory, they shouldn't just see a cloth," he said. "That's our freedom. That's what the men and women who fought for us stood for."

Mary Barr attended the event with her husband, who is Capt. Waskow's nephew. She said Memorial Day has always meant something personal to her, especially growing up during the Vietnam War.

"I graduated in '68. People went off to Vietnam every day," she said. "My granddad was in World War I. My father was in World War II. We were blessed not to lose anyone in

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Council gives nod to applying for BPD license-plate reader

The Belton city council approved the police department applying for the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Grant program to purchase a Flock license plate reader. If approved, Belton will join other area police departments in implementing license-plate reading trailers.

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By David Stone

The Belton Journal

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Belton police are a step closer to having a mechanical eye to help with identifying stolen cars and criminals who are driving in the city.

City Council on Tuesday gave its OK to apply to the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Grant program to purchase a Flock license plate reader. The reader costs \$21,900 and the grant will cover 80 percent. The local match will be

If approved, Belton will join other area police departments in implementing license-plate reading trailers.

"Most police departments in the surrounding area already have plate readers in place, and soon we will as well," said BPD Chief Larry Berg.

"Basically, we will set up the reader at entry points to the city," he said. "We get alerts from other cities such as Temple or Killeen, and these readers help us track wanted people as they pass through Belton."

"If we were to have a shooting, the plate readers can help us identify the suspect and protect our residents," Berg added. "It keeps a layer of security around the city and helps us keep the riff-raff out."

According to Berg, This grant will assist Belton police officers by providing an evidence-based tool to promote proactive crime prevention and reduction. Patrol officers will receive real-time alerts for wanted persons and stolen vehicles, which will contribute to higher arrest numbers and case closure rates.

"The Flock system strengthens multi-agency collaboration by allowing our license plate readers to provide realtime license plate recognition to other law enforcement agencies that utilize Flock," he said.

"The system is a strategic evidencebased investment to improve public safe-

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Local author to lecture, sign books at Bell County Museum

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Copies of the book, published by Penguin Random House and releasing on June 3, will be available for purchase. Burrough will sign books following the lecture.

Admission to the lecture is free, but registration is required. Visit



bellcountymuseum.org/events register for free seats.

The Gunfighters: How Texas Made the West Wild explores the impact of Texas gunfighters in the 1800s and their cultural impact across the western United States.

"Bryan Burrough is a longtime Friend of the Bell County Museum. Born and raised in Temple, we are proud to welcome him home and celebrate this latest accomplishment," said Executive Director Coleman Hampton.

Bryan Burrough is the author or co-author of eight books, four of them New York Times bestsellers, including the Wall Street classic Barbarians at the Gate and The Big Rich: The Rise and Fall of the Greatest Texas Oil Families. He was a longtime correspondent at Vanity Fair and is now editor at-large for Texas Monthly.

As a young man, Burrough's direction in life was crystal clear, even in high school — he was going to be a newspaper man. He was successful in that endeavor, but found

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New MPR officials sworn in

The Belton Journal

The newly elected mayor and council members of Morgan's Point Resort have started their new terms of office and were sworn in at the most recent council meeting.

The new Mayor is James "Jimbo" Snyder, member since 2023. Camille Bowser presented the certificates of election, completion of filing of statements of officer. administered the oaths of office, seating of newly elected council members, and the City Council selected Mayor Pro-Term Roxanne Stryker.

Synder congratulated the Council.

"First, I want to say congratulations to the sitting Council. I look forward to working with you all. The previous Council was a blast. I thank those on the Council. I've learned a lot. Bruce, I know you have experience on the Council. Sam, welcome aboard. I know you have some history with politics as well. You will both bring a lot to the table to this new Council. I look forward to continuing some of the momentum from the past two years. With that, let's get to work," said Mayor Snyder.

At the start of the meeting, citizens have the opportunity to comment on agenda items. They have three minutes to talk. By law, they can only talk about agenda items.

There was a request by a citizen to have The



Hop in MPR, and other citizens thanked the Mayor and city council for their service and congratulated the new Mayor and City Council members.

There was a public hearing for a variance for property located at 15 Golden Poppy Loop. The requestors, Penny Engelking and Karl Weuste, requested to build a fence 15 feet from their original fence line. They wish to fence their current empty lot to utilize it more for gardening and a shed in the future, garage, or tiny home which they are considering for the future. There were diagrams submitted with the request for

The council also approved the consent agenda, to approve minutes of the regular City Council meeting on April 8, followed by approving an interlocal agreements with Bell County in regard to platting in the extraterritorial jurisdiction in section 242.001 Local Government Code. The agreement is that Bell County will authorize and regulate sub- youtube.com.

division plats and approve permits at the County's Engineer's Office.

"One of the benefits of this is that whoever has the responsibility will be required to maintain the infrastructure maintenance, and that's a cost we won't bear by giving the county that authority," said Mayor

The financial director gave an update of an audit, fiscal years 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2021-2025 bank reconciliation, and budget adjustments and amendments.

The city manager gave an update on FEMA, TDEM, Public work brush zone clearing, water storage tank progress, TXDOT sidewalk project, RFQs for storm water and general engineering, purchasing module, and roadway plan.

The next regular City Council workshop will be June 10 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. followed by the meeting at 6 p.m. at the Garrett and Mic Hill Event Center. MPR workshops and meetings are recorded, and the videos are posted on

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our immediate family, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't remember."

She said her family makes a point to talk about military service and history so it's not forgotten.

"We forget to tell the young people the stories, the honor, the respect—and that's on us," she said. "It's not just

the soldier who sacrifices, it's also their family. That's what our country is about."

The ceremony opened with an invocation and included the Pledge of Allegiance, readings from veteran groups, and remarks from local officials. Representatives from the Military Officers Association of America and the VFW read names of veterans who died in the past year that will be added to the brick walk.

Following the program, guests were invited to stay for an auxiliary ceremony, sandwiches provided by the post, and a flag retirement ceremony led by scouts.

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even great success as an author.

"I was editor of the Temple High School newspaper for three years," Burrough said. "My goal back then was to write for the Dallas Morning News. That was my thing."

Even in his days directing The Rambler's staff at Temple High, he always looked at the big picture. And, that image involved the University of Missouri and its famed college of journalism.

"It was and still is the best journalism school out there," he said. "I wanted to learn from the best so that's where I was going."

While in Columbia, Mo., he accepted an internship with the Wall Street Journal. That led to a full-time position and he was assigned the coveted "mergers and acquisitions" beat.

It was on that beat that Burrough covered the leveraged buyout of RJR Nabisco, one of the most sensational business stories of all time. After the smoke had cleared, he and Atlanta reporter John Helyar got to talking and decided to write a book about the ordeal.

"Barbarians at the Gate was my first book, and it was well received" he said. "It was a best-seller, and it was made into a (HBO) movie."

Burrough had found a new career, and seven more books would follow.

"My writing career has definitely had its ups and downs," he said. "I have made the New York Times best-seller list three times, and I've written a couple books I think were read by 17 people total."

One of Burrough's most popular books was The Demon Next Door. The story -apersonal project that was released by Audible in February 2019 — focuses on local serial killer Danny Corwin who was executed after being convicted of three murders. Corwin was identified by a Temple High School classmate who he raped and stabbed in the heart. Miraculously, the woman survived.

"The Corwin case received very little attention from Central Texas media," Burrough said. "Local publishers back then took a Chamber of Commerce approach to reporting the news. They didn't want to shine a light in Temple's dark corners, and as a result, very little was reported."

"I grew up in Temple, and I never knew this story until much later," he said. "Come to find out, a lot of people weren't aware of this at all. It was a secret that wasn't talked about very much."

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Service in Fort Worth, just over 3.5 inches of rain fell in Belton and up to 3.6 inches fell at the Temple airport. South Temple had just shy of 4 inches of rain.

The first round of storms hit about 6:57 a.m., and it was followed by more thunderstorms around 8 p.m., Darrah said.

According to Meredith Bender, a communications specialist for Bell County, Emergency Management Services, county Road & Bridge Department and TxDOT worked through the night clearing debris from roadways.

Darrah confirmed that the storms speed-indicators let passing motorists know moved from west to east across the county, producing heavy rainfall, damaging winds,

Wind gusts reached 80 to 85 miles per damaging homes and outbuildings. No "There are actually two options for these tornadoes have been confirmed, and Bell readers — one stores license plate numbers County OEM had not received any reports

> "ONCOR crews are actively workas possible," Bender said. "However, the

process may take time due to numerous downed power poles and lines."

Property owners who sustained damage are encouraged to report it through the Texas Division of Emergency Management's Individual State of Texas Assessment Tool. This tool allows individuals to report damage to private homes and businesses, helping emergency officials assess the extent of the impact.

To report damage, visit https://damage.tdem.texas.gov/.

ONCOR released a statement around noon Tuesday that stated "teams are continuing to work around the clock to restore remaining outages caused by multiple rounds of severe weather that impacted a large portion of our service area. We recognize that power outages are challenging for our customers and appreciate their continued patience as our restoration efforts progress."

As of 3:15 p.m. Tuesday, more than 3,000 Oncor customers were without pow-

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ty, support our officers, and assist our department in adapting to our city's increasing demand for public safety," Berg said.

Temple police implemented a similar plate reader two years ago with the help of a grant from the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority. According to TPD Chief Shawn Reynolds, the reader helps to reduce property-related crimes.

"The license-plate reader is similar to a speed-indicator trailer often seen parked at the side of a roadway," Reynolds said. "The

if they are within a posted speed-limit range."

"The plate-reader reads license plates of and some hail. vehicles that pass by," Reynolds added. "If we are looking for a certain vehicle, we can hour, toppling trees and power lines and tell if it has passed the trailer."

and shares that information with local po- of major injuries as of midday Tuesday. lice," he said. "The other actually alerts patrolling officers that a vehicle has been spoting to restore power as quickly and safely

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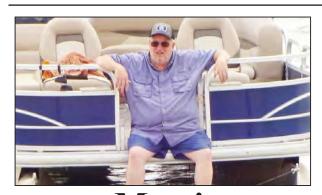
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Morris

Charles Ray Morris May 27, 1956 ~ May 23, 2025 68 Years old

Charles Ray Morris was born May 27, 1956, in Charlton Heights of Fayette County in West Virginia and passed away following an aggressive battle with cancer surrounded by family at his home in Copperas Cove, Texas on May 23, 2025. He was the second oldest child raised by Florence Nadine (Connard) and Donald Moles who proceeded him in death. Additional family proceeding him in death are his Father-in-Law, Malcolm Edward Thompson Jr., brother in laws: Ronald Ingram, Malcolm Edward Thompson III and Johnnie Edward Thompson, niece. Danielle Marie Spencer. Ray, a military child, was raised with an older brother Robert Westley Morris and younger siblings James Norman Morris, Donna Jean (Moles) Ingram and Keisey Marie (Moles)

Ray, along with his siblings, made their way around the globe during his father's military service, settling in Copperas Cove where he would graduate from Copperas Cove High School in 1974. He joined the Army out of high school and married the love of his life Margaret Jo Thompson on Feb. 12, 1977. While serving in the 2/17th Cav. 101st Airborne Division, he worked as an Observation/Scout Helicopter repairer and as a Cavalry Scout during his six years of service, traveling the world with duty stations in Germany and Kentucky. While serving he earned two good conduct medals, Aircraft Crewman Badge and the National Defense Service Medal. He returned to central Texas in 1981, where they would raise three children: Johnny Ray Morris of Palestine, David Wayne Morris and Tiffany of Copperas Cove and Rebecca Ann (Morris) and John Mercer of Pflugerville. He was blessed with 12 grandchildren: Rachel, Alyssa, Kendall, Anna, Joshua, Austin, Ashlen, Kaelyn, Peyton, Emma, Bentleigh and Hadley.

Before becoming a grandparent, he volunteered as Scoutmaster for Troop 238 in Copperas Cove, leading dozens of young men to the rank of Eagle Scout in his decade of service that included many summers at Camp Tahuaya in Belton molding young scouters. He volunteered with the Heart of Texas District Committee in Waco and was selected as an adult member of the Order of the Arrow achieving Brotherhood.

When not volunteering with the Scouting programs, he worked as a Telemetry Technician with Metroplex Hospital (AdventHealth) in Killeen from 1987 until retirement in 2018. Following his retirement from the hospital, he worked as a community liaison for foster children, matching families in Region VII covering the greater central Texas area from Bryan to Lampasas and Waco to Buda.

His passion for the outdoors started with the Boy Scouts of America program and grew to include RV camping, boating and riding his motorcycle later in life.

Ray founded the Centex Spyder Riders club in 2019 and would log thousands of miles annually touring the state of Texas with the club where he served as President.

When not on his motorcycle or boat, he stayed busy working with The Belton Journal delivering newspapers from the press in Bryan and distributing them to the many storefronts in Belton.

He is survived by; Mother-in-law Barbara Thompson, Wife Margie Morris, sisters in law Angie (Thompson) and Chuck Burns, Diane (Brooks) Thompson, Brother-in-Law Mike Thompson Sr. and Sandy (Hitt), his three children, their spouses, 12 grandchildren, seven nieces and 4 nephews. Sneed-Carnley Funeral Chapel and Cremations (1614 S FM 116) are handling the services that include a visitation with

Rob Endter of Church of the Redeemer and a fellowship meal with the family at Cadence City Church (815 US-190 BUS) all in Copperas Cove. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society, Boy Scouts of America or the Central Texas Spyder Ryders Chapter for the Road Warriors Project at www.usspyderryders.com/txcentral-texas.



Lastovica

Robert Louis Lastovica December 3, 1961 -May 21, 2025

Robert Louis Lastovica, DVM, 63, of Fredericksburg, Texas, died peacefully at home on May 21, 2025, after a 14-month battle with glioblastoma.

Robert was born December 3, 1961 in Temple, Texas, to Marlene Vaughn Lastovica and Clarence Lastovica. The middle child of three boys, Robert's childhood was spent on the family farm in Belton, Texas — planting fields, hauling hay, hunting varmints, and raising cain with his brothers and childhood friends. His love of animals and agriculture started early and he was active in the Bell County 4-H program, showing cattle, dogs and participating in livestock judging. In high school, Robert was a proud member of the Belton Tigers football team and served as the Texas 4-H Council president from 1979-1980. After participating in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Calf Scramble program in 1977, Robert purchased his first show heifer, which became the foundation of Lastovica Angus Farm — one of his greatest life passions that continues today.

After graduating from Belton High School in 1980, Robert attended Texas A&M University where he majored in animal science in pursuit of fulfilling his lifelong dream of becoming a veterinarian. He was a proud member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Corp of Cadets Squadron 12, Saddle and Sirloin Club, and the junior livestock judging team. During his junior and senior years at A&M, Robert had the honor of serving as a Ross Volunteer — the prestigious Honor Guard of the Governor of Texas.

In Aggieland, Robert met the love of his life, Abban Lindsey Lastovica, and they were married on August 19, 1984. With Abban's help as his study partner and his master negotiation skills that led to an unprecedented chemistry grade change, Robert was accepted to the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine Class of 1988. Despite the academic demands of vet school, Robert and Abban met some of their closest friends during those four cherished years in College Station. Following his graduation from vet school, Robert and Abban moved to Lampasas where he practiced at Lampasas Veterinary Hospital. After a year in Lampasas, Robert accepted a new opportunity at Hill Country Vet Clinic in Fredericksburg, Texas, and they moved to the community that would become their forever home. Robert opened Friendship Veterinary Center in 1993, building a respected mixed-animal practice in which he provided care for countless animals over the course of his career. Robert was passionate about veterinary medicine — serving on the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners from 2001 to 2008 and as president from 2005 to 2008. He loved to mentor aspiring veterinarians, including his future business partner and honorary daughter, Dr. Casey Pitmon, who joined him at Friendship Veterinary Center in 2017.

Robert was active in the Fredericksburg community as a member of the Rotary Club, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, and supporting youth in agriculture. He stayed busy with his ownership of the clinic, Paws & Claws Pet Resort, and Lastovica Angus Farm.

While his career was notable, Robert's proudest accomplishment in life was his three children — Logan, Mollie, and Mattie, who he would brag on to anyone who would listen. As the kids grew up, he lent his time and talent to support the organizations they were involved in, including Gillespie County 4-H, the Texas Junior Angus Association, and more. He hauled the kids and cattle many, many miles across the state and nation to livestock shows and took great pride in their successes in and out of the show ring. Robert's heart grew and demeanor softened when he became "BeBob" in 2014. He loved to spoil his grandchildren and his kids often joked about the stark difference between his parenting and grandparenting style.

Prior to his diagnosis and for the first six months of his battle, you would find Robert working at the clinic, checking his cows across Gillespie County, crafting a cocktail to enjoy in the pool at sunset, or talking up a storm to friends and family near and far. He was committed to living a life of purpose up until the end and we are confident he did just that. While our hearts are broken by a wonderful man taken too soon, we know Robert is now cancer-free and fully restored resting in the eternity of heaven.

Robert is survived by his wife of forty years, Abban; his son Logan and wife Mary Avery Lastovica of Port Townsend, Washington; his daughter Mollie and husband Canaan Dreibrodt of New Braunfels; his daughter Dr. Mattie Lastovica of Dallas; and his beloved grandchildren: Piper and Townes Lastovica of Port Townsend; and Charlie, Bennett, and Scottie Dreibrodt of New Braunfels.

He is also survived by his mother, Marlene Lastovica Schiller of Belton; brother Ronald and wife Krissie of Belton; brother Steven and wife Sandra of Salado, along with a number of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends who are like family. Robert was preceded in death by his father, Clarence Lastovica; step-father, Richard Schiller; mother-inlaw, Louise Brittain Lindsey; and father-in-law, Morris Willie

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 2, 2025, at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Fredericksburg. The family will receive guests from 5 p.m to 7 p.m. on Sunday, June 1, 2025, at Crockett Haus (112 N Crockett St., Fredericksburg, Texas). They ask that you wear maroon or Tommy Bahama in honor of Robert.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be sent to the Texas A&M Foundation, 401

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www.schaetter.com.



Wollenberg

Susan Diane Thompson Wollenberg May 20, 1957 -May 20, 2025

Susan Diane Thompson Wollenberg passed away at her home in Belton, Texas on May 20th, 2025.

Funeral services will be at 10am on Thursday, May 29th, 2025 at Dossman Funeral Home, Belton, Texas. Burial will be at 1:00pm the same day at Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery, Killeen, Texas.

Susan was born on May 20th, 1957 in Jacksonville, Florida to Ralph and Dorothy Slagle Thompson.

Susan was an Army combat medic when she enlisted in the Army, achieving the rank of Sargent until she was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant. She stayed in the Army Medical Corps until her retirement at the rank of Major. During her time in the Army, She married Larry Wollenberg, also an officer in the Army, and they had two daughters -Kasey and Jade.

Susan loved to travel with her daughters and friends and meet people from all over the world. Her favorite vacation was visiting Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. Susan is survived by her husband, daughters Jade and Kasey, and brothers Steven & Tommy Thompson.

She is preceded in death by her parents. Susan will be remembered by her bright smile, kind eyes, and selfless heart.



King **Billie Jo King**

January 19, 1934 – May 26, 2025

Billie Jo King, age 91, passed away peacefully on Memorial Day, May 26, 2025, surrounded by the love of her family. Revered and loved by many, Billie will be remembered for her compassion, humor, gentleness, and unwavering testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

She was born on January 19, 1934, in Georgetown, Texas, the beloved daughter of Ola (Adams) Quinn and William E. Box, and stepdaughter of Edward J. Quinn. Billie spent her early years in Central Texas alongside her younger sister, Patsy Ann Parker. After graduating from Belton High School,

Billie met the love of her life, Elmer Richard (E.R.) King Jr., on a double date. Their relationship deepened while E.R. pursued his degree at Texas A&M University, and they married August 29, 1953, shortly after his

As the wife of a United States Air Force Colonel, Billie was a devoted and resilient military spouse. She supported E.R. through 21 years of service, managing the many moves and sacrifices that came with it, and

created a home filled with faith and love wherever they were stationed. In 1961, Billie and E.R. were sealed for time and all eternity in the Cardston Alberta Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints—a sacred covenant that reflected their deep devotion to each other and to their faith. Billie lived her beliefs with quiet dignity and sincere conviction. She loved her Savior deeply and joyfully shared her testimony with family and friends. Her life was filled with acts that rarely drew attention and never sought recognition, yet left a lasting impact—especially on those

She demonstrated unwavering dedication to her faith through years of church service and volunteerism, a commitment to her community through her work with the Armstrong Community Improvement Association, and tireless devotion to her

Billie's love for her family was the heart of her life. She and E.R. raised two beloved daughters, Debra Karen and Laura Elizabeth. Her home was a haven of peace and kindness, shaping the lives of her children and grandchildren through steady love and quiet service. Her legacy was woven over a lifetime of small, beautiful acts—patched jeans, cream of wheat breakfasts, handmade Halloween costumes, wiped-up spills, and dried tears. Her constant encouragement and loving support were a well of strength to all who knew her.

She was known for her unassuming honesty and humility, her wry and funny commentary, her storytelling, and her habit of singing playful scraps of songs from her childhood.

had a way of making people feel valued and loved, and her friendships were deeply cherished.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, and her grandson, Earl Leonard "Len" Gillespie III. She is survived by her husband of nearly 72 years, Elmer R. King Jr.; daughters Debra Gillespie (husband, Earl) and Laura Young (husband, Clint); eight grandchildren—Amie Corley, Ryan Gillespie, Evan Gillespie, Tiffany Young, Lauralee Roddy, Trevor Young, Kylee Magleby, Haylee Anderson—and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Billie will be remembered for her quiet strength, unwavering faith, and deep love for her family. Her conviction, steadiness, and love have profoundly blessed the lives of many—especially her family—and her influence will be felt for generations to come. She will be deeply missed, even as her loved ones look forward with quiet assurance to an eternal reunion and enduring companionship. A viewing will be held Thursday, May 29, 2025, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Dossman Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held Friday, May 30, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3909 Ermine Trail, Temple, TX. Interment will follow at North Belton Cemetery.

Parker

John Wesley Parker December 8, 1969 -May 13, 2025

John Wesley Parker, of League City, passed away on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at his home in League City, Texas at the age of 55. Memorial service will be at 2pm on Saturday, May 31st, 2025, at Dossman Funeral Home,

Belton, Texas John was born on December 8, 1969, in Temple, Texas, to John Wayne and Cathy Parker. He graduated from Dalton College with an Associate Degree in Physics, and from Georgia Institute of Technology with a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering. He was pursuing a master's degree in engineering management from University of Texas and was in his last semester before he had to withdraw to focus on his cancer treatment. He began his career at SAP in 1997 where he met his beautiful wife Meiling in 1999. John was one of the most reliable, kind-hearted, thoughtful, and optimistic individuals we worked with. His knowledge, respect, and thoroughness left a lasting impression on everyone who crossed his path. John had an extraordinary ability to take on even the most complex projects and tasks with confidence and precision, always ensuring they were executed to the highest standard. His meticulous attention to detail was truly unmatched, and his work consistently reflected his commitment to excellence. John was admired for his technical expertise and deeply respected and well-liked for his

humility, warmth, and respect to everyone

around him. Colleagues consistently spoke

highly of him, not just for his professional capabilities but for his kindness and sincerity to every interaction. While much of his career was spent as a high-performing individual contributor, what stood out most was his time as a people manager. John was a natural leader who genuinely cared about his team and prioritized their well-being and professional growth above all else. His support and encouragement inspired loyalty and dedication in return—his team members often went the extra mile, not because they had to, but because they wanted to for him. He created an environment where people felt valued and empowered to succeed. John's legacy is one of quiet strength, compassion, and integrity, and he will be profoundly missed, both as a colleague and as a dear friend. John was incredibly patient, even in tough situations, and had an exceptional ability to foster winwin solutions, a rarity in the work world. Always positive and hopeful, he believed in achieving the best possible outcomes. Beyond his professional accomplishments, John was deeply invested in helping others advance their careers. He saw potential in people and had trust in "selling" their abilities to others, providing them with opportunities to grow and

succeed. John was also known for his unmatched thoroughness in documentation. He was the person you turned to when you needed something done right. His work was so meticulous that you never questioned its accuracy, he had already thought of everything. John was also someone who would tell you the truth, no matter what the situation, always with a smile on his face. Whether you knew him for years or had just met him, his positivity and warmth were constant, even during hard times. John shared a special bond with some of his coworkers particularly after facing challenges a few years ago. They talked often and supported one another, finding moments of solace and camaraderie even in difficult circumstances. One of his coworkers remembers how they would sneak off during events or customer visits to quietly share meals, slowly and thoughtfully, as they navigated their shared experiences. John's presence was a source of comfort, and his ability to find joy and connection, even in adversity, was inspiring. John's legacy is a reflection of his character strong, kind, compassionate, and unwavering in his commitment to doing what was right. He will be deeply missed, but his impact on those who knew him will endure forever. In 2010 John and Meiling joined Austin Yacht Club to pursue John's passion for sailing. John was a leader and a teacher, and his involvement at AYC allowed his abilities to shine through. It was at AYC where John first became interested in racing, and he started competing with his J24 sailboat in the local AYC races. During his time at AYC, John became J24 Fleet Captain, J24 District 14 Governor (overseeing Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Louisiana), as well as becoming a member of the AYC Board of Directors. John named his boat Chupacabra, a reference to Meiling's homeland in Puerto Rico, and they traveled thousands of miles towing their boat to regattas across Texas, as well as traveling to national and international events, competing in the J24 North American Championship in Toronto in 2016, and in the J24 Midwinter Championship in Miami in 2018. John's and Meiling's sailing adventures also took them to the Caribbean, where they chartered a boat with their sailing friends, and they sailed to many islands within St. Vincent and the Grenadines. One of John's lasting legacies is the many people he shared his joy of sailing with. John spent a lot of his time and effort teaching anyone and everyone how to sail a boat, as well as teaching them how to coach others in the sport. While in Austin, John was very involved in contributing to the UT Sailing Club and other programs for students and youth. He donated a J24 to the club, and actively helped the students restore the boat, practice, and compete in races. This boat, Jolly Bevo, competed all across the state of Texas, managed completely by UT students under John's mentorship. John was a kind mentor, one who was contagiously passionate, deeply impactful, and inspirational to anyone so lucky to have known him. There are many young sailors who have been heavily influenced by John, and many of them have gone on to continue his same work in other parts of the country and the world. In 2021 John and Meiling moved to Houston and joined Houston Yacht Club, where John continued his passion for sailing. During his time at HYC, John immediately got to work, helping to build up the local fleet and establish Houston Yacht

Club as the home of J24 Fleet 5. Somehow,

in learning how to sail and race. As always,

John always managed to find people interested

he used his powerful grace and patience to encourage them to keep trying and John seemed to always have room on his boat to bring them along. John also helped establish a non-profit called "Fleet Five Competitive Sailing", as a training community aimed at matching crew (new and old alike) with skippers and boats looking to get back on the water, and many of them are now consistently sailing and racing. During his time at Houston Yacht Club, John made everyone around him happy and eager to learn more about sailing and racing. HYC is seeing the benefits of John's leadership and John's sailing friends look forward to many years of growing this community following John's vision. John's sailing friends remember John as calm, confident, curious, kind, and deeply empathetic, and they were inspired by his love for and dedication to sailing, teaching, and his wife Meiling. The image burned in the minds of many of John's sailing friends is of John at the helm of his boat with Meiling at his side, John with his sunglasses and hat against a brilliant sun, reading the water, his boat, his crew, and making sure everyone was safe. John is survived by his wife Meiling Ramos Parker, mother Cathy Curtis and her husband Lon Curtis, brother Robert Parker and his wife Jennifer Parker, his sister Jennifer Putnam and her husband Zac Putnam, nephews Easton Putnam, Marshall Putnam, Ethan Hooker, and niece Emery Hooker, aunts and uncles Anne and Jamie Sanderford, Mary Ann and Steve Jones, and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his father John Wayne Parker and his brother James William Parker.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Memorial Fund in memory of John Wesley Parker to the Friendswood Methodist Church at 110 North Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546. donate through the link on the website, https://www.shelbygiving. com/App/Giving/frie110193

Sheldon

Steven Robert Sheldon January 29, 1995 -May 17, 2025

Steven Robert Sheldon, born on January 29, 1992, in Milford, Massachusetts, passed away on Saturday, May 17, 2025, in Temple, Texas. He was a beloved soul, known for his vibrant spirit and dynamic personality. Raised in Millville, Massachusetts, attended

Blackstone Millville Regional High School, graduating in 2010. He later joined the Army, proudly serving for three years with the 84th Engineer Battalion. Following his military service, he returned home and spent several years living in Rhode Island before relocating to Killeen, Texas, approximately four years

In Killeen, Steven worked as a travel agent for LuxRally Travel. His passion for travel allowed him to reconnect with some longtime friends and also forge new friendships across Texas and beyond. His zest for life made him the life of the party, wherever he went. Steven's friends often referred to him as a "beautiful soul," a testament to the warmth and love he radiated.

Steven had many interests that enriched his life. He had a deep passion for gemstones and fossils, Country Music, Texas BBQ, and he thoroughly enjoyed gold mining. Additionally, he found fulfillment as a member of a men's church group, engaging in meaningful connection and fellowship.

He is survived by his parents, Paul and Katherine (Jordan) Ouellette of Millville, MA, and his sister, Samantha Lavoie, along with her boyfriend, Marc Ayotte, and her three children, Anabelle Orcutt, Lucas Lavoie, and Julian Lavoie. Steven also leaves behind his brother, Harrison Ouellette, and his girlfriend, Mercy English of Westfield, MA. His loving grandparents, Gary and Patricia Ouellette of Bolivia, NC, as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends, who will also cherish his memory. He loved his family deeply and will forever be remembered as their guardian angel, watching over them in spirit. Steven is predeceased by his maternal grandparents, Earl and Elizabeth Jordan. Steven's legacy of joy, adventure, and friendship will continue to inspire those who had the privilege of knowing him. He will be dearly missed by all whose lives he touched. In lieu of flowers please consider making a memorial donation the VFW POST 1820 Disaster Fund attn: Service Officer for the

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emergency needs of veterans.

EDITORIAL

Food Chain

Pleasant Ramblings • Mark Magnan

If you take a close look at most living things it seems like almost all of those creatures are a food source for something else. I am sure God knew what He was doing, however it is odd how some things work out. At times I watch videos of animals and their daily struggles to eat. Mostly these are from Africa, since that seems like the most wide open place to film such encounters.

Now I don't really take pleasure in watching the suffering of another animal. Just to even things out there are plenty of times when the prey turns the

If you look at Africa it seems that everything from bugs to grass is just a food for something bigger or that has bigger teeth. This goes all the way up to the big cats. I guess nothing really hunts or eats the big cats of Africa. I assume after a cat expires then it is

free game for anything that has a hunger pang. If you think about it, pick something in the middle, a nice frail looking antelope, they eat grass and are constantly looking over their shoulders for some form of a cat that looks to make dinner reservations with them as the main course.

We are used to house, or domesticated, cats being the most jumpy of any animal we know, hence the term "fraidy cat". However the big cats of Africa strike fear into the hearts of most other four legged creatures that typically have a vegetarian diet. I always assumed the lion, specifically the male, was the king of the beasts, so the top of whatever food chain is in that area. I actually think that tigers might be the better of the big cats. They seem smarter in ways, they don't mind getting wet and are a lot more colorful, so a prettier cat.

What I have noticed is that most animals, regardless of where they fit in this scheme, have a fear of snakes, especially the venomous ones. There are a few exceptions, but those animals are specifically designed to overpower a snake and make the snake a meal. Of course then you have some snakes that eat other snakes on a regular basis, but that is another column all to itself.

Before I get too far off, it also seems that the hippo, or hippopotamus to be correct, strikes fear into the big cats as well. Hippos are extremely fast on land and way more agile in the water. Of course a hippopotamus on land might be a tempting supper option for a cat, but it will certainly have to work for that meal. Having a few extra "cats" to pitch in actually just evens the odds a bit. Hippos are tough and with that layer of whatever it is that covers them, they are not as easy as a dainty antelope. Once that big round body gets in the water, they are by far the king of the water beasts. If a lion is inexperienced and follows a hippo into the river the balance of power turns in a big hurry, that cat is doomed. Those huge round teeth will easily send that kitty to catheaven. And apparently the hippopotamus is not an even tempered creature, it really doesn't seem to like anything that gets near them. I mean you look at one and think, what a nice round looking little, well big, creature. They are not fluffy and are up to taking a bite out of anyone and anything that gets on the wrong side of their big mouth.

Another glitch in the food chain is the bear line of animals. We think of them as the big furry honey eating teddy bear. Well there are at least a couple of types of bear that would easily dine on a human for brunch and go back to berries and honey that afternoon. The grizzly and polar bears look like other fuzzy bears only larger. Those bears are not a friendly Pooh type and routinely keep their reputation alive by putting us on the menu.

Another side track in the food chain is the scavenger bird. Whatever we want to call them, buzzard, condor, vulture, crow, most of those will eat anything that has expired, regardless of the cause, and apparently the date of the expiration. I guess that is where the big cats go when they take a hoof from a zebra to the jaw, or a big bite from a hippo, eventually the bird of that area gets to enjoy an easy meal.

Thankfully nothing in this area has me on the list of tasty things to eat. I am quite content to just watch from a distance.

Explain it to me – using words

My Front Porch • Lynette Sowell

I wrote a column about how pictures can add much to a news story, and that pictures are a fun part of the event, especially if you can't

But let's look at the other side of this coin and how news and stories are much more than just pictures with headlines.

Long ago, before the written word as we know it, people would communicate with pictures.

I would venture to ask, are we regressing back to that form of communication?

The trouble with pictures is, our brains fill in the blanks and sometimes we're not right. We can make a wrong assumption. Or we have questions that we want answered, that a picture can't answer for us.

I've noticed that our society is still very visual. We see an interesting picture online with a headline, but do we click on the link? Or do we just make assumptions based on the headline? That's why sometimes it's called click bait - the media knows this is what makes readers read. Or should. A headline should grab your attention, and it should make you pause for a moment. You

should go, "Hmm. . .I need to find out more about that."

But do we really try to find out more about "that" and read what goes along

Case in point: I will share a photo via social media along with a link and a headline that invites the reader to explore more. The idea is, the reader should click on the link and find out more. But, are we really reading? Do we look at a headline, look at a picture, and then keep going? Often, more information that answers questions raised by the headline is provided in an article. That's why it's called a news article. The article details are important because they answer questions (or should).

Are we as a society becoming less inquisitive to the point that we won't look for information? We will ask someone "out there" for an answer, but will we look for ourselves? This is why we as a newspaper share links. It begs the reader to read more. I like to say that people who read articles are often those who like to research.

Do they teach research in school these days? Do they teach how to find information for something other than asking a friend or posing a question on social me-

Some individuals will post comments, asking questions about a headline that an article will answer (if they would only read it). And then, the reasonable reader will comment, "Well, if you read the article, you will see that it says (the answer to your question)."

Often, if you ask a question on social media, the answers you receive can vary greatly. Some will be the same period. Some will be wrong. Some will only be partially correct.

Yes, I love pictures, but the growing "dumbing down" of a society where many can't or won't look beyond a headline to learn more - even about something as simple as a community event – is concerning.

Here's to the curious ones, the readers, the ones who will seek answers for themselves instead of having social media do the mental "heavy lifting" for them



Waste Management presents BISD scholarships during Council meeting



Courtesy Photo

BISD students receive Waste Management Scholarships at Tuesday evening's Belton City Council meetina.

By David Stone The Belton Journal

Waste Management Inc. presented scholarships to four Belton graduating seniors during Tuesday's City Council meeting.

Paul Romer, Belton's director of communications, outlined the process for scholarship selection, and Paul Daugereau of Waste Management presented scholarship money to this year's honorees.

Those receiving scholarships were Steven Arantes, \$1,500; Abriella Joyner, \$1,000; Asa Jackson, \$750; and Jaidan Mauk, \$750.

This was Waste Management's 13th year to present the scholarships. Over the years, the company has presented 27 scholarships totalling \$33,000.

According to Romer, six applicants applied for scholarships, and judges narrowed the field to four.

Belton ISD had kind remarks to say about the four

Arantes is a National Merit Program semifinalist at Belton High. He was an officer in the BHS National Honor Society and the Debate Team. He played piano for the school jazz ensemble and taught English as a Second Language classes in Portuguese, French and Spanish at First Baptist Church.

"Whether organizing volunteer events through his officer position (in NHS) or giving time to his community, Steven has never run out of ways to pour back into our town," said Sierra Beckstrom, English teacher at Belton High School.

Holly Mayes, a counselor at Belton High, agreed with Beckstrom's assess-

"Steven is one of the most highly accomplished young men I have ever known, and yet, he is also one of the most humble," Mayes said. "What blows me away the most is his heart for service."

Arantes plans to attend Cornell University and major in Applied Economics &

Management. Abriella Joyner is the

valedictorian at Providence Preparatory School. She played tennis, was an actor and technical director in theater, was president of the Garden Club and a volunteer and harpist at Grace Church Salado.

"Abriella is forward thinking, with innovative ideas that inspire her classmates to have both joy and success in the classroom and around campus," said Carla Hahn Clardy, English and Art professor at Providence.

Joyner plans to attend the University of Houston and major in Environmental Design.

Asa Jackson was captain of the basketball and soccer teams at Providence, a theater stage manager, and an Impact program captain at Temple Bible Church.

"Asa has shown that he finds delight in the challenges of pursuing an academic challenge," said Lauren Green, an English teacher at the school."

He knew what he needed to do to achieve both his short and long-term goals, and hae made the necessary sacrifices to work toward them - with a very positive attitude," Green said. "Since As a possesses the trait of grit, I am confident that he will be immensely successful in college and beyond."

Jackson plans on attending Baylor University and studying Business with a focus in Accounting.

Jaidan Mauk was a member of the theater cast and crew at Belton High, and he also was a member of the Texas Thespian Society. Jaidan was an Astra Club

member, a Sparta Musical volunteer and a seasonal employee at Harris Community

Center. "Jaidan is a dedicated student that gives her all faces," said Mari Phillips, theater instructor at Belton High School.

Mauk will attend Stephen F Austin University in the fall and major in Art Edu-









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Grimm family thanks community for generosity after hospitalization

By Michelle Rodriguez

The Belton Journal

J.T. Grimm, owner of Crafty, Handy, and Slightly Handsome was hospitalized back in January due to a medical emergency. Today, he is still in recovery and grateful for the help he received from the community.

"I had a big esophageal tear. I was at bourbon night having a good time. The next day, I felt really bad. I couldn't breathe and they took me in for a five almost sixhour surgery," said Grimm.

He had an abscess on his phrenic nerve that caused damage on his diaphragm. He is currently using a trach.

"As far as work, I can't do much. I lost 25 pounds and lost muscle. The biggest thing with all of this is how much people helped our family. People were praying for my family and set up a meal train. Jesse Rodriguez, Chris Gregg, Keith Moore, Buddy Schwab, Dwayne and Valerie Williams from Creekside Cigar and Lounge, and lots of people raised an incredible amount of money," said Grimm.

Grimm had two fundraisers at Creekside Cigar and Lounge. On March 8, they raised \$10,000. They had BBQ donations, a bottle raffle, silent auction, and received cash donations on Cash App and Venmo. Then on May 10, they had a Bibs, Bourbon, and Burger fundraiser. They sold burger plates for donation. Grimm felt like he was in a movie or book on the receiving end of people's generosity.

"As another small business owner, and a good friend, it's been an honor to give back to someone who has always been there to serve his community. About a year ago, he called me to get a gameplan going to feed families in the communities affected by the tornado in Temple. He is always the first to step up to help, and so now it's our turn to get him back on his feet on his road to recovery," said Jesse Rodriguez, owner and dog trainer at NXT Level

Buddy Schwab is a friend who visited Grimm while he was in the hospital.

"J.T. is what I like to call a connector. You need someone to do something? He knows the person! He loves local business because that is what he is and when devastation came with the tornadoes, he rallied people to help. The world needs a lot more J.T.'s," said good friend and owner of BNT Real Estate Buddy Schwab with wife and real estate agent Theresa Schwab.



JT Grimm is pictured with his wife, Kara Grimm, along with daughters Eleanor and Sylvia, prior to his sevenweek hospitalization for nerve damage affecting his diaphragm.

group helped with the fundraisers for the Grimm family and the food giveaway for three days last year after the tornado hit.

"It was very humbling and made me even more on fire to be out there with people and caring for them building relationships because that stuff matters. I can't say enough about my friends and family in this community. I love this community, and I'll do anything for it," said Grimm.

David Shaw and Heather Stevens also helped. James Silcott is setting up Bourbon Nights now and makes sure there are raffle bottles.

"My nerve got hurt that affected my diaphragm so I can't expel CO2. My breathing is labored. I've had a lot Grimm is part of the Bell County Business group. the good Lord about what's next in life and how to be pa-

hospital. If it wasn't my wife, it was my mom, or motherin-law," said Grimm.

After seven weeks in the hospital, he is grateful to be alive.

"I have shown some recovery, but they will put a diaphragmatic pacemaker on both sides of my diaphragm which regulates it and helps me breathe. I won't have the trach anymore, and I would be more independent, but I don't know at which capacity. The most difficult thing was not being able to talk," said Grimm.

"He couldn't talk for two months, and some good friends, Jared and Amanda Fitte, gave us something he could write on to communicate with us. We got through of moments in my recliner with many conversations with because of the Lord. We trust Him. We are getting used to They meet on Friday mornings at Dead Fish Grill. The tient and content. My family was there every night in the other as a family," said his mother, Linda Grimm.

Being His Hands & Feet celebrates five years

By Michelle Rodriguez

The Belton Journal

Being His Hands & Feet Ministry (BHHF) demonstrates God's love by providing physical needs. They were established in 2020 and led by director, Tiffani

"We are volunteer based. We are all called to be his hands and feet. I just felt like the Lord was telling me to do it. It started as a drive-through prayer when Covid hit. We did that for a year. I also started helping the homeless with blessing bags. I collected shoes, clothes, and it just kept growing," said Conner.

BHHF is most known for their Blessing Boutique that offers free shopping for the homeless, foster families, single parents, abuse survivors, and anyone in the community in need. Each week visitors find clothing and shoes, food, toys and baby essentials, household items, and de-

"The Lord opened the opportunity for me to minister full-time, and we opened the Blessing Boutique. We have a lot of different outreach ministries. The main thing is that we're wanting to bring families in and love them and walk with them through life. We let them know that they are seen, heard, and loved," said Conner.

BHHF gives blessing bags for the homeless. They also have different type of gathering events, that cater to them. They provide prom dresses for those in need in

"We've also had family gatherings which is a fun, free place for families to come and enjoy time together but also be loved on and just received. We offer families things that they wouldn't receive like some pampering things for mom or dad, like different tools that they don't always get. It's very relaxed and welcoming. We try to get to know our families because most of our families live in isolation. They don't want people to know how they live because they don't want to be seen. We walk with them and let them know whether good or bad we accept them. We walk with them, we share, and shine Jesus on them," said Conner.

They recently had their first fundraiser banquet and celebrated five years of being a ministry and four years of having the Blessing Boutique. The theme was Adventure Awaits and was held at Trinity Church. They had catered dinner, live music, and had a guest speaker, Maddox Jones.

Jones has a group called Weapons of Worship where he mentors new, upcoming artists. Christian singer Erika Freeman from Killeen performed.

"God has some really big things ahead for us. What we've done so far, has prepared us and our families for what's next. Some of the next steps are more of a place

for community," said Conner. Blessing Boutique is located at 699 Hope for the Hungry Street by Chisholm

Trail Elementary. BHHF's vision for the future is The Village which includes a worship center for non-traditional ways of sharing the Gospel, a community center for family activities, uplifting classes, a full kitchen, dining area for shared meals, Blessing Boutique, a playground, a community garden, and fishing pond.

"At the banquet fundraiser, we revealed the next steps and also looked for partnerships to join us and taking those steps. We are looking for financial partnerships, connections to the right people, volunteering, and even if nothing else, prayers because we all know that changes every-





Courtesy Photo

Prayers are said for Being His Hands & Feet Ministry at their recent banquet celebrating five years in ministry.

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EDITORIAL

Getting Excited

We're getting ready for a family trip to the beach. The fact that all my adult children could get off work and join us on this trip is proof that miracles still happen. The last time we went on a family vacation with all of us was... gosh. I don't think we've done it since I became a mother-in-law. This should be fun.

For me, the most exciting part of any vacation is the planning. The dreaming. The looking forward to. My 23-year-old son inherited that trait from me. This trip has caused the young man to disappear almost completely. In his place, the four-year-old version of himself, three days before Christmas.

For the past six weeks, he's plotted. Researched. Menu-planned.

He went to the thrift market to look for a surfboard. In Stephenville, Texas. (He did not find one.)

He bought a four-person blow-up raft and has tried to convince his siblings it's seaworthy.

He found a two-hour pirate cruise and talked us into paying \$40 each for tickets.

He's just about got us all onboard for a midnight crabbing excursion. I may leave that to the young folks. I value sleep more than seafood.

Just this morning, he brought in a stack of tote bags with the logo of a place he once worked. "I've had these in my car for a couple of years. They'll make great beach bags."

If we never leave the driveway, this trip will have been worth it for the joy he's brought me, just by watching his excitement. That kind of enthusiasm is

Coffee Talk • Renae Brumbaugh Green

contagious. I've even been practicing my pirate brogue.

I'm a little jealous of my son's easy transition from hardworking adult to hyper adolescent. When did I lose my childlike spirit? When's the last time I got that hyped up about any-

I should. I have something a lot more incredible than a beach vacation to look forward to. I have all the promises of God at my disposal. And I have the hope of an eternity with Him, in the presence of His unending love and kindness and compassion, and the absence of sickness and disease and brokenness. Why don't I dream about that more? Why don't I spend more time imagining what it will be like?

Honestly, I don't have to wait until I die for that glorious revelation. His

promises are with me now. His presence is with me always. And He said He has good things in store for those who love Him-both here and in heaven. Like my son, I can dream. I can plan. I can look forward to the future with confidence, knowing His plans for me are beyond anything I can hope or imagine.

This life isn't just preparation for the next. It's an adventure on its own. The fun is in the learning, the doing, the growing, the becoming. There's a thrill in the planning, the dreaming, the looking forward to. I want my excitement to be contagious, so everyone around me will catch the joy of what is to come.

"Looking forward to the blessed hope and the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ." Titus 2:13

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Red Hot Chili Ponderings

Shop the Insanity • Darren Blair

In 2006, rock band Red Hot Chili Peppers released the song "Dani California" as a single, a week ahead of the release of their "Stadium Arcadium" double album on which the song appeared. A music video was filmed in order to support the single release of the song, and to this day the video still occasionally shows up on MTV Classic. As a matter of fact, I just so happened to catch it yesterday (as I write this).

The video shows the band in costume as a progression of affectionate the process experimenting parodies of various musicians and genres of music from the past. We've got Elvis, Buddy Holly and the Crickets, Jimi Hendrix, become elder statesmen of Alice Cooper, David Bow-rock, staying strong and ie, The Misfits, Nirvana, and several other direct references in the video aside from various rather generic costumes meant to evoke periods such as the glory days of hair metal. It is, as you can imagine,

quite the cross-section of rock history.

Thing is, right near the end of the video, the band parodies one final group: themselves.

For those who aren't familiar with the band, when they first came on the scene in the 1980s they were one of the wildest and most controversial acts around. The early 1990s saw them simultaneously moderate their excesses and achieve mainstream success, and they've been powering on through since then, in with different sounds, subjects, and musical styles. It is very fair to say that the band members have

bringing good vibes. If you were to go back to 1986 and tell the audience this, let alone the band members themselves, it's highly unlikely anyone would believe you. In fact, Et cetera. in the late 1980s / early

1990s the late political commentator Rush Limbaugh once held the band up as an example of what he felt was wrong with then-modern culture. But here they are, respected veterans of the genre.

They're not the only such story in the history of rock music. 70s shock rocker Alice Cooper is a born-again Christian who has made peace with the excesses of his past and quietly does a great amount of charitable work in addition to performing and hosting a radio show. "Red Rocker" Sammy Hagar has become a successful businessman and even more successful family man whose rum distillery is as much of a family business as is his ongoing music career. Glam rocker Arthur "Killer" Kane traded his bass guitar for a Bible, spending his remaining years fulfilling various religious positions.

Folks, it's entirely too

easy to look at a person, see their misadventures, slap some labels on them, and move on. It's a lot harder to see the potential that's inside of the person and what they could become or how the years might change them... especially if those years include people reaching their hands out to help them, the acquisition of hard experience as they go along, and various efforts on their part in order to remake themselves. All too often, the results can be quite surprising.

Also, sometimes it's OK to look back at our past selves and laugh at some of our more questionable moments. That can be a healthy part of making peace with our own pasts and looking at how we got to where we are from where we started. It might even be the foundation of your own 600 words a week op/ed feature. Just saying.



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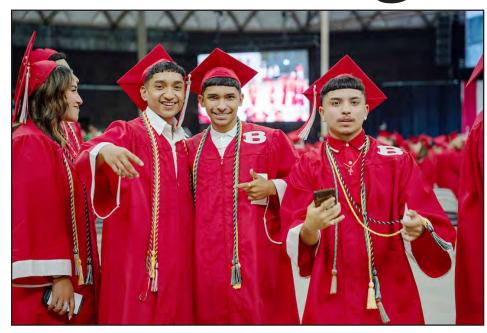
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SPORTS



Maddison Ruiz named MVP of District 16-5A

By Clay Whittington

The Belton Journal

Maddison Ruiz is headed to Angelo State, and she will be taking District 16-5A's most prestigious award with her.

After experiencing one of the most successful careers in Lake Belton history, the Lady Broncos' standout senior pitcher was recently named the league's most valuable player, and it is easy to see why.

She was flawless on the mound, winning all six of her appearances and allowing only one earned run in 33 innings pitched as Lake Belton went undefeated en route to the championship. Along the way, Ruiz struck out an astounding 74 batters.

Equally impressive, she delivered at the plate.

With a .567 batting average, Ruiz connected for four home runs and 16 RBIs.

The performance helped propel the Lady Broncos to an overall record 35-4 (10-0) and into the regional final for the second consecutive season.

Defending state champion Melissa, however, ended Lake Belton's run and Ruiz's high school career, which saw her named all-district newcomer of the year and pitcher of the year along with earning a spot on the Texas Sportswriters Association All-State Third Team in prior seasons.

While she received the loftiest accolade, Ruiz was surrounded by teammates on the superlative list.

Lady Broncos senior Alexis Ortiz was named offensive player of the year, sophomore Madison Perkins was named defensive player of the year and sophomore Briley Updyke was named catcher of the year. Additionally, Lake Belton head coach Kelsie McEachern was named cocoach of the year, sharing the award with Killeen Chaparral head coach Jessica Harborth.

Ortiz was responsible for 20 runs scored, 19 hits, 16 RBIs and 11 stolen bases to go along with a .594 batting average, while Perkins had a perfect fielding percentage along with a strong offensive showing. She had a .704 batting average with 19 hits, 13 RBIs and 13 stolen bases.

Behind the plate, Updyke allowed only two passed balls in 29.2 innings.

The Lady Broncos also had three first-team selections in sophomores Analicia Diaz, Madison Nader and Bysen Gott and two second-team members — senior Trista Shaka and junior Natalie Hosch.

The Lady Tigers also accounted for multiple spots on the list with Tara Stone collecting the team's only superlative, being named pitcher of the year. The freshman struck out 38 batters as Belton (6-4) finished in a three-way tie for second place.

Hailey Schutz, a senior, and sophomore Reagan Stuart were placed on the first team for Belton, and teammates Presli Thompson, a junior, and sophomore Andalyn Logan landed on the second team.

Lake Belton's Lilliana Hererra, Addison Sims and Alaysha Williams and Belton's Jacklyn Munoz, Lauren Vazquez and Iris Molina were honorable mentions.

Rounding out the superlatives, Chaparral senior Mikayla Hudson was named utility player of the year and Waco University freshman Zaneria Hughes was named newcomer of the year.

Lake Belton holds soccer camp

By Aries Ramos

The Belton Journal

School may be out, but the fields at Lake Belton High School were buzzing with activity this week as the annual soccer summer camp kicked off for 1st through 6th graders. Running from May 27–29, the co-ed camp offered young players a fun and engaging introduction to the Bronco soccer program.

The field was split into four stations, with campers grouped by age and rotating between drills throughout the morning. From one end of the field to the other, kids worked on fundamental skills, mostly dribbling, through creative, game-based exercises designed to keep them moving and having fun.

"With the littles, you're really just trying to keep it moving the whole time and make it fun," said head girls soccer coach Jamie Tibbetts. "All the drills they're doing are dribbling-focused, but we try to disguise it a bit and turn it into games instead of just saying 'dribble from cone to cone.' That keeps them engaged and enjoying it."

The camp had a strong showing from

both coaching staffs and current high school players. Varsity athletes from the boys' and girls' soccer programs joined the coaches on the field, helping lead drills and mentor the younger players.

"This is probably the best turnout we've had with high schoolers coming to help," Tibbetts said. "They do a great job helping us manage everything. Plus, the little kids really look up to them."

For Coach Tibbetts and her staff, it was more than just another camp. It was an opportunity to share their love for the game and start building the next generation of Broncos from the ground up.

"The turnout was great," Tibbetts added. "It means a lot that their parents are involved and want them to be a part of our program. It's awesome to see these kids come out right after school lets out, ready to get better and have fun. Hopefully, it sparks something that keeps them playing for years to come."

With laughter, cheers, and goals filling the air, the youngest Broncos left the field with new skills, big smiles, and a deeper connection to the Lake Belton soccer family.

Coach Morgan holds tennis camp

By Aries Ramos
The Belton Journal

The first week of summer vacation looked a lot like a mid-season training session at Lake Belton High School, as dozens of future Broncos took to the courts for the school's an-

nual summer tennis camp.

Held from May 27–29 and continuing June 2–4, the camp runs each morning from 8 to 10:30 a.m. and features rising 7th through 9th graders. The goal, develop fundamentals, build excitement for the sport, and connect younger players with the Lake Belton tennis program.

Head tennis coach Niki Morgan opened the camp with a warm welcome and a message to the young athletes about the importance of form, footwork, and focus. Shortly after, players were split into pairs and began rallying back and forth under the watchful eye of Morgan and her staff.

"We're working on their footwork,

racket back early, follow through, and watching the ball," Morgan explained. "It's really about being consistent and trying to keep the ball in play."

Coach Morgan made her way around the courts, offering individual feedback and encouragement. From the beginners to the experienced, each athlete got hands-on instruction in proper technique and movement.

"It's very exciting, and I love coaching the younger kids because they show their excitement," Morgan said. "It's great to see them out here in the first week of summer, trying to get better."

While the tennis camp is all about growth and fun, it also plays a bigger role in the long-term development of the program.

"It's super important," Morgan said of connecting with athletes early. "I like them to be with me because my

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BISD tops All-district list for baseball

By Clay Whittington
The Belton Journal

The Broncos and Tigers finished atop the district standings once again, and it is easy to see why.

Lake Belton emerged from the league race with its fifth consecutive championship, while Belton extended its streak of playoff appearances to nine straight after placing second.

While team success is always the primary focus, recently, coaches voted on the district's top players, and Belton ISD's individual talent was honored as the Broncos and Tigers accounted for all five of the league superlatives.

Lake Belton senior pitcher Brandon

Holley received the most prestigious accolade, receiving the title of 16-5A All-District Most Valuable Player after helping the Broncos produce an unblemished 10-0 showing en route to the title.

Holley did not allow a run during his five victories on the mound, and he gave up only 13 hits while striking out 26 batters in 26 innings of work.

Relying heavily on Holley, Lake Belton (26-7-2) only allowed seven runs during district competition before advancing to the third round of the postseason.

Holley, however, was not alone on the

Senior center fielder Cameron Bartz was named defensive player of the year, senior outfielder Cole Mikalus capped off his high school career by being named newcomer of the year, and junior Maverick Maddux was named pitcher of the year.

Bartz did not commit an error all season, and in district, he recorded a .364 batting average with six singles, a pair of triples, eight runs scored, eight RBIs and seven stolen bases, while Mikalus finished district with 11 runs scored and 11 RBIs, nine singles, two triples and a double. His batting average was .600.

Maddux was 4-0 in district, allowing only three runs while totaling 51 strikeouts.

Rounding out the superlatives, Belton pitcher Cole Haisler was named offensive player of the year.

With the standout hitter pacing the squad, the Tigers (15-13, 7-3) produced

double-digit runs five times during district, including a season-high 23-run outburst in a victory against Killeen Ellison. Belton swept the two-game series by a combined score of 41-4.

Plenty of other Belton ISD products were represented as well.

Landing on the first team were Belton seniors Jacob Quigley, a pitcher, and outfielder Rayshaun Peoples along with freshman designated hitter Oakley Torres.

For the Broncos, senior first baseman Cooper Mees, senior second baseman Bryce Davis, senior outfielder Rohde Smith, junior third baseman Roger Hunt and junior catcher Braxtan Cope were selected to the first team.

Tigers senior outfielder Tre Garcia was Belton ISD's lone second-team member.

BISD summer camps underway for youth

By Clay Whittington
The Belton Journal

The summer has arrived, and Belton ISD's summer sports camps are underway.

Conducted by head coaches and their assistants, the series of camps offers local athletes opportunities to learn, have fun and interact with varsity instructors.

Beginning on Monday, Belton will conduct a threeday baseball camp. It is open to all second through ninth graders and runs for three hours each day, starting at 9 a.m.

The Tigers boys basketball camp for sixth- through ninth-graders runs on the same days from 1 p.m. to 4

A second boys basketball camp for first through fifth graders is set to start June 23. The three-day camp is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Also on Monday, Lake Belton will begin three-day camps for tennis, baseball and girls basketball.

The tennis camp is open to boys and girls in seventh through ninth grade from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. each day, while baseball goes from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and is open to second through sixth graders.

The girls basketball camp is broken into two ses-

sions with first-through fifthgraders attending from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day, while sixth- through ninthgraders are scheduled from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The three-day Lady Tigers basketball camp begins June 3 with third-through ninth-graders participating. It will run from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

On June 9, the Belton boys soccer camp opens. It is set to run from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. for three days with third through ninth-graders attending

Softball camp for third through ninth-graders takes place from 9 a.m. to noon on the same days.

At Lake Belton, boys basketball camp begins for all third- through ninth-graders and runs from noon to 2:30

p.m.

Belton's volleyball camp runs June 16 to June 18 with two sessions each day. Third through sixth graders will take part from 10 a.m. to noon, while seventh, eighth and ninth graders attend from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

In July, the Lady Tigers soccer camp and a cheer camp will take place along with Lake Belton's volleyball, softball and football camps.

The girls soccer camp is broken into two sessions with both being conducted from July 21 to July 23. Second through sixth graders come from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., and seventh through ninth graders are scheduled from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Cheer camp is available to anyone in kindergarten through sixth grade from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., and it will run from July 23 to July 25.

The Lady Broncos volleyball camp will take part in sessions.

The first session starts July 7 for third and fourth graders (noon-2:30 p.m.) with the second following for fifth and sixth graders (2:30 p.m.-5 p.m.). Then, on July 14, seventh graders

(noon-2:30 p.m.) and eight and ninth graders (2:30 p.m.-5 p.m.) attend.

Lake Belton's softball camp is open to third through ninth graders and runs from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. beginning 28, when the Broncos football camp also starts.

Kindergarteners through sixth graders and seventh through ninth graders will take part in different sessions, but both run from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day.

The cost for all camps is \$60 per participant, and tickets can be purchased at BeltonTigers.com or Lake-BeltonAthletics.com.

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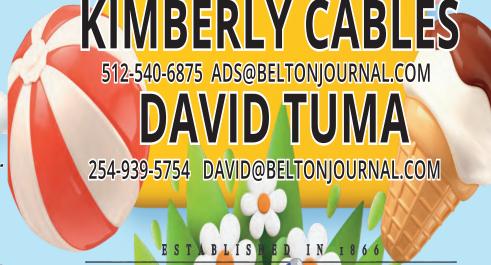


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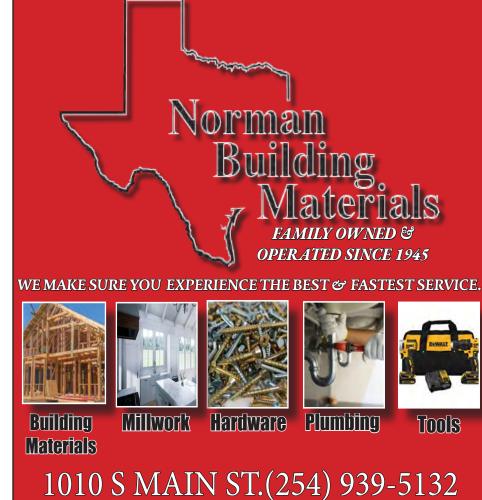
practices are very structured and efficient. I want them to see what it's supposed to look like."

That structure includes not just her coaching style, but the involvement of other coaches and volunteers who help reinforce the program's values and expectations.

"They know the system, they know the expectations, and the kids get to know them too," Morgan added.

As the first session wraps up, the energy and focus seen on the courts are a promising sign for the future of Lake Belton tennis. With returning campers and fresh faces continuing into next week's session, Coach Morgan and her staff are building something special, one forehand at a time.







FISHINGREPORT Belton Lake Stillhouse

FAIR. Water stained; 77 degrees; 2.31 feet below pool. Big changes were brought on this past week with unseasonably hot days and nights bringing the water temperature up quickly and nudging us toward summer patterns. The water is warming rapidly and the fishing is getting tricky. There is a definite transition underway in which the white bass are making use of the bottom less and less and are beginning to suspend routinely. There are two drivers for this: stratification of the water by temperature which will eventually lead to the creation of the thermocline by mid-June, and the increasing presence of young-of-the-year shad making their way into open water. When fish are suspended, I rely heavily on my 2-D sonar, traditional sonar or colored sonar, as the three-dimensional cone it makes use of extends the echo signature of the fish into long arches which are larger and much more easily seen on a screen then the shorter rice grain signatures seen on side-imaging and down-imaging. The MAL Heavy with silver blade and chartreuse tail has been a consistent lure for the past three weeks. It shows up remarkably well on forward-facing sonar and 2-D sonar. Drop below the suspended fish and crank it up at a steady cadence at least two cranks above the fish showing highest in the water column. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service. Catfish are good. Anglers can find blue catfish around points and sand flats in 10-20 feet of water. Larger fresh cut baits have been effective for trophy size fish. Eater fish under 10 pounds are active and slow drifting with small cut shad along sand flats will produce. Channel catfish are good and can be caught on punch bait in 10-25 feet of water. Flatheads are excellent on live bait in shallow water around river mouths. Report by Brian Worley, B&S Catfishing. As we enjoy a weekend of fishing we salute and honor our Nation's heroes this Memorial Day.

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Estate of Dorothy Anderson Evetts were issued to ERIC NEL-SON by the County Court of Bell County, Texas in Cause No. 23CPB00500, pending upon the Probate Docket of said Court.

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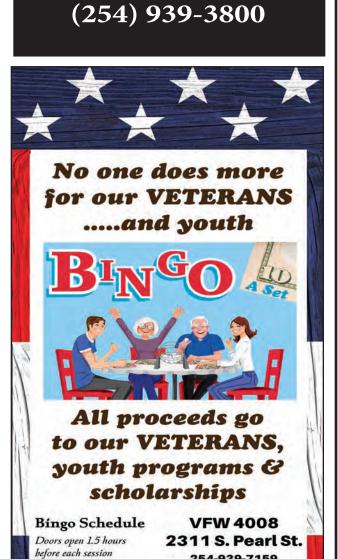




Belton resident, Erika Hilliard appeared on the televised show Wheel of Fortune this past Tuesday evening. Although she didn't get the chance to go for the million dollars in the bonus round, she did get to fulfill a lifelong dream of being on the show.

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CAC announces 2025 concert lineups

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 weeks edition of the newspaper.

Here's a look at the 2025 Texas Music Series:

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.

MPR Explorers - May 29

The MPR Explorers (sponsored by the Mary Ruth Briggs Library) is holding their monthly "Conversation over Coffee" with Nayda Santana, MPR Government Relations & Procurement Director, on Thursday, May 29 from 9 am to Noon at the Garrett and Mic Hill Event Center (60 Morgan's Point Road).

Travel Club - May 29

The May meeting of the Central Texas Travel Club will be May 29 at Johnnys steaks and Barbeque in Salado. The gathering will begin at 11 with the meeting at 11:30. For more information contact centraltexastravelclub@outlook.com.

Spring into Summer Market - May 31

Join us for a SPRING INTO SUMMER MARKET! We will have lots of amazing local vendors to come shop! Saturday, May 31, 2025, 11:45 - 3:45 p.m. at 312 N East, Belton.

Classic Cars for Classical Music - May 31

Live music, food, and fun for the wole family. Belton Tiger Orchestra is hosting this wonderful fundraiser, to benefit our Orchestra students. Our club oversees Belton Middle School South Belton Middle School and Belton Highschool. We are trying to raise money for our students to experience a strings camp. We are also in need of some more instruments. 100% of the proceeds go directly to the Orchestra program as we are a non profit organization. Help us raise money and show these kids how much the car community loves then. May 31, 2025, 9:00 to noon at Belton High School parking lot, 600 Lake Rd, Belton.

Wilhite Family Reunion - June 7

The descendants and families of George Albert Wilhite and Frances Jane Martin Wilhite will hold a family reunion from 11am to 4pm, Saturday, June 7, at the Belton Church of Christ, 3003 N. Main St. in Belton. Attendees are asked to bring a covered dish for lunch. For information call Cindy Bounds Gilleland at 254-939-6761.

Historic Escape Games - June 12

There has been a crime at the museum and it is up to you to find the culprit! You have 60 minutes to work together, solve the crime, and escape!

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There are two times available for the Zombie Apocalypse game.

6:00pm & 7:15pm. Tickets are \$12/person. Pre-registration is required. Games are private and limited to 8 players (ages 13 years and older) of the same group per game time. Players under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult player. Please submit one form per group as all games are private. Please be mindful of the age requirements. Payments can be made through the payment link on the registration form below. BE SURE TO SUBMIT THE FORM AFTER SUBMITTING PAYMENT.

Bell County Master Gardners - June 13

The Bell County Master Gardeners and Troy Chamber of Commerce Lunch and Learn presents "Herbs 101" on Friday, June 13th from 12 to 1 P.M. at the Troy Community Center, 201 E. Main St., Troy. Certified Master Gardeners Glenn Melton and Barbara Ishikawa will be speaking about turf grasses and other ground covers specific to central Texas. Class Limit: 50. Please register at https://bit.ly/3DRcaID.

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.

Young's Daughters Funeral Home Dementia/Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group occurs weekly on Fridays from 6-7 p.m. This group allows your loved ones to join. Loved ones will be doing activities while the group of caregivers are joining together to better understand and learn tips and tricks for daily life. Young's Daughters Funeral and Bereavement Center is located at 4235 East Hwy 190 in Temple.

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 5th 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 katshookand needle@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.

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