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Drunk driving enforcement to increase during July 4 holiday

By RICHARD LEGGITT Hill Country News

Cedar Park police will be increasing patrols on major roadways for DWI enforcement this week.

The Cedar Park Police Department is continuing its successful Selective Traffic **Enforcement Program (STEP)** this week through July 4th in an effort to discourage drunk driving and make local roads and highways safer.

"Impaired driving, whether due to alcohol, illegal drugs or prescription medication, has the potential to forever damage and end lives - often those of innocent victims," said Cedar Park Police Chief Sean Mannix. "We all have a responsibility when we get behind the wheel to be alert and present and to prioritize the safety of ourselves and those around us. If people choose not to do that this Fourth of July, we will be there to enforce the consequences."

Police Media and Communications Specialist Tara Long said until Wednesday, July 5,

the Cedar Park Police Department will increase patrol presence on local roadways to discourage and monitor impaired driving violations as part of the ongoing regional STEP Initiative. "We had two STEP DWI arrests over Memorial Day," Long said. "There were other DWI arrests made during that period, just not by patrol units working the STEP program. Last year, we made 13 STEP DWI arrests over the July 4th initiative."



t's that wonderful, hot-as-heck time once again in our fair and free country. It's time to fire up that grill, crack open some cold ones, inflate those pool toys and stock up on the mother of all personal fireworks displays like there's no tomorrow. It's the fourth of July. Happy 241th birthday, America. No proper fourth of July celebration is complete without a professional fireworks display, surrounded by your friends and neighbors. So here's your guide to the best firework displays and parties in our area:

Challengers race to fill Carter's seat in Congress

By RICHARD LEGGITT Hill Country News

Three substantive Democrat candidates are already campaigning hard for the 31st District Congressional seat held by longtime Republican incumbent John Rice Carter.

But their chances of success in next year's elections, as well as Carter's, may hinge on whether a war heroine, author or champion of women's equality gets into the race.

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CEDAR PARK

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE & CELEBRATION WHEN: Tuesday, July 4, parade starts at 10 a.m., celebration at 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.

WHERE: Elizabeth Milburn Park, 1901 Sun Chase Blvd.

FIREWORKS: 9:15 p.m.

The City of Cedar Park's fourth annual Fourth of July parade will take place along Discovery blvd. from the HEB Center to the recreation center. Be sure to bring seats if you want them. At the celebration, there will be live music, bingo, a washer

tournament, air castles, free watermelon and a fireworks display. However, fees apply for food concessions, face painting, and carnival games and rides. There's also the Milburn Pool where you can cool off. It's open from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. and daily admission rates apply. Attendees are encouraged to park at Cedar Park High School or Austin Community College. For more information, call (512) 401-5500.

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oppose Carter in next year's general election.

Local Democrat activists are excited about the current candidates and their chances of upsetting Representative Carter, a Round Rock resident and former Williamson County judge, who has been in Congress for 14 years. But they are also intrigued about the possibility that decorated war veteran and women's champion Mary Jennings Hegar may enter the Democrat primary.

Hegar, who lives in Austin, was a pilot on an Air National Guard medevac helicopter that was shot down in Afghanistan in 2009. Despite being wounded, she used her weapon to furiously fight off a group of enemy attackers and save the lives of her patients and crew. She was awarded a number of medals for her actions, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, a medal that has only been awarded to six women, including Amelia Earhart.

Returning home after three tours of duty, Hegar

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longer allowed under new rule By RICHARD LEGGITT Hill Country News

> Leander's annual Liberty Fest is expecting more than 12,000 people at its Independence Day celebration featuring fireworks, food and music. City officials want to make sure participants enjoy them-

selves while observing new rules and safety procedures.

According to Mike Neu, Leander's public information officer, this year alcoholic beverages purchased outside of

not be allowed and will be screened at the entrance gates. However, alcoholic beverages will be available on site for purchase from licensed

Neu said bags, coolers and lawn chairs will be welcome at Liberty Fest but amplified music, illegal drugs, laser pointers, weapons and fireworks or other explosives are among items that are prohib-

"Safety is our number one priority," Neu said

Texas country music star Josh Abbott will

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A patriotic young girl raises the American flag at Leander Liberty Fest in 2016. This year's fest will begin at 4:30 p.m. near the Leander Capital Metro train station.



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Jeffery Hayes, the Leander assistant chief of police, is also a self taught graphic artist. Hayes has developed an international reputation for his creative designs for posters, book covers and logos.

Leander police officer's artwork developing international reputation

By RICHARD LEGGITT Hill Country News

Leander's assistant chief of police may be an officer of the law, but off-duty, he's a renowned graphic artist.

Jeffery Hayes, a primarily self-taught graphic artist, has developed an international reputation for his creative designs for posters, book covers and logos. He is also a popular assistant chief of police in Leander.

"I became a police officer because I want to help people. It is a rewarding job in an ever changing environment, nothing is ever the same," said Hayes, who is in his fifth year as a Leander policeman. Prior to that he was with the Cedar Park Police Department for 18 years. Raised in Austin, Hayes has another off-duty vocation that is earning him a widespread positive reputation. In his spare time at home, he creates unique designs that are used by governments, businesses, publishing companies and others across the country and even in Europe. "I picked up art when I was very young," Hayes said. "I started working for a board gaming company. Then I was a cashier at HEB and did a few designs for them. They liked



DEATHS

Joan Hurst

Services will be held at a later date. Age: 84 from Cedar Park, Texas Date of Death: 6/15/17

Name of Deceased: Jean-Pierre Costa

Age: 28

Residence: Leander, Texas

Date of Death: 06/17/2017

Time, Date, of Service: Monday, June 26th at 2pm Location of Service: Hill Country Bible Church, 12124 Ranch Rd 620 N Austin, TX

Funeral Home Information: Beck Funeral Home, 1700 E. Whitestone Blvd., Cedar Park, Texas 78613.

Calendar

JULY 1

JULY 6

Teens are invited to the Super Smash Bros. Tournament, July 1, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Cedar Park Library, 550 Discovery Blvd. Ages 12 to 18 years are welcome. Free play will follow the tournament. Visit cedarparktexas.gov for more details.

Way Off Broadway Community Players presents the comedy "'Til Beth Do Us Part" Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. until July 1 at 11880 West FM 2243, Leander. Visit wobcp.org or call (512) 259-5878 for tickets and information.

JULY 4

Celebrate Independence Day at Liberty Fest, Tuesday, July 4, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. This free event features live music, vendors, children's activities and fireworks, between San Gabriel Parkway and Hero Way, off of U.S. 183A. Visit leandertx.gov for more details.

Cedar Park's Fourth of July Parade begins at 10 a.m. along Discovery Boulevard, starting at H-E-B Center. The celebration continues from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live music, bingo, a washer tournament, air castles, free watermelon and a fireworks display at Elizabeth Milburn Park, 1901 Sun Chase Blvd. Visit cedarparktexas.gov for more details

JULY 5

Enjoy a free family film, PG-rated "Moana," July 5 at 2 p.m. at Cedar Park Library, 550 Discovery Blvd. Ages 12 to 18 years are welcome. Free play will follow the tournament. Visit cedarparktexas.gov for more details.

Leander Public Library hosts a musical and storytelling African Safari with Elizabeth Kuhura on July 6 at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., 1011 Bagdad. Leander.

Leander City Council will meet Thursday, July 6, at 7 p.m. at City Council Chambers, Pat Bryson Municipal Hall, 201 N. Brushy Street. Meetings are open to the public.

Cedar Park Library will host special performances from Magician Cody Fisher for children grades Kindergarten to fifth, July 6, 1:30 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. at 550 Discovery Blvd., Cedar Park.

JULY 7

The Adult Knitting Club meets every Friday, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Cedar Park Public Library, 550 Discovery Blvd. All levels of knitters and crocheters are welcome.

The world famous Harlem Globetrotters are bringing their show July 7, at 7 p.m., H-E-B Center at Cedar Park, 2100 Avenue of the Stars. Visit hebcenter.com for tickets and details.

JULY 8

Support local farmers and vendors by visiting around 70 booths at the Farmers Market in the Lakeline Mall parking lot Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

JULY 9

Learn the basics of how to play

Jeffery Hayes designed the 40th anniversary Leander police badge that will be worn by officers starting in January 2018. my work, so they took me off the cash register and had me doing designs full time."

After becoming a police officer, Hayes continued developing his artistic skills.

"I attended some classes at the Gemini School of Visual Arts in Cedar Park that taught me digital painting skills that changed the way I do things," he said. "Gemini is an incredible school with outstanding students that have been placed with Disney, Blizzard Entertainment and a number of well-known companies."

Hayes has designed over 100 shoulder patches for various government agencies and departments including the Leander Police Department.

"I also do a lot of book covers, paintings, posters and packaging for commercial projects," Hayes said. "I am doing some work for overseas clients now, including a client in the United Kingdom."

As a Leander police officer, Hayes focuses much of his problem solving skills on projects and planning for the department.

"Chief Minton and I complement each other

and we work well together," Hayes said. "Whether I am at the police department or working at home after hours, I definitely keep busy."

The creative work helps Hayes stay creative to the astute problem solving skills required in police work.

"I have found over the years that I have gotten an appreciation for what I do because it is so unique," Hayes said. "The creative side of me helps me with problem solving and that helps me as a police officer. If you have a talent or a skill, you bring it to whatever you are doing."

Beat the heat with a family-friendly film, PG-rated "Explorers," July 5 at 2 p.m., Leander Public Library, 1011 Bagdad Road. Visit leandertx.gov for more information.

chess, or just meet with other chess fans to play a few games at the Kids' Chess Open Play on Sunday, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Cedar Park Public Library, 550 Discovery Blvd.

Robin Bledsoe Pool is open daily, Saturday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., Mondays 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Tuesday through Friday 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., 601 S. Bagdad Road, Leander.

Pets of the Week



Pets of the Week Sasha Domestic Shorthair mix female 12 years old 8 lbs.

Sweef senior Sasha is a low key girl who has lived with another at and dog. She is looking for a quiet home and loving family. wilcopefs.org









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LEANDER LEANDER LIBERTY FEST

WHEN: Tuesday, July 4 WHERE: Fairgrounds between Hero Way and Highway 183A FIREWORKS: 9 p.m.

Leander's free, family-friendly event is perfect for the whole family with live music, food and craft vendors, children's activities and a spectacular fireworks display. This year's live music headliner will be Texas country star group Josh Abbott Band. Gates open at 4:30 p.m., with music starting at 6 p.m. and fireworks by Pyrotecnico from 9 to 10 p.m. at the Leander Capital Metro station - which will be closed all day. Call 512-528-9909 for more information.

ROUND ROCK JULY FOURTH FRONTIER DAYS CELEBRATION

WHEN: Tuesday, July 4, parade starts at 10 a.m., party at noon WHERE: Old Settlers Park 3300 Palm Valley Blvd. FIREWORKS: At dark

A parade, fireworks, full-scale carnival rides, jalapeno pepper eating contest, Swifty Swine Pig Races, children's games, Sam Bass Shootout reenactment, Movies in the Park of LEGO Batman and skydivers are all part of the City of Round Rock's July Fourth Frontier Days Celebration. The event begins with free watermelon and music from the Austin Symphonic Band. Visit www.roundrocktexas.gov for more information.

AUSTIN H-E-B AUSTIN SYMPHONY 39TH ANNUAL JULY 4TH CONCERT AND FIREWORKS

WHEN: Music begins at 8:30 p.m. WHERE: Vic Mathias Shores (formerly Auditorium Shores) FIREWORKS: 9:30 p.m.

Easily the biggest event on this list, organizers claim the H-E-B Austin Symphony's July 4th concert will be the biggest Independence Day event in Texas. Right off of South Congress, the free event will be held at the grassy Vic Mathias Shores, where attendees will be able to take in the fireworks display out over the Austin city

skyline. While the fireworks are blazing through the night's sky, the symphony orchestra will be accompanying the spectacle with patriotic classics - that means the 1812 Overture, music fans. For a good spot, be sure to get there early. For more information visit austinsymphony.org.

WILLIE NELSON'S 4TH OF JULY PICNIC

WHEN: Doors at 11 a.m. WHERE: Circuit of the Americas TICKETS: \$39.50-\$550 If you're looking for the quintessential Austin fourth of July party, then you might want to check out Willie Nelson's 4th of July picnic. Opening up for Shotgun Willie is Sheryl Crow, Kacey Musgraves, Jamey Johnson, Steve Earle, Margo Price, Asleep at the Wheel and many, many more country rockers. For more information, visit www.circuitoftheamericas.com.

LET FREEDOM RING

YOUR COMPLETE GUIDE TO THE BEST FOURTH OF JULY IN CENTRAL TEXAS

FIRE UP THE GRILL

Could any food be as simplistic and delicious at the same time as a patty of beef on top of a crusty bun, served with lettuce, tomato and your choice of condiments? A juicy burger can satisfy so many cravings in one sitting.

If ever there was a recipe to master, it would be grilling the perfect burger. Though barbecued burgers may seem easy to make, all too often burgers are botched by a few mistakes. But don't worry, burger mastery is within reach if you follow these simple tips:

BEGIN WITH FRESH

MEAT. Freshly ground meat will produce the best flavor. If you are unsure when the packaged ground beef was made, ask the butcher or someone in the meat department of the supermarket to grind you up a fresh batch. Otherwise, use a food processor or an attachment on a stand mixer to grind the meat yourself.

• FAT HAS FLAVOR. If you're going to indulge in a burger, make sure it has a fair amount of fat content. Fat helps keep the burgers moist and juicy. Make sure the fat content is about 18 to 20 percent of the mix. This helps to guarantee flavorful burgers.

• KEEP THE MEAT COLD. Chilled burger patties will firm up and hold their shape better during cooking. Leave the premade patties in the refrigerator



until the last minute. Keep patties on ice if you will be cooking burgers in batches.

• DON'T OVERHANDLE THE MEAT. Compressing the meat and handling it too much can lead to dry, dense burgers. Avoid tough meat by handling it as little as possible. Keep your hands wet while shaping the patties so they'll come together easily.

 OIL UP THE GRILL. A clean, well-oiled grill prevents burgers from sticking during cooking.

• MAKE SURE THE GRILL IS SU-PER-HOT. The goal is to cook burgers over high heat and fast. This is achieved with a very hot grill. It may only take three to five minutes per side to cook the burgers, depending on the thickness of the patty.

• FLIP ONLY ONCE. Wait until the burgers have been grilling for a few minutes and release easily from the grill grate. Flip them over and allow them to cook a few minutes more. This helps keep the juices inside the meat and prevents your burgers from turning into burnt hockey pucks.

 RESIST THE URGE TO SQUASH THE BURGERS. Pushing down on the burgers with the spatula will only force the juices out. If you want dry burgers, press them down. If you want nice, juicy burgers, step away from the spatula.

 ALLOW THE BURGERS TO **REST.** Take the burgers off the grill and let them rest for 5 minutes so that all of their juice redistributes through the patty. Toast your hamburger buns and then serve the burgers with your favorite toppings.

Dig in and enjoy your efforts, as well as the compliments.

THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF FIREWORKS SAFETY

GETTING STARTED:

• Do not let your children buy fireworks without adult supervision • Only buy from reliable fireworks sellers

• Never experiment or attempt to make your own fireworks Store fireworks in a cool, dry

place

WHEN YOU'RE READY TO SHOOT:

 Never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks

 Always read and follow label directions, warnings and instructions • Be considerate of your neighbors

• Only ignite fireworks outdoors and away from houses and out buildings

range before lighting fireworks

• Never throw fireworks at another person, vehicle or animal

 Never carry fireworks in your pocket

 Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers

 Dispose of spent fireworks properly

• Find a smooth, flat surface, away from the house or other buildings, dry leaves or grass

• Be sure to have water or a fire extinguisher handy in case of a malfunction or fire

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- · Light only one firework at a time • Never try to re-light fireworks
- that have not fully functioned

• Never give fireworks to small children, even sparklers cause serious burns

• Be sure other people are out of

For a full list of consumer fireworks safety tips, visit www. FireworksSafety.org. SOURCE: Williamson County Office of Emergency Department

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OPINION

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Ninety minutes is a long time



JODY FULLER SOUTHERN COLUMNIST

ast week, I spoke at an educational conference in Mississippi for 90 minutes.

For a stuttering guy, that's only about 45 minutes' worth of material but still a long time, nonetheless. It's a whole episode of Saturday Night Live. It's an episode and a half of 60 Minutes. It's how long it takes Lucy to figure out what she wants to order at a drive-thru window. Like I said, it's a long time.

Now, it's one thing to just get up there and run your pie hole for 90 minutes, but it's something else to hold the audience's attention for the duration. I've been slotted for 90 minutes on a handful of occasions but for a variety of reasons never had to go the full allotted time. I'm usually just fine with that and thought this was going to be the case for this event.

I was booked for the conference based on the recommendation of a representative from the Mississippi Department of Education who'd seen me speak earlier in the year at the Mississippi Association of School Superintendent's winter conference. There must be lots of Baptists in The Magnolia State, because at both events, the attendees congregated near the back of the venue. Perhaps I need to start taking a retired Sergeant Major on the road with me to move everyone up front before I start each talk. Veterans know what I mean.

easier for me when I can almost reach out and touch the folks on the front row. I don't like having that gap. I need to connect with my audience. The venue was a small auditorium inside the Jackson Hilton. It was really nice, but there was no one on the first row. The second row, however, was comprised of three ladies sitting side by side by side. They were awesome! Once I told that first joke, I knew I had them and everyone else for that matter.

I could've talked for three hours. It really wasn't a speech or a comedy performance; it was a talk. I let them know my story and how much I appreciated educators and how much educators have meant to me in my life. I cut up with them, and they returned the favor. It was just an overall good time and a great way to kick off the day. They even booked me on the spot for their Arkansas chapter's conference next year, so I reckon I did a pretty good job.

Mississippi has been very good to me the past few years. I'm booked for the Mississippi Sheriff's Association's conference in December, just three days after the expected due date of our little girl. I'll be sleeping at a very nice hotel away from the baby. I know I'll miss her, but at least I should be able to get more than 90 minutes of uninterrupted sleep. Ninety minutes is a long time.

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First Gulf storm of season elbows Texas



ED STERLING **STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS**

USTIN — State emergency responders geared up for Let the first time this hurricane season in response to Tropical Storm Cindy, which came ashore just east of the Texas-Louisiana border on June 22.

Two deaths were attributed to the storm — one of them an elderly man found in a sand-mired pickup truck on Texas' Bolivar Peninsula.

The storm dropped most of its rainfall east of its center - up to 18 inches in some places far to the east — and much less in Texas. But as a precaution two days before landfall, Gov. Greg Abbott ordered an increase in readiness from level four, normal conditions, to level three, increased readiness.

claims over false and misleading advertising about broadband Internet speed.

"As the U.S. Supreme Court ruled," Paxton said, "a federal agency may pre-empt state law only when and if it's acting within the scope of its congressionally delegated authority. Hundreds of millions of Americans rely on broadband Internet services every day, yet they don't always get what they pay for. The states' consumer protection powers must be left intact to protect customers from providers who make false claims about broadband speed."

Paxton was joined in the letter by the attorneys general of Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada. New Mexico. New York. North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia

ployment expanded by 3,200 jobs. Furthermore, the Amarillo Met-

ropolitan Statistical Area recorded the month's lowest unemployment rate in the state, with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 3.1 percent.

AG praises end to bag tax

Attorney General Paxton on June 21 praised the city of Kermit for repealing a local sales tax on single-use plastic bags.

"Cities and municipalities in Texas are obligated to follow the rule of law, and the Legislature passed a law that clearly prohibits a sales tax on bags," Paxton wrote. That law, Paxton said, is Health and Safety Code Sec. 361.0961(a) (3), which states: "A local government or other political subdivision may not adopt an ordinance, rule or regulation to assess a fee or deposit on the sale or use of a container or package."

In May, Paxton's office gave the city of Kermit 60 days to repeal its bag tax. With the city's action, there are no more remaining bag taxes Paxton said.

Performing comedy and speaking is much

Opelika, Ala. He is a comic, speaker, writer and soldier with three tours of duty in Iraq. He is also a lifetime stutterer. He can be reached at jody@ jodyfuller.com. For more information, please visit

WASN'T THIS SHOW ORIGINALLY CALLED REPEAL AND REPLACE?

Four Texas Task Force 1 boat squads were activated, along with two Texas Military Department vehicle squads. Also, the Texas Department of State Health Services Emergency Medical Task Force, the Texas Military Forces Aircraft and shelter and feeding teams were placed on standby.

Abbott noted that weather conditions related to tropical storms can change rapidly without warning, causing catastrophic flooding. "That is why I am imploring all Texans in the Gulf region to stay updated and heed warnings from your local officials, avoid high water areas and refrain from attempting to drive through roadways or over bridges that have the potential to flood."

Paxton leads coalition

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on June 19 urged the Federal Communications Commission to deny a petition by the broadband industry to prevent states from investigating and settling and Wisconsin

Texas adds jobs in May

The Lone Star State's economy expanded in May with the addition of 14,800 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs, the Texas Workforce Commission announced.

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.8 percent, down from 5.0 percent in April.

employers created "Texas 266,600 jobs over the past year and the Texas economy continues to provide competitive advantages to large and small business owners across the state," said Andres Alcantar, chair of the Texas Workforce Commission. "TWC remains committed to fostering innovative partnerships that equip Texas students and workers with in-demand skills," he added.

The mining and logging category recorded the largest private-industry gain over the month, with 6,600 jobs added. Construction employment grew by 3,400 jobs in May and financial activities em-

Tips for Zika-free holiday

The Texas Department of State Health Services posted precautions in advance of Independence Day festivities.

"Don't let Zika stop your July 4 plans," the agency said, and offered everyday ways to avoid mosquito bites, which are known to transmit the Zika and West Nile viruses.

Texans, especially pregnant women, should continue to protect themselves from Zika by:

 Applying EPA-approved insect repellent;

- Wearing pants and longsleeve shirts;

 Using screens or closing windows and doors;

 Removing standing water in and around dwellings;

- Covering trash cans or containers where water can collect; and

Avoiding travel to regions where Zika virus is active.

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Cedar Park Chamber of Commerce Wins Big at Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives Annual Excellence Awards Receives State-Wide Top Honors for "Seeding Growth" Rebranding Campaign



Lyndee Matthews Vice President

Last week there was a mass gathering of local chambers from across the state of Texas for the Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives (TCCE) Annual Excellence Awards. I am excited to announce that the Cedar Park Chamber of Commerce received First Place in the State of Texas for its "Seeding Growth" Rebranding Campaign.

As an extremely small staff, we all work very hard on our events and campaigns. To have that hard work recognized state-wide is a great honor and we are very excited to have won.

In January 2016 our staff, guided by Wright Creative Group and a focus group of 15 local business representatives, began the process of rebranding the Chamber. We wanted to get away from our outdated logo and go with something more modern that reflects our current mission and our position within the City of Cedar Park.

Guided by Wright Creative Group, our focus group developed a new theme and logo based upon the tagline "Connection, Collaboration, and Community." The logo that was developed uses Cedar Park colors and is a seed that represents how the Chamber brings together local businesses to plant "seeds of the future."

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FAITH ROUNDTABLE

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PASTOR MARK BROWN

Children are an inheritance from the Lord. Parents reserve the right to determine what type of education benefits their children. The debate of the government providing financial assistance to parents who pursue alternative options is a heated one. One side claims public schools should not face further defunding. The other side promotes school choice protects parents' religious freedoms or if a non-religious alternative is present, it provides equal educational opportunities regardless of socio-economic status.

Both sides have reasonable arguments. If there is one constant in the midst, children are the next generation. Investing in their future is critical. Preparing them during K-12, college and beyond is creating their platform for impact. We are all charged with doing our creative best in life. Tax dollars are designed to fund education not religious organizations. However, one's religious beliefs are not a reason to withhold funding. It's important to not lose sight of education nor to have an ecological fallacy; assuming all school choice programs are religious based. For example, school choice for special needs is a special session agenda item for our Texas legislature as they embark on a 30 day special session beginning July 18, 2017.

I encourage you to research each side thoroughly. Consider educational outcomes as you evaluate what is best for your children and make your voice known to your legislature. They represent you, vote! School choice consist of traditional public schools, charter schools, vouchers for private schools and or homeschooling. Not all of the aforementioned are religious based. The right thing to do is make sure children have a good education. As a parent, you are accountable to God for raising, shaping and preparing your children for the future. Pray about how to do that. Your family is welcomed at Faith City Church where you can establish a good biblical foundation or grow in an existing one. Marriages are healed, relationships are restored. next level breakthrough is experienced and community is a priority. You were born for greatness and God wants His best to manifest through your life. You are loved, appreciated, and called to win.



re school choice programs fair to taxpayers since they support private religious schools that may discriminate .against taxpayer beliefs?



FATHER WILCOXSON FAITH COLUMNIS

For today's Round Table, Nick the Editor wants us to answer this question: "Are school choice programs fair to taxpayers since they support private religious schools that may discriminate against taxpayer beliefs?"

The topic is often framed that way, but let's flesh out some details so we can clearly see everything is at stake. Let's say that Marjorie is an engineer who works for a state agency, and she is a fierce advocate for all things scientific. She has a dog named Carl and a cat named Sagan, and she also has a son who is enrolled in a private school that specializes in preparing students for top-ranked universities and for STEM careers. The tuition for the school is pretty steep, and the morning dropoff and afternoon pickup adds an hour to her commute, but she feels that it's more than worth it. However, what irritates Marjorie to no end is when politicians talk about using her tax dollars to support private schools that teach creationism. After all, why should she be required to fund something that goes against everything she believes? But, if we're going to get the true and full picture, then we also need to come to grips with the fact that this is precisely the sort of thing that has been happening to religious conservatives for

the past several decades. Through their taxes, they have been expected to underwrite public school activities that often contradict their beliefs.

So let's say that Magdalena is a cashier at a big box store; she is also a traditional Roman Catholic. She attends the Latin Mass at least once a month, and, before she got married, she thought seriously about becoming a nun. One day, Magdalena gets an email from her daughter's public school announcing that all students will be participating in an event that is designed to educate young people about the value of sexual diversity. Magdalena prefers that her daughter receive that kind of instruction at home or in her parish; however, when she speaks to her daughter's teacher and with the school's principal, she is told that the event is mandatory and that opting out is an expression that particular perspective.

The simple reality is that, when it comes to discriminating against tax payer beliefs, public schools do that way more often—and, at times, much more blatantlythan private schools. But there is also a further level of discrimination at work in these sorts of situations.

Because while Magdalena has often explored the possibility of enrolling her daughter in private school, she just can't swing the cost. A voucher or a tax credit scholarship wouldn't cover the tuition entirely, but those programs would make it manageable. However, Magdalena does not live in one of the fourteen states that have voucher programs or in one of the seventeen states that have tax credit scholarships. So, because Magdalena lives in a particular school district within a particular state, and because home schooling just really isn't an option for her family she has no choices when it comes to her daughter's education; her

pool our money together, and we use that money to uphold and protect and enhance the quality of our national life. That big pool of money is called taxes. And, yeah, we often gripe about how much we have to contribute to that pool, and we are often appalled at how the money actually gets spent. But, surely, we should all be able to agree that one of the best investments we can make with that money is to guarantee that everyone in the country has access to the kind of education they desire.

But it's that last phrase--'the kind of education they desire'that's the real kicker. Because when it comes to education, the folks who mold our culture and moderate our conversations just don't trust people to make good choices for their children. And they especially don't trust people like Magdalena, people



REV. DALE CHRISMAN FAITH COLUMNIS

School choice, school funding formulas, vouchers, charter schools, Robin Hood. Any discussion about the merits of public versus private education and how they're funded is sure to generate raised voices. I'm just a pastor of a small church in the Cedar Park and Leander area. I do not claim to know anything about such a complicated and controversial subject.

However, the editor requires that I share a few thoughts for this Roundtable. So, here goes. The editor posed the question with a couple of loaded words. "Are school choice programs fair to taxpayers since they support private religious schools that may discriminate against taxpayer beliefs?"

Note that the editor's question doesn't identify what kind of religious school. Therefore, I'm assuming he means Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and any other religious school. My example below, though, just addresses those of us with a Christian worldview.

Let's turn that question back with different phrasing. "Is it fair that taxpayers must fund schools that teach things that are diametrically opposed – discriminate against - to what they believe as a Christian?" I'm thinking specifically about the large city school districts like Austin, Dallas, and Houston. When I look at the subjects they teach and the causes they support, I cringe. They clearly discriminate against the beliefs of taxpayers who have a Biblical worldview.

If your answer to the editor's question is "no," then your answer to my hypothetical question must also be "no.' You cannot say "no" to the first and "yes" to the second. Otherwise, you're a hypocrite. The fact is, Christians support schools with their tax dollars, schools which teach things that are opposed to Biblical teachings. So, what's wrong with allowing students and their parents to have a choice in how those tax dollars are spent on their education?

Pastor Mark Brown is the Senior/Founding Pastor at Faith City Church in Austin. Twitter: @PastorMarkBrown of bigotry.

That sort of thing happens all the time. Nevertheless, the folks who mold our culture and moderate our conversations worry a whole lot more about Marjorie than they do about Magdalena—and that's reflected in the way this Round Table question is framed. Of course, the big irony is that while we're discussing whether it's fair to use Marjorie's tax dollars to subsidize the teaching of creationism, no one is suggesting that her son should be forced to study Intelligent Design. However, not only are Magdalena's taxes being used to finance the promotion of sexual diversity, her daughter is also being required to learn about

the local public school. Of course, Marjorie also lives in a specific school district, but her son does not have to attend those schools because she makes more money than Magdalena. Now Marjorie isn't wealthy—in fact, she makes all kinds of sacrifices in order to keep her son in that private school. Nevertheless, her income gives her choices that Magdalena and her daughter will never have.

daughter has to attend

Which brings us back around to the issue of taxes: In America, we

who are religious conservatives

I mean, who are we kidding? There are undoubtedly a lot of lower income folks out there who are not at all conservative and are not in any way religious, and they would like to send their children to a secular private school. However, progressive politicians and professional educators and elite media types consistently oppose school choice programs even for those people. Because if we use our tax dollars to support secular private schools, then we will also have to use our tax dollars to fund private religious schools-and, for the folks in the upper

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It's full speed ahead for 'Baby Driver'

By SCOTT W. COLEMAN Hill Country News

Every now and then a movie comes along that defies description by typical genre standards.

"Baby Driver" is one such movie, aggressively racing in its own direction while blasting through any attempt to describe 'exactly' what type of film it is.

Ansel Elgort, an upand-coming actor whose star is on the rise following turns in the "Divergent" series and "The Fault in Our Stars," both opposite Shailene Woodley.

Taking the lead in "Baby Driver" required Elgort to step up his game, sharing screen time with Oscar winners Kevin Spacey and Jamie Foxx, and Elgort rises to the occasion, playing the role of a young getaway driver in Doc's (Spacey) crime organization.

Baby — yes, that's his name, as he keeps having to say — is a reluctant member of Doc's crew and wants out. But, in criminal organizations, things like getting out don't come easily.

"One more job and I'm done," Baby tells Doc earlv in the film.

"One more job and we're straight," Doc replies. "Now I don't think I need to give you the speech about what would happen if you say no.

How I could break your legs and kill everyone you love, because you already know that, don't you?"

That's the point where writer/director Edgar Wright — who wrote and directed cult classics like "Scott Pilgrim vs. the World" and "Shaun of the Dead" — could have taken the easy route. Lots of car chases, a few quips about Baby's name, and a sentimental ending, and the film would have looked just like a dozen others coming out this year.

But Wright decided to take the film boldly into avant-garde territory, using a rousing soundtrack (which features inventively into the plot) to drive the ahead and then abruptly change gears from action to comedy, and from heavy drama to romance. Featuring a wide variety of music from the Beach Boys to Beck and the Commodores, Wright is able to deftly keep the story moving ahead without being dragged down by some of the script's darker or more emotionally heavy moments.

Baby's romantic interest, Debora — one character that could have used a bit more development - is nevertheless played well by actress Lily James ("Downton Abbey"). Jamie Foxx and Jon Hamm make the most of their

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Iron Maiden slays at San Antonio AT&T Center





Center in San Antonio, Texas on Saturday. June 24, 2017.

LEFT: Bruce Dickinson of Iron Maiden performs on their Book of Souls Tour at the AT&T Center in San Antonio, Texas on Saturday, June 24, 2017.



Photos by SCOTT W. COLEMAN TOP: Janick Gers of Iron Maiden performs on their Book of Souls Tour at the AT&T

'Book of Henry' cast is engaging, but not much else

By LAURIE COKER HCN Film Critic

Certainly, there are methods for stretching the truth and still creating a story that is at its core believable and engaging. The Book of Henry engages, but more because of its cast than its tale. Director Colin Trevorrow and writer Gregg Hurwitz play on every emotion possible but go far beyond the simple story of a unique and contemporary family. Heart-wrenching at times and seriously implausible at others, The Book of Henry harbors some quality themes - wrapped up in a stock fairytale of sorts - and its players make the film worth a look.

Eleven-year-old Henry Carpenter, played beautifully by Jaeden Lieberher, is a boy beyond exceptional, who lives with his waitress mother, Susan (Naomi Watts) and his precious little brother, Peter (Jacob Tremblay). Precocious Henry invents, does his family's finances, invests in the stock market and moons over his pretty next-door neighbor who has a dark secret. Equally menacing, however, is the tumor settled inside Henry's head. Once the youngster realizes his days are numbered, he creates a plan to save the girl and set his family up for life after Henry

- including financial and emotional stability.

Credit needs to be given to Trevorrow for fashioning a pretty film filled with rich characters and beautiful imagery, even if Hurwitz's story plays on the absurd and rudimentary. Lieberher makes Henry believable and sympathetic and Watts plays beautifully beside him.

Little Tremblay is adorable beyond words perhaps too much so, but the family relationship pleases. Comedian Sarah Silverman, as a plucky, boozing waitress and friend offers some oddly placed comedic relief and Lee Pace steps up as the film's Knight as Henry's extraordinarily compassionate neurosurgeon. They make the film magical even if the story pushes boundaries.

There are two plots in The Book of Henry - one within his head and home and the other plays out with the creepy neighbor, Glenn Sicklman (Dean Norris) and his stepdaughter, Christina (Maddie Zeigler) – neither is particularly fresh. The film is a bit of an anomaly - one that borders on special and somehow manages to go too far and stay too simple. As a result, I can recommend the film and offer up a C+/Bgrade, but I know it won't please everyone.

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Sports HILL COUNTRY NEWS www.HillCountryNews.com Third time's the charm

Former Longhorn Drew Stubbs returns to Rangers organization for third time **By ZACH SMITH**

Drew Stubbs has come home.

Sports Editor

The national championship winner with the University of Texas and nineyear MLB veteran has spent nine seasons in the major leagues but joined the Texas organization as a free agent for the third time in his career in mid-Mav.

"I'm able to make the 25-minute commute up here and there's really nothing like that," he said. "Everybody here is trying to get to the big leagues for the first time or in my case, get back there. Hopefully, the stay isn't all too long, but given the circumstances, while I'll be here, it's better than being anywhere else."

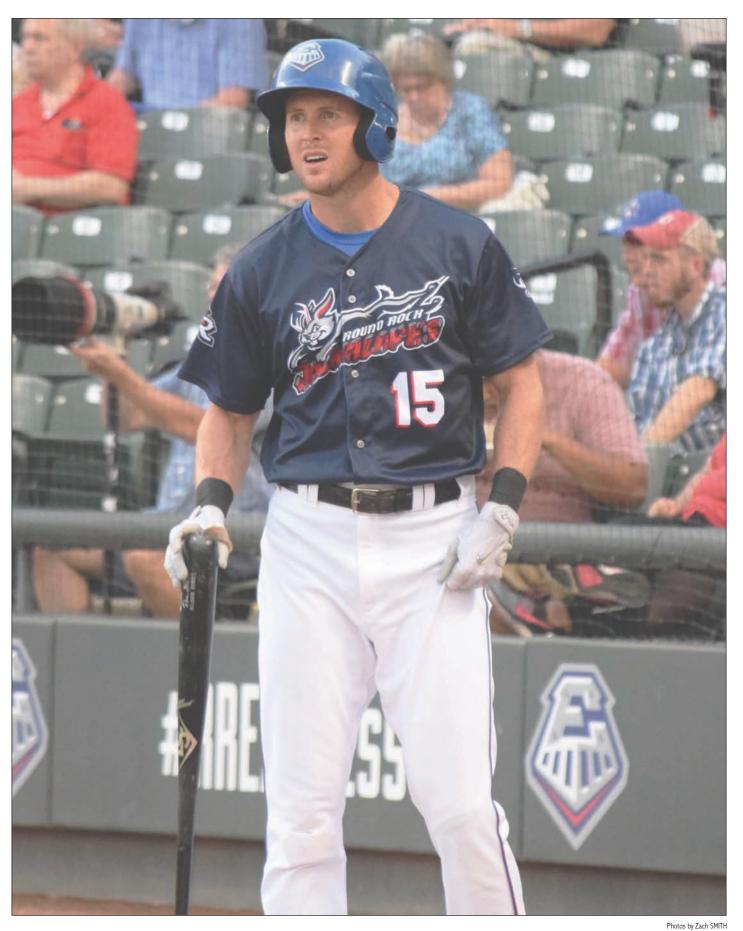
His first stint in Texas was in 2015 after being released by the Colorado Rockies, where he appeared in seven Round Rock games before spending most of September in the majors. Stubbs donned the Express uniform for 12 games last year on a rehab assignment while his sprained left toe healed.

This season, he's spent time with the Minnesota Twins and San Francisco Giants, the seventh and eighth different organizations he's spent time with since getting drafted in 2006.

"Everybody's kind of got the way they do things and handle player personnel," he said of the differences in organizations. "I've been fortunate to not have bad experiences. There have been things I like more than others, but I can't complain."

Since joining the Express this season, he's been a key part of the offense, boasting a .299 average with six home runs and 24 RBIs. Defensively, the center fielder has just one error in 44 appearances.

"He's been here and he's been up in the majors and he's done a good job," Express manager Jason Wood said. "They haven't always wanted to get rid of him, it just happened to be a transitional type deal or a roster move so they move what he can do. They can call him up and he can fit in right now because they know he can do."



Drew Stubbs signed for the Round Rock Express in May, joining the Texas Rangers organization for the third time in three seasons. He won a national title with the

Stubbs was a first round pick in 2006 and spent the first six seasons of his career with the Cincinnati Reds. He spent 2013 with the Cleveland Indians and 2014 and most of 2015 with the Colorado Rockies.

For his career, he's batting .242 in the major leagues with 92 home runs and 283 RBIs in 911 appearances. His minor league numbers are even more impressive, holding a .269 average, 38 dingers and 219 RBIs.

For Stubbs, it doesn't matter where he was drafted. The teams might have given him more of a look early on based on his pick, but after a few years in the system, all of the draft picks tend to even out.

"Once the draft is over, you're one of

University of Texas in 2005.

50 guys drafted by your team," Stubbs said. "When it comes to draft picks, you're a success if you just make it to the big leagues. If you can stick around for a while, you've been a good investment for your team."

At 32 years old, he still believes he has plenty to offer a major league team. And whether that's Texas or some other squad, he hopes to be back in the big leagues sooner than later.

"I was just looking to get at-bats in Triple-A and I knew the organization and staff," Stubbs said. "I have an out every two weeks where if any other team has a need, I can take the spot. So I'm essentially playing for 29 other teams too. But hopefully, stuff works out where I can go up to the Rangers."



Drew Stubbs steps up to bat for the Round Rock Express

UIL proposes shift to Class 5A, relaxes television blackout

By ZACH SMITH Sports Editor

The UIL announced last week that it would split Class 5A football districts into separate divisions before the season started.

Based on enrollment, all 5A schools will be separated into Division I and Division II before the 2018 season starts and the districts will be formed based upon those numbers. In LISD, Cedar Park with an enrollment of more than 2000, will be in Division I while Rouse will most likely join them.

"It's kind of new territory for everyone," Rouse head coach Josh Mann said. "If you're in the Division II schools you like it. For the smaller schools, it balances out and creates separation so you don't have to wait until playoffs."

The biggest question yet to be answered with the realignment is travel and whether or not the further separation of 5A schools will create longer, previously avoidable, trips for district football games. Schools in lower classifications have had this rule in place for some time, but schools of that size al-



Photo by Zach SMITH

Cedar Park will be in Division I when the Timberwolves are realigned before the 2018 season. Mak Sexton led Cedar Park to a state championship as a sophomore in Class 5A in 2015.

ready have to travel a long distance for athletics.

"It's a good idea," Cedar Park head coach Carl Abseck said. "It levels the playing field for some of the schools that have smaller enrollments. We kind of knew what we were going to be, but now we'll know for sure. The interesting

part will be which way we go when they split it. We could be in Region 4 or Region 3 and I really don't have any idea where we'll end up."

The current 5A classification consists of schools with an enrollment between 1,100 and 2,149. If those numbers stay the same, Division I would be schools with enrollment between 1,742 and 2,149 and Division II of 1,100 to 1,741.

Glenn is the wildcard in LISD. The Grizzlies are projected to be above the 1,100 student threshold for 5A status when the districts realign before the 2018 season, but if they are in 5A Division II, LISD would have schools in 6A, 5A Division I and 5A Division II.

Mann said Rouse should have an enrollment in the mid-1800s next season, putting them in the range for Division I status. But in the year when the realignment starts, the last seniors class will be going to Glenn and he expects the enrollment to drop to the 1600 range.

"We're kind of a pickle," Mann said. "This last realignment, we were projected to have an enrollment over 2,000,

Cedar Park native wins Great Texas 300

By ZACH SMITH Sports Editor

Mike Rohrer chose to spend his Father's Day weekend out on the open seas.

Rohrer, who has lived in Cedar Park with his wife Laurinda for 25 years, traveled to South Padre Island to begin the 15th running of the Great Texas 300, a five-day, four-stage, 300-mile catamaran boat race from South Padre Island to Galveston.

"One of the things about this race is you find out things you never knew you could do because you don't have a choice most of the time," Rohrer said. "It's a pretty significant sailing feat just to finish a leg. Sometimes the directions of the wind play a factor, but you still have to sail it."

Rohrer and his crew Chris Holt, of Austin, won the GT300 with a time of 18 hours, 40 minutes and nine seconds, beating the second-place finisher by nearly four hours. Rohrer previously won the race in 2004 and finished second in 2009, when he lost by just 15 seconds.

The duo won the first leg on Wednesday by more than four hours due to mechanical difficulties by the other four boats in the race. They also finished first in Leg 2, finishing 18 minutes before the second place catamaran.

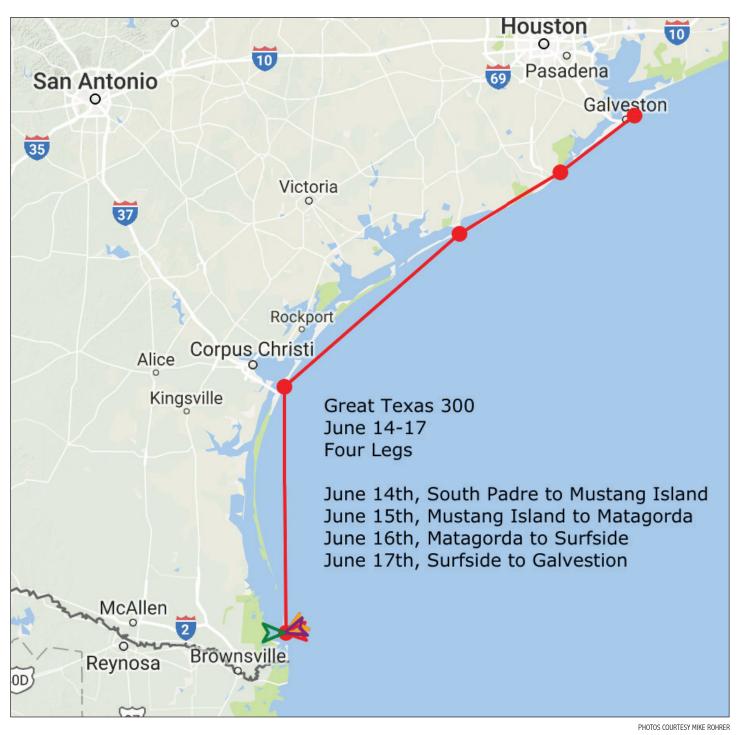
Friday was the only day they had trouble, finishing 21 minutes behind the Leg 3 winning duo of Lee Wicklund and David Cerdas, and three minutes back of second place. Still, the lead they had built up was enough for them to hold on, thanks to winning Saturday's Leg 4 by two minutes.

"It was the third fastest time in the years we've been recording it," he said. "I had a four-hour lead after the first day, and as long as I didn't have some big issue, I was going to win. We just had to make sure we didn't take any big risks."

Weather played a factor this year. One boat didn't even begin the race because of the rough seas, while another had trouble on the first day with a damaged rudder. The boat launched to start the race but was forced to head to the beach where it was repaired with Gorilla Tape before re-entering the competition.

When the winds are less and the sun is shining, many times the race is longer, slower, and much less grueling. But when the winds are howling and waves are big, the race can go quickly but be brutal.

"You don't know what's going to happen sometimes," Rohrer said. "The weather sets the stage. It can be a beautiful sail, or it can be hellacious depending on the weather conditions. There are nerves when you leave. You pretty much know if you go to the beach, you have to help yourself out because it's going to be hard for somebody to get to you." Catamaran racing was most popular in the 1970s and 1980s and was brought to prominence thanks in part to the Worrell 1000, a 1,000-mile race beginning in South Beach, Florida and ending in Virginia Beach, Virginia.



Cedar Park native Mark Rohrer traveled 300 miles over five days in the Great Texas 300, a catamaran boat race from South Padre Island to Galveston.



Rohrer, the treasurer of the Great Texas Fleet, said the future of the race is still up in the air. With the decrease in numbers, making the race a yearly occurrence might prove difficult as they may shift to holding a GT300 every other year.

Victorious, Mark Rohrer celebrates after winning the Great Texas 300 in Galveston.

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but we haven't been over 2,000 in two years."

Schools also have the option to move up to Division I even if they have Division II numbers, creating yet another wrinkle in the inevitably complicated discussions to come and effectively defeating the purpose of the split.

While the 5A split drew the most headlines from the meeting, it wasn't the only proposal the superintendents passed.

The UIL said it will

enforce stricter policies regarding fighting on the football field, citing 16 acts of violence reported to the board last season. And of the six new sports brought to the attention of the UIL, only water polo will be monitored for consideration in the future.

Friday night football games have not been allowed to be broadcasted live on television, but that might be changing. The board passed a motion to televise one game a year on Sept. 1 on Fox



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Abseck said televising the playoffs and the state championship games are fine, and having one special regular season game on TV is something he could get behind. But regular Friday night television coverage is not something he'd like to see.

"There is so much that goes on with the games

that TV wouldn't cover and I would hate that people would stay home," he said. "You've got the band and the cheerleaders and the TV can't really cover all that. If you're there you get to see the whole deal.

"That's what makes the atmosphere so much fun and makes Friday night football, Friday night football."



Emma Saler

Cody Winters

Tyree Wright

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Avery Clinger

Marcus Alonzo

Ian Crumpton

Paloma Groves

Daniel Ibarra

Athena Le

Rose Maillart

Graham Miller

Tyler Remmell

Macy Robbins

Hannah Taylor

Kaylie Turner

Olivia Vieira

Luke Berry

Brandon Chen

Miyah Dejesus

Benjamin Dell

Logan Duffey

Astoria Ernst

Rhea Erukulla

Caleb Francis

Chloe Harris

Nate Heath

Jaden Howell

Lola Huckelba

Rylee Johnson

Larracas

Sean Lenhart

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Nicolas Murphy

Gabriel Myers

Emma Nagel

Elliot Ogden

Nicole Pattridge

Avery Pollard

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Abigail Seitz

Ryan Sovich

Katharine Terry

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Natalie Vuong

Braden Watson

Gabrielle Wood

Dvlan Whyte

Kiersten Zyla

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Shaun Beakley

Jaclyn Burke

Emily Caperton

Seoyeon Chae

Amy Choi

Sabrina Cole

Dvlan Couch

Kira Gelhaus

Lainey Gray

William Hines

Kiefer Hoang

Hailee Lambert

Mia Mueller

Katie Nguyen

Paige Norling

Zander Owens

Clara Proulx

Rachel Raring

Peyton Rowley

Addison Sees

Karson Smith

Noah Sobotka

Jayden Spencer

Hayden Taylor

Joshua Tran

Atharv Vani

Landry Webster

Tony Williams

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Claire Albaugh

Saron Amsalu

Brendan Baker

Grant Becnel

Eeva Chick

Lily Cohen

Nathan Cox

Evan Daly

Joseph Cooper

Moira

Carson Reid

Noah Orr

Yadhira Eguia

Bella Seitz

Emily Resa

Jiwoo Lee

Johnny Li

Samuel Harsch

Ian Coffey

Avery Seale

Jack Morris

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Ice cream is synonymous with summer, when rising temperatures and Independence Day call for some refreshing celebration. Those who want to experiment with homemade ice cream may want to consider the following recipe for "Dulce de Leche Ice Cream" from Lou Seibert Pappas' "Ice Creams and Sorbets" (Chronicle Books)

DULCE DE LECHE ICE CREAM Makes about 1 quart

Ingredients

2 cups half-and-half or milk 4 large egg yolks 1/2 cup sugar 12 ounces butterscotch chips, divided

- 1 cup heavy whipping cream 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- · Prepare a large bowl or pan of ice
- water. • In the top of a double boiler, heat
- the half-and-half over simmering

water until steaming. In a bowl, whisk the egg yolks until blended, then whisk in the sugar. Whisk in about half of the hot half-and-half and pour the yolk mixture into the pan of half-andhalf. Stir with a silicone spatula or spoon and cook over simmering water for about 8 minutes. Stir in 1 cup of the chips and continue stirring until blended in and the custard coats the back of the spatula, about 2 minutes more. Immediately place the custard pan in the ice bath and stir the custard occasionally until it cools to room temperature. Transfer to a container and stir in the cream and vanilla. Cover and refrigerate until thoroughly chilled, about 3 hours.

 Freeze in an ice cream maker according to the manufacturer's instructions. When the ice cream is almost frozen, add the remaining 1 cup chips and churn until blended in, about 15 seconds more. Transfer to a container, cover and freeze until firm, about 2 hours

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screen time as fellow bad guys Bats and Buddy, with Hamm delivering a particularly impressive performance.

("The Jon Bernthal Dead"), Eliza Walking Gonzalez (television's "From Dusk Till Dawn" series), and Flea of the Red Hot Chili Peppers round out the notable cast, though "Lost" actor Lanny Joon has a short but memorable appearance.

In the end, "Baby Driver" is a wonder of modern filmmaking: a film that is at once an action-adventure, romantic comedy, drama, crime story, escapist fantasy that is at the same time really neither of those.

It's the kind of film one has to experience to truly understand. Since it's playing in area theaters starting June 27, you can do just that.



Ansel Elgort and Kevin Spacey star in "Baby Driver."

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All proposals shall be accompanied by a certified cashier's check upon a national or state bank in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total maximum bid price payable without recourse to the Village of Point Venture, or a bid bond in the same amount from a reliable surety company, as a guarantee that bidder will enter into a contract and execute performance bond within ten (10) days after Notice of Award of contract to him. The bid security must be enclosed in the same envelope with the bid. The successful bidder must furnish performance bond and payment bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price from an approved surety company holding a permit from the State of Texas.

Specifications, bidding documents and pre-qualification requirements may be secured from Haynie Consulting, Inc., 1010 Provident Lane, Round Rock, Texas 78664 for a non-refundable charge of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per each digital project set. Should a bidder find discrepancies in or omissions from the Specifications, he should notify the Engineer, Tim Haynie, P.E. with Haynie Consulting, Inc., at (512) 837-2446 ext. 205 or by email at thaynie@haynieconsulting.com, and obtain clarification prior to submitting any bid.

Monday through Friday, by contacting Marilee at 512-267-0359 or marilee@jonestown.org.

NOTICE OF SECOND PUBLIC HEARINGS

The City Council of the City of Leander, Texas (the "City"), will hold the second public hearings in the Council Chambers at the Pat Bryson Municipal Hall at 201 N. Brushy Street. Leander. Texas, on July 13, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comments on the proposed initiation of annexation proceedings of the following generally-described areas of land. Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings that will be held at the time and place listed above, to-wit:

Public Hearings:

Area A. All those certain parcels or tracts of land located in Williamson County, Texas and Travis County, Texas, generally located south of CR 280, north and east of Old FM 2243 West / Nameless Road, west of N. Bagdad Road / CR 279.

Area B. All those certain parcels or tracts of land located in Williamson County, Texas and Travis County, Texas, generally located south of CR 281, west of N. Bagdad Road / CR 279, north of CR 280, east Round Mountain Road.

Area C. All those certain parcels or tracts of land located in Travis County, Texas, generally located south and east of the meanders of Nameless Road, south of CR 290, north of Nameless Ranch Road.

Area D. All those certain parcels or tracts of land located in Travis County, Texas, generally located south and east of the meanders of Nameless Road, south of Honeycomb Drive and Mesa Oaks.

Area E. All those certain parcels or tracts of land located in Williamson County, Texas generally located south of the Jinks Branch and South Fork San Gabriel River, west of Highway 183 and the Metro Rail, north of Oak Grove Road, east CR 279.

Area F. All those certain parcels or tracts of land located in Travis County, Texas, generally located west of Nameless Road, north of Long Hill Drive, south and east of Pecan Hollow.

The above-described areas of land to be annexed are more particularly described in the maps and materials related to the above referenced annexations, which are available for inspection at City Hall, 200 W. Willis St., Leander, Texas, and will be available at the public hearings.

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Stay safe and productive



With a few weeks of summer already checked off the calendar, I wanted to take a moment to discuss a few items that will help our students and families stay safe and productive this summer. While this break can be a much-needed time to relax, spend quality time with friends and make new family memories, it also holds a greater potential for harmful activities and risky behavior.

Despite academic gains during the school year, students who lack access to learning opportunities over the summer fall behind. disproportionately among students from lower-income households, and the loss is cumulative year-to-year. Summer learning loss is most pronounced in the areas of reading, spelling and math, with some disadvantaged students returning to school in the fall roughly 2.6 months behind in math.

Parents and guardians serve as our children's first and most important

teachers, and as such, LISD encourages them to seek out opportunities to practice reading, spelling and math in everyday activities. Find a recipe to make with your kids to practice reading aloud and converting fractions. Watch baseball and calculate batting averages or add the number of errors. Work on spelling "popsicle" or "solstice" while enjoying a summer drive.

Libraries host free activities and access to books. We have summer hours at Steiner Ranch Elementary School and Rouse High School (click Summer Information at leanderisd.org). City libraries offer programing for all ages. Families can access books in our digital library from their homes with the Overdrive website or mobile application.

In the same way reading can spark a child's imagination and fuel curiosity, building some time into each day for unstructured play is an important tool in allowing children to create and explore. Unstructured play is open-ended, child-led play without a particular goal or strategy — things like building forts, playing outside, making their own crafts and building with blocks. Behavioral scientists and educators are seeing increasing evidence that free play is one of the most effective ways for children to learn about independence, self-control, talent development, handling mistakes and emotional growth.

We have seen the power technology can have as a tool for teaching and learning. But building emotional skills through personal interaction can contribute to a well-rounded child. Spend time to find the solution for managing technology time for your family that works best for you.

Time with family and friends needs to be a precious commodity. I know as my son prepares for his freshman year in college while my other son comes home for his summer break from college, I will treasure the time at the breakfast and dinner table. Enjoy your family and talk to your children about the topics of the day, their friends and the things going on in their lives.

We hope you all have a fun, restful, safe and memorable summer. And we are excited to welcome you back Aug. 28 for our best year yet!

MEET THE CANDIDATES

• Three Democratic challengers - Christine Eady Mann, Mike Clark and Kent Lester - are vying for the 31st District Congressional seat held by Rep. John Rice Carter (R). All have set their sights on winning the March 6, 2018 Democratic primary for the right to oppose Carter in next year's general election.

Mary Jennings Hegar, an Afghanistan veteran and equality women's champion, is considering running for Congress in the 31st District, according to local Democrat leaders.



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joined a lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Defense in an effort to eliminate the military's Ground Combat Exclusion Policy, which kept female armed service members from officially serving in combat roles despite their long-standing record of doing so with honor. In the face of the suit and Hegar's outspoken opposition, the Pentagon changed its policy.

Hegar has written about her harrowing Afghanistan rescues and her challenge to the Pentagon's rules about women in combat in a book "Shoot Like a Girl: One Woman's Dramatic Fight in Afghanistan and on the Home Front." TriStar is making the book into a major motion picture and, according to The Hollywood Reporter, Academy Award winner Angelina Jolie is negotiating to play the role of Hegar.

Hegar was not available for comment for this story, but local Democrat leaders said she has been attending some of the Democratic meetings in the district and is clearly looking at the race, although she has not yet made a decision about whether or not to file as a candidate for next year's elections.

The three Democrat candidates in the race said they are undaunted by the possibility that Hegar might bring her star power to the campaign.

"I have heard that she is thinking about it," said Clark. "If she enters it will be another good Democratic voice."

Lester welcomes the challenge of a diverse primary.

"A primary is healthy for us," said Lester. "We went a long time when there was no one running."

Mann was somewhat more circumspect.

"I think it's great to have a choice among candidates in a Democratic primary, as long as the candidates have a track record of supporting Democrats and the principles of the Democratic

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Party," Mann said.

Whatever the possibility of Hegar's entry into the race, all of the current Democrat candidates are united about the opportunity and the importance of unseating the 75-year-old Carter.

"Unfortunately, his office is indifferent to hearing from people who disagree with him," Mann has said.

Clark was the Democrat nominee against Carter in 2016 and was defeated.

"He has been in a long time and gotten little or nothing done in terms of legislation for our community," Clark said of Congressman Carter.

A call to Carter's office seeking his comments on the 2018 race was not returned.

"He is taking us for granted, he doesn't show up," said Lester. "I think that our democratic institutions are under attack and need to be defended. Our future is being taught that the judicial system is rigged. That our election system is rigged. That the media is rigged. That the free press is our enemy. We must stop that false indoctrination."

Brian Cronin, a local democratic activist, said the District 31 primary demonstrates the growth and resurgence of the party.

"We already have three hardworking candidates in the race," Cronin said. "They are all passionate about representing people of Central Texas and going to DC to improve our government. The primary process will only strengthen their campaigns."

Cronin said if Hegar enters the campaign her candidacy would bring additional attention to the race. "It would also mean that we would have another outstanding candidate stepping forward to work for the citizens of Texas, which is always good news, Cronin said.

Cedar Park reminds water customers to "Think Twice"

Staff Report

With the hot summer weather here, the City of Cedar Park is ramping up its "Think Twice" campaign to remind water customers to follow their twice-perweek designated watering days and times, and to conserve water - reminding them that "A Little Water Goes a Long Way."

Outdoor irrigation ac-

and 23.47 million gallons each day. Following significant rainfall water production returned to more normal levels the following Wednesday and Thursday - 11.32 million and 9.5 million gallons, respectively.

Following the designated two-days-per-week watering schedule helps evenly distribute water use throughout the area, plus following the designated times helps customers get the most out of their efforts by watering when temperatures are lower thus helping to prevent evaporation. Customers with an address ending in an odd number are permitted to water with automatic irrigation systems or hose-end sprinklers on Wednesdays and Saturdays; customers with an address ending in an even number may water

Thursdays and Sundays. Businesses may irrigate their commercial property on Tuesdays and Fridays, regardless of address. Irrigation times for residential customers are before 10 a.m. and after 7 p.m.

Hand watering and drip irrigation are allowed any day, any time. The city strongly encourages customers with automatic irrigation systems to inspect their systems frequently: make sure that the days and times are set correctly, check for and repair broken heads and install a system backup battery annually. The City offers free irrigation system evaluations to homeowners and offers various rebates and freebies throughout the year. For more information visit www.WaterThriftyCedar-Park.org.

counts for most water usage in Cedar Park during stretches of hot weather. Water production often doubles during long stretches without rain, as evidenced last summer. For example, on a Wednesday and Thursday in mid-August last year, when Cedar Park was experiencing several weeks without rain, water production jumped to 22.53 million gallons

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Plan for development of Brushy Creek intersection is approved

By RICHARD LEGGITT Hill Country News

The Cedar Park City Council Thursday unanimously approved a plan for the development of 42 acres at the northwest corner of Parmer Lane and and Brushy Creek Road, ending a decade-long struggle to find an agreed upon use for the triangle-shaped prime property.

"This plan isn't perfect," said Mayor Matt Powell. "But it is very good. I have been working on this issue longer than any other."

Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem Stephen Thomas said it has been a challenging project because of the topography.

"It's been hard to find a better solution," he said.

The owners of the property, Ann and Gary Seaman, have been seeking an appropriate use of the oddly shaped parcel of land adjoining two major roads for more than 12 years. The plan approved last week calls for construction of 140 single family units in a gated community along Parmer Road and the development of retail space for offices and restaurants near the intersection.

"I am pleased to have such a good use of my old family home," said Ann Seaman. "It has taken a long time. I am here to speak in support of this project and to thank the developer, Millstone. When they were presented with a problem, they solved it. Thank you."

OTHER BUSINESS

Thursday city council also approved an amendment to the Cedar Park fiscal year 2017 capital budget in the amount of \$3.4 million for expansions to current fire and police facilities as well as utility projects. A special use permit was also approved to allow the opening of a Camp Bow Wow pet boarding kennel at 1805 Clover Lane.



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headline this year's Liberty Fest. In addition, the event will feature food, crafts, fireworks and a special area called "The Fun Zone" where, for a \$10 all-day ticket, fest patrons can play around with a bounce house, slides and other inflatable activities, as well as laser tag and a soccer kick. Gates open at 4:30 p.m. at the event's location near the Austin Community College campus. Fireworks will begin around 9 p.m. There will be partial road closures along Mel Mathis Blvd. during the festival, and the Capital Metro Leander Station will be closed so it can be used as a launching platform for the fireworks.



Granger Smith and Gary P. Nunn perform at Leander's Liberty Fest in 2015. This year's headliner will be Josh Abbott Band.

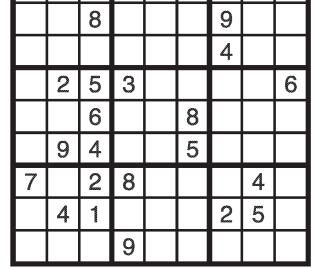
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use our tax dollars to support secular private schools, then we will also have to use our tax dollars to fund private religious schools—and, for the folks in the upper echelons of our society, that's just not acceptable.

In fact, when you get right down to it, the conflict here isn't actually about religion; it's not even about money; it's about the nature and purpose of education. For religious conservatives, education is about forming a child's character. Because when a child's identity is grounded in truth and beauty and goodness, then that child will become a young person who is thoughtful and humble and kind. But the folks who mold our culture and moderate our conversations have come to regard education as a means of social engineering—as a way to make sure that everyone thinks approved thoughts and speaks in authorized words and undertakes only acceptable actions. And when you're trying to get everyone to conform to your idea of what society should look like, any deviation from that norm is going to be seen as a threat.

Father Aidan Wilcoxson is the pastor of St John Orthodox parish in Cedar Park (www.theforerunner.org); he can be reached at fraidan@austin.rr.com.





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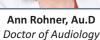


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