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John Gordon will face Larry Gonzales in runoff for the Republican nomination for State Representative District 52 according to results from the March 2 primary election. The winner of the runoff

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Hutto City Secretary Debbie Chelf resigned from her position to take

a new secretary role for the City of Jarrell Feb. 19. Christine Martinez will serve as Hutto's interim city secretary. more.impactnews.com/7430

Locally grown foods boost regional business development

Story Highlights

• Farmers team up to provide produce to restaurants · Locals can use community gardens to grow food

By Suzanne Haberman

Consumers in Williamson County cannot get enough fresh, locally grown produce. Residents increasingly buy local foods at farmers markets in Georgetown, Hutto and Taylor where attendance has more than doubled over the past three years, and many are planting their own gardens.

"Eating local has been brewing in the background for decades," said Natalie Vreeland, Williamson County and Cities Health District community garden program coordinator and horticulturalist. "But it has only been a couple of years that it has switched around 180 degrees."

In addition to the growing interest in the private sector, local foods are gaining popularity commercially. The restaurant industry is set to take the lead in capitalizing on local foods.

Monument Café owner Rusty Winkstern, who has learned the potential of the local foods industry by serving regionally grown, seasonal produce in his restaurant for seven years, plans to open Monument Market with his business partner Clark Lyda at the original café location, 1953 S. Austin Ave., in late April. The



LOCAL AND SUSTAINABLE A primary purpose of the local and sustainable food movement is for individual consumers to have the option to buy foods made as locally and sustainably as possible. There is no uniform definition for "local" or "sustainable" food products, but here is a general description for Local foods travel short distances to get

to consumers. Depending on the item (and the person's perspective), local can mean a neighbor's backyard, the Greater Austin area or the state of Texas

Sustainable foods are created in ways that protect the environment, fulfill the farmer's financial needs and support the local community—especially by ensuring that everyone has access to affordable,

Joe and Gloria Grier adopted an in-ground garden plot at Georgetown's Heritage Community Garden so they could grow food locally. Just before the snow storm in February, they covered their root crops—carrots, potatoes and onions—with plastic to help keep them warm.

market will be stocked with seasonal foods grown locally, within a 250-mile radius.

"We like the local food movement so much we are opening a seven-day-a-week farmers market," he said. "We will only purchase local, natural and organic products and produce. It will definitely be seasonal," he said, explaining that the stock of fruits, vegetables, meats, dairy,

eggs and dry foods will vary nearly every day.

The market will be open to the public, but Winkstern intends to let other chefs have top pick for their restaurants, making the shop available to them in the early mornings several times a week.

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Area census results key to increased funding, representation for cities

By Andrea Leptinsky

The 2010 census is at the doorstep for all Americans this spring. Depending on participation from local residents, Williamson County stands to see more federal funding, additional government representation and an increased level of responsibility in municipality management.

Aside from getting accurate numbers of residents living in the country, those who participate in the census control what resources communities receive from the government. Obtaining accurate community data is crucial in nationally apportioning seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and deciding how more than \$400 billion per year is allocated toward local projects, such as sidewalks, community centers and schools.

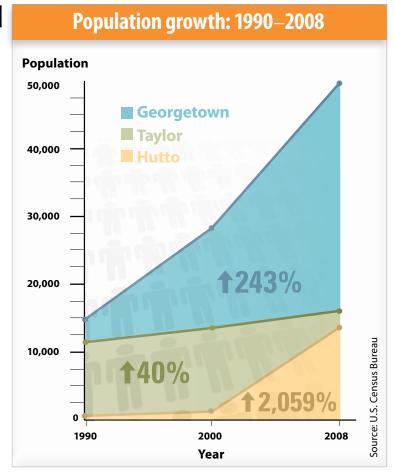
The census form is also taking on a new look for 2010. The form is one of the shortest in recent history, with only 10 questions that will take approximately 15 minutes to complete, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Looking locally: Georgetown

The census is integral for Georgetown's development as the city stands to pass its 50,000-population benchmark once results are released later this year. With this, new responsibilities and services will be available, such as:

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- A seat on the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's board of directors,
- Community Development Block Grant funding eligibility, and

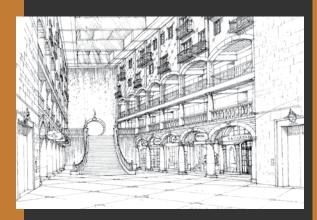
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General Manager's Note



In the News

While mowing my backyard last spring a giant green tomato fell out of my pecan tree, missing me by about 6 inches. Don't

bother re-reading that sentence—I was just as confused. I stared up into the tree for what seemed like an eternity, worried that at some point I had slept through a critical section of biology class. After a few minutes, however, a squirrel darted across a branch, the dots slowly connected and I realized that my neighbor's garden was probably missing some produce.

Thankfully, my other experiences with locally grown produce have been far more enjoyable (and less confusing). I am consistently impressed by restaurants that use fresh, local produce in their menu. While I'm certainly not a food critic, I can tell a big difference between fresh ingredients and something that comes out of a can.

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John P. Garrett, publisher

Places like Austin's Kerbey Lane Café and Monument Café in Georgetown may not be the cheapest places in town to eat, but I'll pay a little extra for the high-quality food and knowing I'm helping support local growers.

Reporter Suzanne Haberman takes a look this month at how local restaurants, gardeners and farmers are bringing you a better dining experience. The benefits aren't limited to dining out, however; as the weather warms up, local farmers markets will swing into action and provide an alternative to battling the crowds at the local grocery store. Keep an eye on our community calendar for farmers market options. You'll be impressed with the food and meet some great people, all at the same time.



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"Taylor has about 25 percent of its projects funded through grants [from the government]."

> –Jim Dunaway, Taylor city manager, on the importance of census counts to city budgets

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On Page 31, "Local gasoline's ethanol content," E85 is 85 percent ethanol, not 15 percent ethanol.

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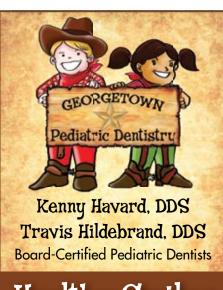
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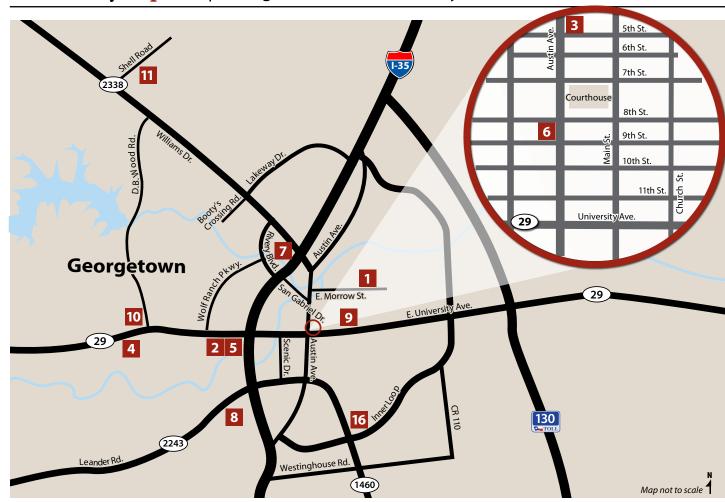
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Georgetown

Now Open

1 Sports coaches Matt and Katie Swartz formed the outdoor fitness program Body Transform Fitness for men and women of all ages and fitness levels March 1. The group meets at San Gabriel Park, 445 E. Morrow St., four times a week for fourweek sessions. Call 944-6137 or visit www.bodytransformfitness.com.

2 Golf specialty store Golf Ranch is scheduled to open at the Wolf Ranch Town Center in mid-March. Located at 1019 W. University Ave., Ste. 310, the locally owned shop managed by Dan and Loralee St. John features golf supplies, gifts and apparel and offers repair services and instruction. Call 863-4573.

3 Harden Healthcare recently launched the long-term care company MBS Integrated Care, which will be headquartered in Georgetown at 501 S. Austin Ave. Dr. Maryann Choi was named chief medical officer to carry out the company's mission of providing geriatric care at long-term care facilities, in hospice settings and at residences. Call 868-9078 or visit www.hardenhealthcare.com.

Coming Soon

4 Just Between Friends children's and maternity consignment event takes place March 25 to 27 at the Georgetown Church of Christ, 1525 W. University Ave. Individuals interested in consigning merchandise, such as nursery items, strollers, cribs, clothes and toys, can document and tag their inventory online

and then bring items to the church to earn up to 70 percent on sales. Merchandise not sold is donated to the Pregnancy Help Center of Williamson County and other charities. Call 817-223-1020 or visit www. jbfsale.com.

Managers of Zio's Italian Kitchen plan to open the casual dining restaurant in Wolf Ranch, 1015 W. University Ave., on March 22 in the former Village Inn building. The Georgetown location is the San Antonio–based company's 17th location, but the only one in Central Texas. Visit www.zios.com.

6 The Exchange at Annarella Consignment Boutique, 800 S. Austin Ave., Ste. A, began accepting children's brand-name and high-quality apparel for resale March 8 and will open the **Kids Exchange** March 15. The store will also carry a custom-made clothing line, Annarella Girl. Call 864-9822.

Relocating

7 Georgetown Realtor Marcy Urban relocated Urban Homes and Land to 204 S. IH 35, Ste. 201, on Feb. 13 from her location near the Square at 1102 S. Austin Ave., Ste. 106. Urban said she hoped her new location would give her business more exposure and the opportunity to expand. Call 763-1500 or visit www.urbanhomes and land.com.

Under New Ownership

8 Karim and Jeana Aliani recently purchased Paisano's Pizza and Pasta, 1211 Leander Road, Ste. 1211. The purchase came after Karim apprenticed to learn the original Italian recipes under the previous owners, Guiseppe and Rosa Pepe, who opened the restaurant in 1997. Call 863-6344.

In the News

9 The nonprofit organization Court Appointed Special Advocates, 605 E. University Ave., welcomed 10 volunteers Feb. 19 during a swearing-in ceremony conducted by Judge Suzanne Brooks. CASA volunteer guardians advocate for the interests of children in court under custody of the Texas Department of Family Services. Since forming in October 2009, approximately 13 citizens have taken the 30 hours of coursework to become volunteers. Call 868-2822 or visit www.casawctx.com.

10 The Georgetown Health Foundation, 1500 W. University Ave., Ste. 103, and St. David's Foundation donated \$100,000 to the nonprofit Capital IDEA Feb. 23 to help support adults pursuing healthcare professions through educational scholarships. Funds from the Georgetown Health Foundation will be awarded to qualifying Williamson County residents. Visit www.capitalidea.org or www.gthf.org.

11 Justus Foods Inc., 2522 Shell Road, Ste. B, the Georgetown-based company that manufactures Today's Farm's freezedried fruits, earned the recognition as small business of the year at the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce banquet Jan. 29. Call 868-5101 or visit www.justusfoods.com.

Hutto **•**

Relocating

12 The day habilitation center for adults with developmental disabilities, Beyond the Limits, moved from 677 W. Front St. to 104 S. FM 1660 in mid-February. The new facility is larger and sits on 1.5 acres with an on-site walking trail and garden through a partnership with Keep Hutto Beautiful. Call 846-1030 or visit www.beyondthelimits-hutto.com.

In the News

13 A traffic signal is planned for the intersection of Carl Stern Boulevard and S. FM 1660. The process is in the design stages and the Texas Department of Transportation will install the equipment in late 2010. The City of Hutto estimates the cost of installation to be \$300,000. Visit www.huttotx.gov.

14 Gulf Coast Paper Company Inc., 519 Tradesmen Park Drive, won the large business of the year award at the Hutto Area Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet Feb. 20. The company distributes paper products, janitorial and office supplies. Call 846-1199 or visit www.gulfcoastpaper.com. 15 The Hutto Area Chamber of Commerce also recognized Hutto Family Eye Care, 202 E. Hwy. 79, as the small business of the year. Call 846-1004 or visit www.huttofamilyeyecare-visionsource.com.

Hutto Independent School District Superintendent David Borrer was arrested Feb. 24 and charged with assault by contact, family violence, a Class C misdemeanor, according to Williamson County documents. As of March 4 Borrer had been placed on a 30-day paid administrative leave by the school board.

Closing the Doors

16 The Hutto Humane Society recently disbanded as former president Mahlon Arnett said the interests of Hutto animals were being met by the Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter, 1855 S.E. Inner Loop in Georgetown. The Hutto Humane Society donated remaining funds to Hutto's no-cost spay and neuter program and the Association of Certified Cruelty Investigators. Call 869-1893.

Taylor =

Now Open

17 Consignment boutique Antiques & Things recently opened at 900 W. Second St. Owner Sybil Gole manages the store's wide array of merchandise including dishes, candles, jewelry, crafts, vintage clothing and more. Husband Dan Vanecek of Dan's Upholstery offers refurbished furniture for sale at the location. Call 352-2257.

18 Lance and Jamie Kirkpatrick opened the restaurant Mimosa at 120 W. Fourth St. on Feb. 14. Lance brings 20 years of restaurant experience to fuse homestyle fare with fine dining touches. The menu features daily quiche, soups, salads, sandwiches, ribeye and chicken fried steaks. Mimosa is open Monday to Wednesday 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday to Saturday 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a buffet-style brunch. Call 309-1642.

In the News

19 The Taylor Chamber of Commerce honored Brookshire Insurance Agency as the small business of the year at its annual chamber banquet Jan. 21. Located at 1611 Old Granger Road, the independent agency has served Central Texas since 1973. Call 365-2241 or visit www.brookshireins.com.

Chambers of Commerce honor local businesses, residents

Georgetown, Hutto and Taylor's chambers of commerce celebrated the accomplishments of community members during 2009 at their annual

During the ceremonies held in the first quarter of 2010, the chambers honored outstanding businesses, organizations and citizens.

Visit more.impactnews.com/7433 for a complete list of honorees in each city and additional web content.

News or questions about Georgetown, Hutto or Taylor? E-mail ghtnews@impactnews.com.



The Just Between Friends children's and maternity consignment event takes place March 25–27 at the Georgetown Church of Christ.



Optometrist Sarah Johle, owner of Hutto Family Eye Care, was recognized as the small business of the year by the Hutto Area Chamber of Commerce Feb. 20.



Restaurant owner Lance Kirkpatrick and bartender Cheryl Blankenship recently opened **Mimosa** in Taylor.

Community Events



March I

13 Georgetown Pet Clinic

Veterinarian John Tarlton provides annual vaccinations for dogs and cats at reduced rates benefiting Sammy's House, a nonprofit for special needs children.

Georgetown Farm Supply, 1300 W. University Ave. 9-11 a.m. • \$5-\$20 • 238-1093

Arbor Day Tree Planting

Volunteers plant trees in the park and enjoy breakfast and refreshments hosted by Hutto Parks and Recreation. Fritz Park, 306 E. Live Oak, Hutto • 8 a.m.-noon • Free 759-4000 • www.huttotx.gov

17-21 ArmadilloFest

More than 50 local, national and worldwide musicians perform live on two stages in a variety of genres over five days. Armadillo Hall, 200 E. Fourth St., Taylor • Various show times • \$5-\$12 • 428-8820 • www.armadillohall.com

21 Barbeque Chicken Dinner

Benefit dinner, drawings and auctions to help Taylor resident Brian Gross cope with his medical expenses. Knights of Columbus Hall, 2201 E. Fourth St., Taylor 11 a.m.-1 p.m. • \$8 • 352-2627

19–27 Spring Fling Relay for Life Fundraisers

Guest artisans, trunk show, silent auction, modeling and door prizes at the shop; participants receive a \$10 voucher to Mimosa and \$5 from each ticket benefits Relay for Life Frills, 203 W. Fourth St., and Mimosa, 120 W. Fourth St., Taylor • \$15 • 352-5518

27 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Williamson County residents drop off recyclables, including chemicals, electronics, plastics and tires without rims; Goodwill on-site to collect donations

Austin Community College, 1555 Cypress Creek Road, Cedar Park • 10 a.m.-2 p.m. • Free • www.wilco.org

Fifth Annual Keep Hutto Beautiful Trash-Off

Volunteers gather for a pep rally and to pick up trash and clean up the city; breakfast, lunch and door prizes provided Fritz Park, 306 E. Live Oak St., Hutto • 8 a.m.—noon • Free 759-4000 • www.huttotx.gov

Citywide garage sale

Two parking lots off the Square will be available for residents wishing to conduct their own mini garage sale. Leftover sale items may be donated and picked up by The Caring House. Registration is required.

The Square, Georgetown • 8 a.m.—2 p.m. • Free browsing, \$25 (per one space) • 868-8675 www.thegeorgetownsquare.com

Taylor Regional Park and Sports Complex Grand Opening

Family activities, live music, giveaways and a Taylor Youth Baseball tournament hosted by Taylor Parks and Recreation and the Taylor Family YMCA

Taylor Regional Park and Sports Complex, 201 Carlos Parker Blvd., Taylor • 9 a.m.-noon • Free • 365-7669 www.taylortx.gov

April

2 Gator Gala

Latin-themed event with food, cash bar, silent auction, dancing and live music by Del Castillo, benefiting the Orenda Education's Gateway College Preparatory School Georgetown Community Center, San Gabriel Park, 445 E. Morrow St., Georgetown • 7:30 p.m. • \$75 • 869-3020, 868-4947 • www.gatewaycps.org

Calendar events for print must be submitted by the 22nd of the month. Submit events and find our Central Texas calendar online at www.impactnews.com/calendar.

Business Profile | Sport Clips Inc. Georgetown



The staff at Sport Clips' 1103 Rivery Blvd. location in Georgetown service their niche clientele, men who love sports. Each Sport Clips store is decorated with sports memorabilia.

By Andrea Leptinsky

The City of Georgetown may be working toward its own longterm growth plan, but one of its biggest businesses is dealing with exponential growth now and expects 2010 to be its biggest sales year on record.

Sport Clips Inc., a sportsthemed haircare franchise for men and boys, has experienced tremendous growth while headquartered in the city. Founder and Chief Executive Officer Gordon Logan first came to Georgetown in 1985 with his wife, Bettye. Twenty-five years later, they have raised a family, fostered a startup company into a national franchise and become award-winning philanthropists—all in Georgetown.

"It's been a lot of fun," Logan said. "I wouldn't change a thing."

Headquartering Sport Clips in Georgetown has been nothing but positive for the business, Logan said. Not only are newly hired employees excited to relocate to the area, but the amenities the city has to offer only makes Sport Clips' selling points that much better.

"From a business standpoint, Georgetown's been a plus," Logan said. "There are some great people. It's an amazing blend of people that come from all over and from different places, but once they get here they fit right in."

Aside from working in a positive atmosphere, Logan credited Sport Clips' success to its unique services designed for male clientele. Each Sport Clips store is decorated in a sports theme, including locker-style workstations, memorabilia on walls and large flat-screen TVs tuned to sporting events—forgoing the typical feminine ambience offered in traditional salons.

Each salon offers a variety of services. Men can ask for the "MVP Haircut," which includes shampoo, conditioner, haircut, steamed towel, and a neck and shoulder massage. One step down from the MVP service is the triple play haircut, which offers only a wash, cut and steamed towel. Children can also participate in these services, but under

the "JV" section of the menu. These services include the junior varsity haircut, JV triple play, or JV MVP treatment, and others. But if a woman comes in wanting a haircut, a stylist will certainly oblige.

"We wanted to be the first in this market and establish ourselves as a brand, so when anyone thinks of haircuts for boys they think of Sport Clips," said Logan of the company's hopes when it first appeared on the market. "We started in Texas and established ourselves as a strong, local and regional chain. We wanted to expand to a national chain as rapidly as possible."

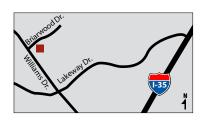
Logan's business practices have proven rewarding. He said Sport Clips is on track to reach 1,000 stores nationwide within the next three years. And as it grows, the franchise has no plans to move off Briarwood Drive. This location, partnered with Georgetown's reputation as a quality city, has provided Sport Clips with an alluring business situation for potential co-workers.

"When our franchisees come in or people who are thinking

about becoming a franchisee [come in], they always comment that they're happy to see we aren't some big glass-and-steel skyscraper building somewhere, but we're in a very casual, relaxed neighborly kind of place," he said. "We own the lot next door for future expansions as well. We're here for the duration."

By the numbers

- **1995**: Sport Clips opens its headquarters in Georgetown
- **675**: Current number of Sport Clips stores nationwide
- 200: Local store and corporate employees
- 12 million: Number of clients expected this year
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Business Profile | Anytime Fitness Hutto



Anytime Fitness owner Chad Charnas moved from the Midwest to Hutto to open his own gym and work in the profession he loves.

By Suzanne Haberman

Anytime Fitness owner Chad Charnas keeps a copy of "Total Body Makeover" by Bob Greene, Oprah's personal trainer, in the office of his 24-hour gym. He draws clients' attention to the stunning before-and-after pictures on the back of the book, specifically the images of Renée Byrd, who lost more than 150 pounds naturally.

Byrd lives in Hutto and works out at Anytime Fitness. Before Anytime Fitness opened in her hometown, Byrd had to work out at a gym in Round Rock. While she was hesitant to switch gyms at first, Charnas impressed her with his friendly and down-to-earth management during their first consultation, which he offers to every potential member.

"He never tried to sell the gym membership on anything other than your health is important and that it's a good fit," she said.

Having a convenient and comfortable gym was paramount to Byrd's ability to stay fit. She said she found what she needed at Anytime Fitness in Hutto.

"You have such a sense of community here as far as the way the people are, the support that you get, no matter what your goals are and no matter what you look like," she said. "It's just constant support."

Charnas and his wife, Melanie, moved to Central Texas from Illinois in 2009 with the idea of opening a branch of the gym franchise. He had been in the food industry for 11 years—and still owns two Culver's restaurants in the Midwest—but said he was only good at the customer service aspect of the business.

"So we wanted to do something that played to my strengths a little better. Here I just get to work with my members and can focus on my hospitality," Charnas said.

Charnas was a member of Anytime Fitness before he considered running his own facility. He relied on working out not just for fun and stress relief, but to maintain his health so he could be a healthier

father for his two children.

"I've always needed it, so it just made sense for me to do something I'm passionate about," he said.

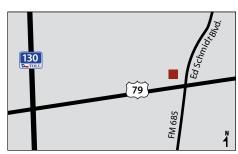
After researching other gym franchises, Charnas decided the eight-year-old Anytime Fitness company, based in South Hastings, Minn., offered the best concept for his business and the Hutto community, where he wanted to open his gym. Members can join the Hutto location for about \$35 a month and go to any of the approximately 1,200 gyms in the country. Members who opt to pay a little extra get access to an in-house tanning booth.

Charnas' passion toward his gym and fitness has been contagious. About 200 people signed up before he opened, and he is already halfway to reaching the company's designated cap of 1,200 members.

"We've surpassed every benchmark,"

Now Byrd is getting her personal training certification and planning on working at Anytime Fitness this spring or summer. Byrd said she would not have dreamed of becoming a trainer if Charnas had not encouraged her, just as he does all the members.

"Chad has really taken the time to be present in the gym," she said. "He talks to everybody and makes them feel important, and they are important."



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Business Profile | EAGLE Wealth Management Group, LLC Taylor



Now one of three locations in Williamson County, the 1927 house on the corner of Seventh Street and Hwy. 95 was the original location of EAGLE Wealth Management.

By Suzanne Haberman

Brothers Bo and Mo McKinney advocate you do not have to be wealthy to need wealth management advising. The team strategically named their financial consulting firm EAGLE Wealth Management Group, LLC to include the word wealth in reference to the financial goal they aim to help their clients attain.

"In order for people to achieve what they want to do in this lifetime, they have to grow their wealth," Bo said.

Helping their clients realize wealth through investments is part of the team's mission to enrich peoples' lives so they can be free to do what they want, whether the desire is to save for their retirement or children's college educations. Bo and Mo learned the value of a stable financial situation early in life.

The McKinney brothers grew up in Odessa, where they lived on their father's modest, postal worker's salary. Bo and Mo attended college on grants and loans.

"We had a great life, but we didn't have a lot of money," Bo said. "As we became more and more aware of what was out there and available, we began to move into the direction of financial services."

Both obtained licensing as certified financial planners and worked for the same corporate financial advising firm before opening the Taylor branch of EAGLE Wealth Management in 1989. They said they thought they could do a better job serving their clients independently than through a corporate environment.

"I came to Taylor and started knocking on doors, a great way in a small town to meet people," Bo said of how he added to his client base. "There were people who invited you in and offered you a glass of tea and cookies."

After more than 25 years as certified financial planners, Bo and Mo have helped people from all walks of life, starting with farmers and entrepreneurs who first welcomed them into their Taylor homes, and then Sun City retirees, professors and young professionals in Georgetown and Round Rock, where they recently opened two more offices. EAGLE Wealth Management also has

out-of-state clients.

Despite everyone's unique financial situation, two pieces of wealth management advice is a good start for nearly everyone, Bo said: Make a plan with specific goals early in life and stick to it.

"We take all the information about their goals and dreams and their current situation and come back to them and say, 'This is what you need to do in order to get where you want to be," Bo said. "Then we try to do our part to help people get there the best possible way we can with all the tools at our disposal."

In the McKinneys' toolbox, there are budgeting options, debt repayment guidance and traditional investment opportunities such as stocks and bonds. Where the brothers pride themselves, however, is in allocating a variety of alternative fund sources such as real estate, cash and private equity not linked to the fluctuating market. The diversified investments, many offered through the firm's connection with the broker dealer and equity company First Allied Securities Inc., help their clients achieve

financial security, Mo said.

"The part that's most rewarding to me is helping people solve their financial problems," Bo said, "seeing those goals come to fruition."



Brothers Bo and Mo McKinney have worked together at their financial consulting firm, EAGLE Wealth Management Group, LLC since 1989 when they opened in Taylor.



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Neighborhood Dining | Shanghai Express Georgetown



Shanghai Express offers lunch specials, such as Chicken Supreme, \$5.50, served with an egg roll, fried rice and choice of soup.

By Joseph M. de Leon

When Leo Ponce crossed the border from Mexico into Texas nearly 20 years ago, he neither considered opening a restaurant nor would have believed he would become skilled at preparing Chinese food.

Leo and his wife, Tiffany, own and operate Shanghai Express, located at 900 N. Austin Ave. in Georgetown. The restaurant offers weekday lunch specials, a Sunday buffet and group dining options.

Leo, a native of Querétaro,

Mexico, came to Austin in 1994. He scraped together a living throughout the Austin area working as a dishwasher in several restaurants.

"I only came here to work, and I always dreamed of owning a business, but I never imagined I could own a restaurant," he said. "It was a struggle getting here, but it's also a struggle running a restaurant."

In 1998, Leo worked as a dishwasher at Peking Palace in Round Rock, which closed in 2005. Over the next five years, he learned the

restaurant business.

Leo advanced from cleaning plates to cutting vegetables and finally to the cook's line. He learned how to combine meat, vegetables and sauces in a traditional interpretation of Chinese cuisine.

Leo then met Tiffany, who waited tables at the same restaurant. They married in 1999 and now have two boys, Devon, 10, and Benjamin, 4.

When the pair opened Shanghai Express in 2002, the restaurant could hardly seat 20 people and only employed one worker. In 2007, the restaurant expanded, adding a bar and quadrupling the restaurant's capacity. Now, 10 people work there.

"Sometimes it's hard to deal with running a restaurant. It's not my favorite part of the job to have to boss someone around," Tiffany said. "I also see how hard Leo works for the family and we miss out on spending time together."

While working long hours is a necessary sacrifice, Leo enjoys running the kitchen almost as much as he likes making sure clients are happy.

"I love to be around the customers and my workers," he said. "The most important thing is to make sure you treat people like family."

Guests can choose from more than two dozen lunch specials from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. during the workweek, each for less than \$6. The lunch entrées, such as Chicken Supreme, (\$5.50), include soup, egg roll and fried rice.

The menu includes chef's specialties, such as Dragon and Tiger Fight, (\$9.50), tiger shrimp, chicken, broccoli, mushrooms and snow peas served in a light white sauce. Shrimp Egg Foo Young, (\$9.50), is a lightly fried Chinese crêpe filled with jumbo shrimp and covered with a tangy brown sauce.

Groups can order House Gourmet Dinner C, (\$50.95), which includes appetizers and entrées for five including soup, crab rangoons, fried crispy apples, double-cooked pork, shrimp with snow peas, moo goo gai pan and other dishes.

Leo and Tiffany are proud the menu-along with the priceshas remained unchanged since

the doors opened eight years ago.

The couple said they occasionally think about what it would be like to open another restaurant—hunt for the perfect location, manage a new staff and spend additional time away from home.

"Sometimes it just feels like we work so much now with just one restaurant," she said. "It's a lot of work."

Leo nodded in agreement and after a pause said, "That's when we realize we're happy with what we have."



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Nonprofit Profile | Chisolm Trail Communities Foundation Georgetown



Michael Weir, a member of the Chisholm Trail board of directors, and Karen Cole, immediate past chairwoman, stand outside Chisholm Trail's office on West Eighth Street in Georgetown.

By Andrea Leptinsky

Georgetown's Chisholm Trail Communities Foundation is focusing on several initiatives in 2010 to help improve the quality of life for residents of all ages.

CTCF, formed in 1998 by a group of local citizens, offers support, guidance, grants and resources to area nonprofits that need assistance in all aspects of running a nonprofit organization. Additionally, CTCF works hard to provide grant funding to these organizations. To date, CTCF has issued more than 100 grants to organizations throughout Williamson County.

Seeds of Strength

CTCF is working on a new round of grant awards this spring as part of Seeds of Strength, a program that provides funding and assistance to Georgetown-area organizations that address community needs. Members of the Seeds of Strength group —all females—pay annual dues of \$1,000 each. With a combined total of \$55,000 in dues gained within the last year, Seeds of Strength is preparing to issue four \$10,000 grants and one \$15,000 grant to local nonprofit organizations this June.

"It's been an exceptional program for Chisholm Trail," said Karen Cole, CTCF immediate past chairwoman.

"Our main goal was to allow women to feel the power of collaborative giving through these grants," said Eugenia Koog, CTCF secretary and member of the board of directors. "Where one woman couldn't do much with one gift, when you bring people together they have enormous impact on the community."

Backpack Buddies

CTCF also works in conjunction with local churches on its Backpack Buddies program, which provides food to children in Georgetown elementary schools over the weekend.

"We've found that so many kids go hungry over the weekends," Cole said. "With the help of some super volunteers and Chisholm Trail we now serve 290 students mostly second graders—and we're trying to expand that more and more."

Backpack Buddies serves children that have been identified as not having a source of food from noon on Friday to breakfast on Monday and over the holidays, Koog said. Backpacks usually include canned meat, canned stews, noodles, juice boxes, healthy shakes, breakfast items, canned fruit and shelf-stable milk. According to CTCF, \$65 provides food for one child every weekend for a year.

Legacy giving

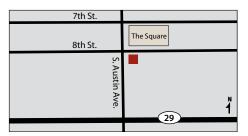
When it comes to CTCF's "bread and butter," legacy giving is what is going to keep these programs and others up and running for years to come, Cole said.

"Legacy funding is what we're really

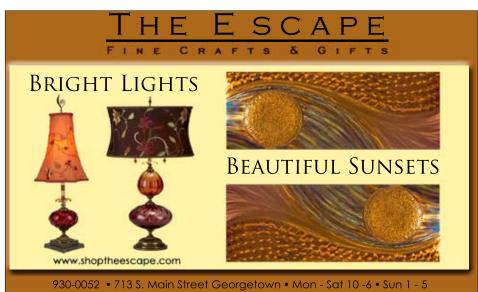
all about," she said. "We try to encourage people to remember to leave the foundation in their wills. We have a lot of people who have named us in their wills, and thank goodness none of them have passed, but at some point this foundation will be a major force in Georgetown."

Koog said she is constantly astounded at the willingness Georgetown residents show when serving their neighbors.

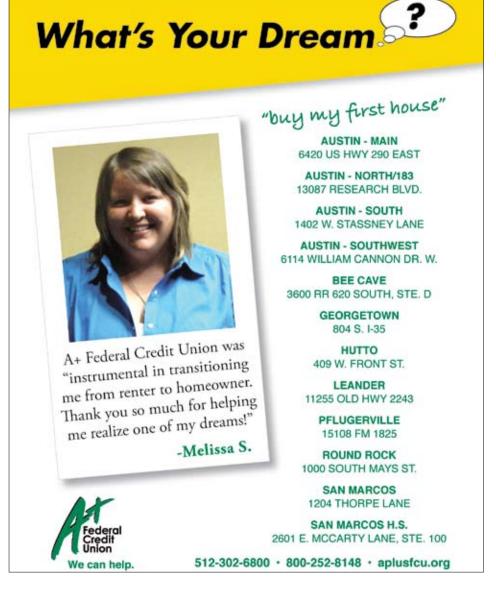
"This is not a lazy town," Koog said. "I've only been here for three years, and to see a town the size of Georgetown with so many people really being aggressive about seeking out unmet needs and designing programs to meet them ... I've felt so proud. It's a very incredibly generous philanthropic town on so many levels."



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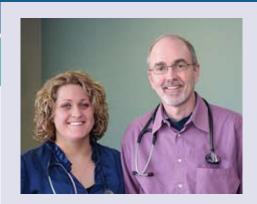
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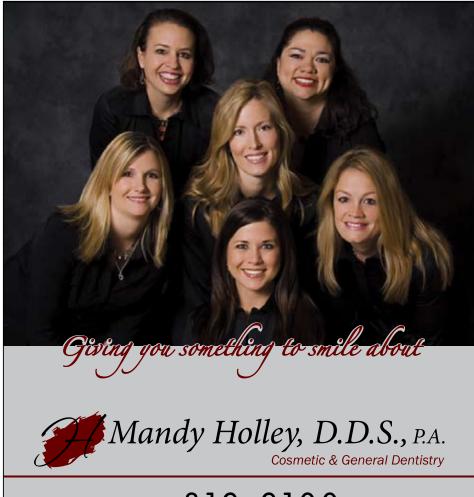
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Arts & Entertainment | Windberg Art Center Georgetown



Mike Windberg, left, and his father, Dalhart, stand in the art center's main classroom. The Windbergs supply each student with an easel personally designed by Dalhart.

By Andrea Leptinsky

Art lovers and enthusiasts seeking skilled instruction from world-renowned artists need not go any farther than the Windberg Art Center in Georgetown.

The center, run by native Texans and longtime Georgetown residents Dalhart Windberg and his son, Mike, has been open for three years and continues to grow in success.

"Our purpose is to promote the traditional world of art," said Mike, 53. "The teachings that are

hundreds of years old, that within the last 100 years started to get stomped on and literally forgotten ... there are very few places in the country that still teach traditionalism."

When he is not at the art center, located at 7110 N. IH 35, Dalhart, 75, travels around the country teaching weeklong intensive art workshops. Dalhart started painting professionally nearly 45 years ago and still sees limited editions of his paintings sold through various art outlets

across the country.

More than 100 students passed through the art center last year to study various forms of traditional art. Through classes and boot camps that focus on drawing, oil painting, portraiture, life drawing and plein air painting, the Windberg men are providing a service to eager artists seeking more involved, in-depth instruction.

"They love it," Mike said of his center's students. "A lot of these folks, especially the young ones, have just come out of college and they're learning how to paint and do something they want. I ask them what they've learned in the process and unanimously they've said they like how we take the time with each individual. We're not insulting them, but we're explaining the hows and whys of what we want them to do."

One draw Windberg's art classes have is the center's genuine desire to promote traditionalism and educate a newly developed trend of artists who have shown a larger interest in this particular type of art, Mike said.

"Even though our teachings are based on the last 400 years, there's a new awareness of it and a new desire to learn," he said. "That's what we're here to do and that's what we're here to promote."

Classrooms are limited to 15 students at a time. Mike said. While he teaches a workshop once every month, Dalhart teaches three to four weeklong workshops every year.

Potential students who might enroll at Windberg Art Center can expect specific direction on what tools, instruments and items to use—many of which the Windbergs sell in an art supply store adjacent to the center.

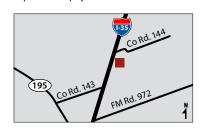
"Nowadays a person who wants to pick up a brush and start painting ends up going to a Hobby Lobby or a Michael's [retail outlets] and the person working the aisle that day isn't going to be very helpful in what you should get. That's how we ended up with this store. We carry the better, and the best, products."

The store also sells products designed specifically for artists by Dalhart himself.

"The easel we supply every student with was designed by Dalhart," Mike said. "We solve 99 percent of the problems you're dealing with when it comes to easels, and students learn this is why you need something like this."



Thousands of objects line the walls of a tiny room that is adjacent to the main classroom in the art center. These props are used by students as part of their projects.



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Spring Time Allergies

By Enas Pruitt, MD, Family Medicine

Springtime! A season of sunny, warmer days, fragrant flowers and fresh grass. With the beauty of this time of the year comes a variety of sinus and nasal issues. Due to the release of pollen from weeds, trees and grass, some people have allergic rhinitis, more commonly known as hay fever.

Because of the abundance of pollen in the air, it is nearly impossible to avoid exposure to it. Scientists have come to the rescue by developing several allergy medications that help to alleviate the itchy eyes, runny nose and sneezing. These medicines come in the form of nasal sprays, eye drops and pills that are readily available over the counter. Some newer medications require a prescription from your doctor. Sinus cleaning devices and steam therapy are non-medicinal options to clear your nasal and sinus passages and can offer great relief.

Some allergy sufferers are so sensitive to pollen that they may need to seek a specialist to determine what allergen is causing the most symptoms so that specific therapy (called immunotherapy) can be initiated. Other allergy sufferers may

develop asthma, or pre-existing asthma symptoms may become more problematic when allergy symptoms are increased. While treating the asthma symptoms, it becomes especially important to control the allergy symptoms.

If you are an allergy sufferer, be sure to take medication before exposure (cutting grass, picking flowers, hiking, etc...). Wearing a mask, washing hands often, removing your outdoor garments immediately when coming indoors and showering will also help to control allergy symptoms when exposing yourself to large amounts of pollen.



If these practical approaches just don't seem to help, its time to see your doctor. Don't let hay fever prevent you from enjoying yourself outdoors this spring!



Dr. Pruitt is a family medicine physician with **Seton** Family of Doctors at Stone Hill, located in Pflugerville. He is currently accepting new patients. For appointments, please call (512) 324-4875.

Now is a Much Better Time to Start

(excerpts from article posted on www.goodhealth.com)



Spring gives everyone a second chance who didn't find success with an exercise program begun on January 1. It's okay that you didn't reach your beach-body weight, because research indicates that most people fall back to their pre-resolution routine after just a few weeks. January is actually a terrible time to initiate an exercise routine. It's in the middle of winter and trying to get outside to exercise, while doable, is many times not very enjoyable. The beginning of

March in Central Texas is a much better time to initiate a fitness plan, since you can enjoy everything the outdoors has to offer.

Since you are starting a new plan, why not expand beyond just exercise to achieve bigger gains such as weight loss plus reduced blood pressure and cholesterol? Before you begin any exercise program, talk to your doctor about what kind of exercise and how much is right for you. Then, consult with a nutritionist to learn more about how to shop for the right blend of foods containing proteins, carbohydrates and fats.

Constructing Your New Plan

Take a few minutes to construct your plan before you begin. The following are some useful tips:

- Plan to burn more calories than you eat each day and watch the pounds come off.
- As you age, muscle tissue quality decreases and you may lose up to 40 percent of muscle mass. Add strength exercises so you can often quickly restore some mass and strength.
- Plan for some type of movement every day. Remember that house cleaning and gardening burn calories so even if you are not running or cycling, your plan can include other activities. Plan for variety and you'll be more apt to stick with the program.
- Plan for realistic weight loss. Anything more than one pound per week has been shown to be too much too fast.
- Eat more fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and low-fat dairy foods. These foods, which are high in potassium, help to control high blood pressure.
- Cut down on salt and sodium. Most Americans eat more salt and

- sodium than they need. A low-salt diet might help lower your blood pressure.
- Drink less alcohol. Alcohol affects blood pressure. Men should have no more than two drinks a day; women no more than one.
- Keep a diary. research has proven that those that keep records of both food intake and exercise make greater strides towards their goals.
- Shop when you are not hungry and from a list of approved foods.
- Store foods out of sight.
- Eat smaller portions. At restaurants, eat only half your meal and take the rest home.
- Turn off the TV at mealtime.
- Seek emotional support from family and friends. Tell them what your plan is and also find people who you can eat with and exercise with.
- Expect setbacks; forgive yourself. It's not the end of the world if you eat a second helping of cheesecake. Just make sure you get back to the plan the next day and make sure there's days on the plan than off.

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Georgetown

New police chief appointed

Georgetown City Council confirmed

Wayne Nero as the city's new police chief at its Feb. 23 meeting. Nero served as the assistant police chief in DeSoto, a southern suburb of Dallas with



a population of 48,500 residents. Nero worked for the DeSoto Police Department for 16 years. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and is also a certified master peace officer.

Albertson's building negotiated

The Feb. 23 meeting also included a unanimous vote by the council to enter into negotiations with San Gabriel Partners, LLP, for the sale of the Alberston's building located south of Williams Drive on Austin Avenue.

Georgetown City Council

Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m.

Council chambers, 101 E. Seventh St. • 931-7715 www.georgetown.org

City council meetings are recorded and broadcast on Channel 10 at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Sunday following each meeting.

Hutto

Wastewater disposal contract terminated

At the Hutto City Council meeting on Feb. 4, the council approved the termination of the city's wastewater disposal contract with the Lower Colorado River Authority.

The vote was the final step in the city's process of reclaiming the Hutto Wastewater Treatment Plant back from LCRA. The vote was another step in the process toward the creation of a new wastewater plant on Lower Brushy Creek that's expected to be finished in 2014.

Hutto celebration plans underway

The council heard from Jeff Phillips, chairman of the city's historic preservation commission at its Feb. 4 meeting regarding Hutto's 100th anniversary celebration scheduled for July 2011. Turn to Page 23 for more information on Hutto's upcoming celebration plans.

Hutto City Council

Meets the first and third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Council chambers, 401 W. Front St. • 759-4033 www.huttotx.gov

Taylor

Water contract debated

At the Taylor City Council meeting Feb. 9, city officials approved entering into a water contract with the City of Thrall. Under the contract, Taylor can sell up to 500,000 gallons of water to Thrall at a wholesale value, or \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons, for the next three years. The contract states the City of Thrall will maintain the water line between the two municipalities.

The City of Thrall passed the water contract, said Thrall Mayor Troy Marx. The next step for officials from both cities will be to meet in order to decide on an effective date.

Bond election approved

At the March 4 city council meeting (rescheduled from Feb. 23), Taylor council members voted to schedule a bond election in May for \$3 million that will be used to build a recreation center.

Taylor City Council

Meets the second Thursday and fourth Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. Council chambers, 400 Porter St.

Williamson County

IH 35 improvements

County officials held a public open house Feb. 25 to allow residents to review plans for improvements that will soon be made to

the IH 35 Frontage Road at Leander Road and RM 2243 in Georgetown.

In addition to the new section of frontage road, the project includes

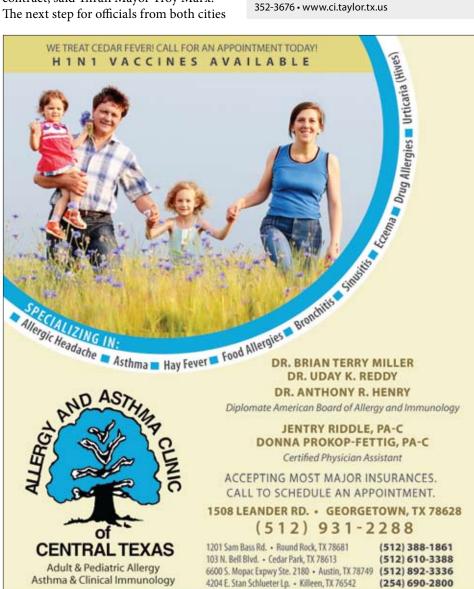
widening the existing northbound frontage road between Westinghouse Road and Blue Springs Boulevard. A construction timeline for the project has not yet been set.

Voting success

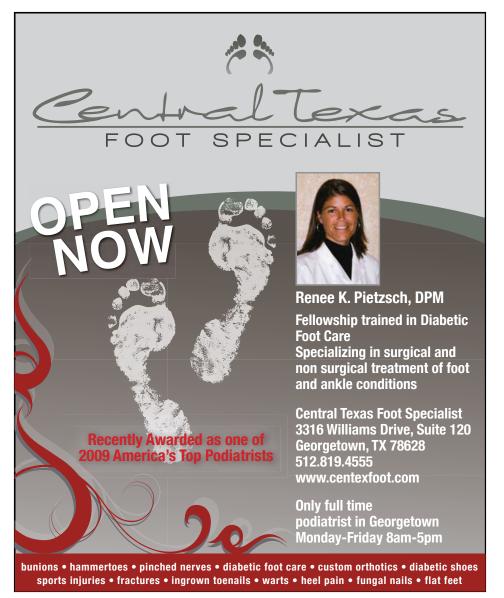
More than 1,500 voters cast their ballots on the first day of voting Feb. 17 as part of the March 2, 2010, primary election. Turn to Page 14 to see the results of primary election in your area.

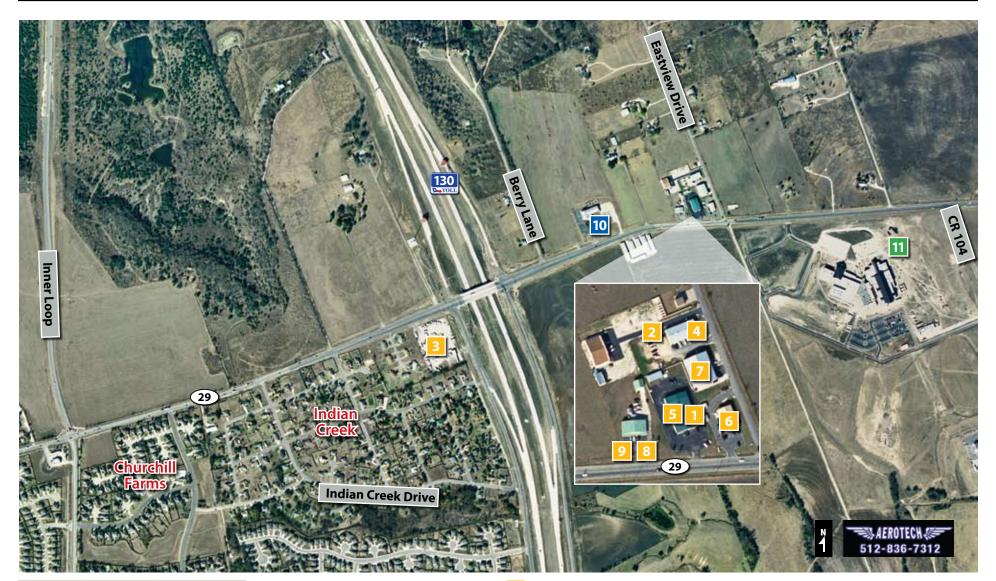
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10 Georgetown Church of the Nazarene

4051 E. Hwy. 29 869-0303 www.gcnaz.org

Education I

11 Georgetown Ninth Grade Center

The center pened in 2008 and eventually will become Georgetown East View High School. To make the transition to Georgetown's second high school, another bond proposition would need to be passed to fund an addition to the building. The school is located at 4490 E. Hwy. 29. Call 943-1800 or visit www.georgetownisd.org.









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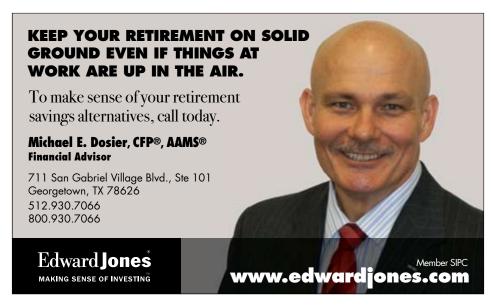
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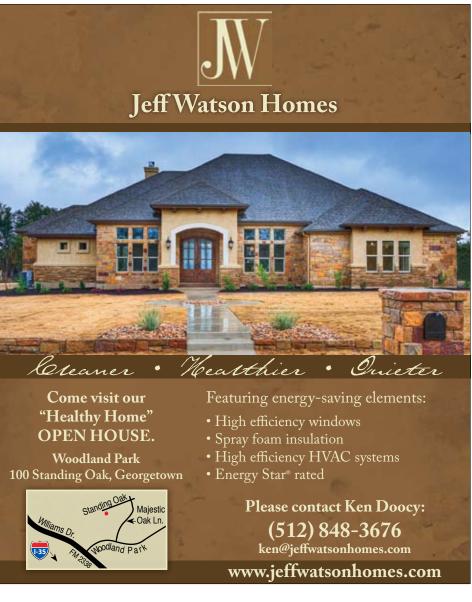
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Community Profiles | Hospital leadership



Dr. Jim Donovan

Chief Medical Officer, Vice President for Medical Staff Affairs, St. David's **Georgetown Hospital**

Education: Medical school: The University of Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio; residency: John Peter Smith Hospital, Fort Worth Work background: Practiced family medicine in Georgetown for 24 years, started a rural track family medicine program for the University of Hawaii Medical School

Date hired: August 2009 Contact: 942-4250

What is your main responsibility as chief medical officer?

I am the liaison between the hospital administration and the medical staff here at the hospital. My other main responsibility is I am responsible for quality as it relates to the delivery of health care.

What is rewarding about your job?

I think the wonderful thing about this job is that I have the opportunity to move a few bigger stones than I could when I was I in private practice. The thing I love about this job is that I have come home [from Hawaii to Georgetown] to work with physicians and hospital staff that I worked with in a different context for the first 25 years of my career.

What is the hospital's greatest challenge?

We're a small hospital, and small hospitals have their own issues. The hardest thing is going to be responding to the growth in the community and the need for health care while continuing to provide the kind of health care that, as a community hospital, we have always provided.

What misconception does the community have about the hospital?

This hospital began 40 to 50 years ago in two or three rooms in what is now a house. Obviously, the hospital has grown, the delivery of medical care has changed and our ability to provide services has changed. The struggle for all community hospitals is there are people who still see the hospital as what it was years ago—as a small community hospital. That's good because we can provide personal care, but we have been able to avail ourselves of resources we never had as a community hospital. That has helped us up our game significantly.

What makes St. David's Georgetown **Hospital unique?**

We have the perfect combination of big hospital and small hospital. We have the ability to give people 95 percent of the health care they need and deliver it as neighbors helping neighbors. I delivered babies for a number of years before I started this job. I was on my second generation, delivering [babies of] women who I had delivered. There are nurses who have been there long enough that they remember delivering those babies. That's the kind of personal care you just can't get at a big hospital.

What is something people don't know about the hospital?

People don't know the level of commitment this hospital staff has to the hospital and to their patients. They don't realize that these are people who have decided this is their life's work and they want to come here and work hard to take care of their community. They also don't understand how far this hospital has come in the past years in terms of meeting needs as this community grows and the level of care they will get here because of that.

What makes Johns Community Hospital unique?

There is no other facility in about a [wide] radius. We have a huge population, not only Taylor, but the surrounding cities, and we cater to them as a hospital. We mean a lot to most of the people who live in the farmlands. If they had to travel farther for immediate medical care, it would be tough on them. The strategic location is important.

What changes have you seen at the hospital since you started?

Since I started, the hospital has cut down on many services because of budgeting. Most of the clinical services we had before are still here. But many of the ancillary services are less available. The number of hours and people are decreased to cut the cost. We are still able to cater to the demand we have now. If we have more business, we'll be able to hire more and provide more hours for different services.

What is the hospital's greatest challenge?

Monetary challenge is the main challenge. We are going through some changes to adjust to the present healthcare environment [concerning] funding, the changing coverage and loss of insurance for people who used to have insurance. Ultimately, the hospital takes the brunt. Everybody who used to be covered quit having coverage or lost their insurance. They are our patients after all, and we have to take care of them. It's true for every place, but for a small hospital, it takes a lot of effort to get through this.

What misconception does the community have about your hospital?

One misconception is people think many services that are available in other places are not available here, which is not true. Many of the things can be done here that people are not aware of, and they go to other facilities. It's not only true for the public, but the EMS and

physician communities all have the same perception.

In what area or areas of medicine does **Johns Community Hospital specialize?**

Internal medicine, family practice, general surgery and pediatrics. We have specialty and services in cardiology, urology, oncology, dermatology, orthopedics, podiatry and gynecology.

What is something people don't know about the hospital?

We have physical therapy services, both inpatient and outpatient. We have a skilled nursing designation, under which we can admit patients in the hospital and give therapy, recovery or medicine. Some of the hospitals around here know about us, so they send us patients. But if patients knew, they would request to be here after surgeries [at other hospitals], such as a knee or hip replacement. They can recoup here in the skilled nursing facility.



Dr. Koshy Varghese

Chief of Staff, Johns Community Hospital

Education: Medical school: SCB Medical College, Cuttack, India; residency: Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J.; fellowship: Emory University, Atlanta

Work background: Thirteen years outpatient, emergency and geriatric medicine Date hired: August 2005

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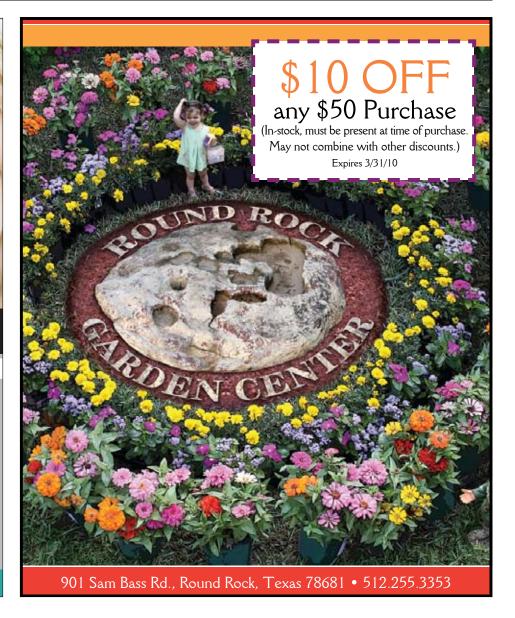
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Local History | Historical marker tour of Hutto



The Shiloh-McCutcheon Cemetery is home to the graves of veterans of the Texas Revolution and the Civil War.

Most people driving through Hutto for the first time may not realize the vast amount of history that can be found just by getting off Hwy. 79. There is a cluster of Official Texas Historical Commission markers in the vicinity that reveal a wealth of information about Hutto's unique past, most of which can be visited in a single afternoon.

Starting at the 11 intersection of Hwy. 79 and FM 1660 in Hutto, a historical marker stands dedicated to the founding of the community, which has roots predating the establishment of Williamson County. This marker provides a good background as to why and when the community was founded as well as some additional information on who settled in the area. From that point, head up East Street, circling the block to Main Street, to see the historic downtown section of Hutto and the row of colorful commercial buildings lining its streets. It is important to note that a fire in 1902 devastated many structures on East Street along with some business on Main Street, but resilient citizens joined together to rebuild.

Just to the north on 2 Main and

Farley streets, you will see a marker noting the history of Hutto Baptist Church, which was organized in the early 1880s. The current church structure, constructed in 1922, still stands, but the congregation has since relocated. Heading north from downtown on East Street, you will find a marker on the topic of the 3 Hutto United Methodist Church, which was dedicated in 1911 at its current location at 605 E. Main St. Continuing on a tour of historic Hutto churches, make sure to head east on Live Oak Street, crossing back over FM 1660, and follow it to Church Street. This is the location of 4 Hutto Evangelical Lutheran Church. This site traces its origins to Hutto's earliest Swedish immigrants, who began holding Lutheran church services in the community in the 1890s. Services were held in Swedish until 1940. An estimated 11,000 Swedes settled here in Central Texas. Hutto's history was shaped by this influx of new residents.

The history of any community is best told by its graveyards. Just south of downtown off FM 1660 you will find 5 Hutto Lutheran Cemetery, 6 Hutto Cemetery, 7 Shiloh-McCutcheon Cemetery, and 8 Saul Cemetery, all with their own historical designations and colorful histories. Hutto (originally known as Elmwood) and Hutto Lutheran Cemeteries can be found a mile south of Hwy. 79 on FM 1660 and CR 135, and are the final resting place of Swedish immigrants and some of the area's early settlers.

For the more adventurous, Saul and Shiloh-McCutcheon cemeteries are worth the visit. Travel east from Hutto Cemetery on FM 1660 to CR 163. Follow CR 163 south until it abruptly ends at the Shiloh-McCutcheon Cemetery. The Shiloh community was in existence as early as 1848, with the first known burials in Shiloh-McCutcheon in 1853. Graves of veterans of the Texas Revolution and the Civil War can be found when at this site.

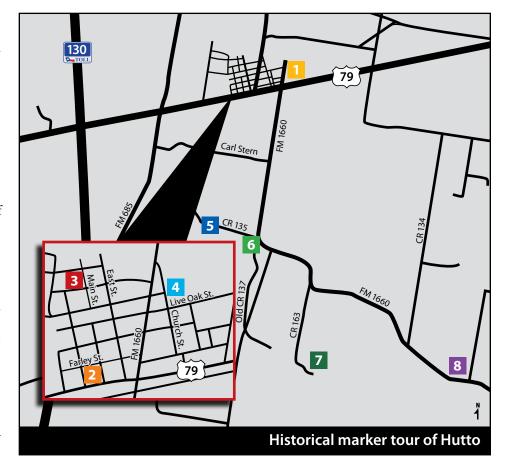
By jumping back on FM 1660 and heading a little farther east, you will find the Saul Cemetery. The Saul family arrived in the area around 1850.



Incorporation celebration

In order to protect this often lost or forgotten community history, the citizens of Hutto are gearing up to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the official 1911 incorporation of the town. This effort is spearheaded by the **Hutto 1911** Foundation, a nonprofit group with the mission of preserving the history and historic sites in the city. The group plans to host the celebration of Hutto's heritage in July 2011.

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April 3

Taylor Citywide Easter Egg Hunt

Children will be divided into two age groups: ages 1 through 3 and ages 4 though 6. A parent or adult must accompany each child. 10 a.m. • Free • 352-3675 • www.taylortx.gov

Eggstravaganza

Easter egg hunt for children ages 10 and under

McMaster Athletic Complex, 101 Walden Drive, Georgetown • 8:45 a.m. • Free 930-3595 • www.parks.georgetown.org

Fifth annual Hutto Easter Egg Hunt

Easter egg hunt for children of all ages and from surrounding communities.

Fritz Park, 400 Park St. • 9-11:30 a.m. • Free 759-4000 • www.huttotx.gov

April 9-10

Triple Crown PetFest & Expo

Canine demonstrations, entertainment, training and barbecue charity event
Triple Crown Dog Academy, 200 CR 197,
Hutto • Friday movie: 7:55 p.m.; Saturday:
10 a.m.-4 p.m. • \$25-\$100 (booths), free
(admission), activity fees vary • 759-2275
www.triplecrownpetfest.com

April 16-17 Relay for Life

A fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and to raise money to help the American Cancer Society save lives. Taylor Memorial Field • Friday 5 p.m. www.taylortx.gov

April 17

Spring Garden Fair

Proceeds from the fair's plant sale will go toward the support of the Master Gardening Association. Free classes, a country store and other activities are offered.

Extension Office, 3151 Inner Loop,

Georgetown • 9 a.m.–2 p.m. • Free • 591-7491

April 23-25

Red Poppy Festival

Downtown Square, Georgetown • Friday, 6:30–10 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m.–10 p.m., Sunday10 a.m.–5 p.m. • 930-3585 www.redpoppyfestival.com

April 23

Georgetown Jazz Festival

Featuring the Georgetown Jazz Ensemble and Monster Big Band Georgetown Georgetown Ninth Grade Center Auditorium, 4490 E. University Ave. • 9 p.m. • \$5 943-5100 ext. 7127

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Up the Chisholm Trail Cattle Drive

April 24

Taylor Citywide Spring Clean Up

Sponsored by the City of Taylor Public Works; must show proof of city residency
Public Works Department, 1424 N. Main St. and Doak Ballfields, 1200 Welch St. • 8 a.m.–
3 p.m. • \$5 and up • 352-3463
www.taylortx.gov

Sixth annual Red Poppy Bike Ride

Riders participate in a 14-, 30-, 45-, 64-, 75-, 85-, or 100-mile route benefiting the SERTOMA scholarship program
Georgetown High School Annex, 2295 N.
Austin Ave. • Check web site for times • \$30 (individual), \$75 (family) www.redpoppyride.org

May 1

Taylor Zest Fest

Sponsored by the Taylor Main Street Program; features a children's festival, arts and crafts, food and entertainment
Taylor's Historic Downtown District • 10 a.m.5 p.m. • Free • 352-3675 ext. 36
www.taylortx.gov

Georgetown Texas Area Car Club Car Show and Charity Benefit

Hundreds of classic cars, awards, goodie bags, raffles, food, music and auctions are featured in the show
Sun City Social Center, 2 Texas Drive,

Georgetown • 10 a.m.-2 p.m. • Free www.gtacc.org

Annual Catfish Fishing Derby

Anyone can fish, but participants must be registered to win prizes.

San Gabriel Park, 445 E. Morrow St.,

Georgetown • 7-11:30 a.m. • \$3 (13 and up),

\$2 (12 and under) • Fishing license needed for participants 17 and older • 930-3596 www.parks.georgetown.org

May 2

Georgetown Symphony Society

Season finale with bassoonist John Fairlie and the Temple Symphony Orchestra Center for the Performing Arts, 2211 N. Austin Ave., Georgetown • 4 p.m. • \$25 premium seating, \$20 (general admission), \$5 (students) • 864-9591 www.georgetownsymphony.org

May 7-June 6

"Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"

The Georgetown Palace Theatre, 810 S. Austin

Ave. • Friday and Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m. • \$22 (general admission), \$20 (seniors 55 and older), \$15 (students 16 and older and active duty military with ID), \$8 (children 15 and under) 869-7469 www.georgetownpalace.com

May 8-9

38th annual National Rattlesnake Sacking Championships

Presented by the Taylor Jaycees Murphy Park, 1600 Sycamore St., Taylor Saturday 9 a.m.–6 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m.–5 p.m. \$6 (ages 12 and up), \$3 (children 6-12), free (5 and under) • 803-5855 • www.taylorjaycees.org

May 8

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Round Rock • 10 a.m.–3 p.m. • Free admission
943-1670 • www.williamsonmuseum.org

May 20

Prime Time: Annual Business Showcase

Sponsored by Georgetown Chamber of Commerce

Georgetown Community Center, 445 E. Morrow St. • 4–7 p.m. • Free • 930-3535 www.georgetownchamber.org

May 28

Special Needs Fiesta Party

Dancing, food, photos and prizes for those with special needs, ages 15 and older Georgetown Community Center, 445 E. Morrow St. • 6-8 p.m. • \$5 (caregiver/family member is free) • 930-3596 www.parks.georgetown.org

May 31

Memorial Day Salute

Sponsored by the City of Taylor Murphy Park, 1600 Sycamore St. • 10 a.m. Free • 352-3463 • www.taylortx.gov

June 3-6

Georgetown Festival of the Arts

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June 25-26

Williamson County Sheriff's Posse 67th Annual Georgetown Rodeo

Sheriff's Posse Arena, 415 E. Morrow St., Georgetown

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July 2-4

Taylor Independence Festival

Fireworks display and tennis tournament Murphy Park, 1600 Sycamore St. • Dusk • Free 803-5855 • www.taylorjaycees.org

Georgetown SERTOMA 27th annual Fourth of July

Featuring approximately 60 craft vendors, entertainment, food, children's rides, petting zoo and fireworks after dark
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a.m.–after dark • Free • 863-8977
www.georgetownsertoma.org

July 4

Hutto July 4th Walking Parade

Bikes, strollers, wagons and walkers begin and end at Fritz Park, 400 Park St. Patriotic decorations are encouraged. 8:30 a.m. • Free • 759-4000

Taylor Red, White and Blue Walking Parade

Parade ends in Heritage Square Park with refreshments and games • Downtown Taylor 10 a.m. • Free • 352-5448 • www.taylortx.gov

July 16-17

61st annual Taylor Rodeo Association Rodeo

East Williamson County Event Center, 210 Carlos Parker Blvd., Taylor • 461-1907 www.taylorrodeo.com

July 23

Special Needs Luau

Dancing, food, photos and prizes for those with special needs, ages 15 and older Georgetown Community Center, 445 E. Morrow St. • 6–8 p.m. • \$5 (caregiver/family member is free) • 930-3596 • www.parks.georgetown.org



Eggstravaganza



Annual Catfish Fishing Derby



Special Needs Luau

Aug. 20-21

33rd annual Taylor International Barbecue Cook-off

Murphy Park, 1600 Sycamore St., Taylor • Friday 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. • \$5 • 803-5855 www.taylorjaycees.org

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Census 2010

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· Financial responsibility for traffic signals and signs.

Census numbers will also have a direct impact on local and national government for the city as well, said Keith Hutchinson, public information officer for the City of Georgetown. Another U.S. House representative will be added for the area and another seat on the Georgetown City Council will also be created.

"Having accurate numbers will aid the city financially, as well as allowing us the opportunity for enhanced and greater representation on a regional basis," said Paul Brandenburg, Georgetown city manager. "Accurate numbers will be very important as the city exceeds 50,000 people, which is our estimate."

The Census Bureau estimated Georgetown's population increased 75 percent between 2000 and 2008, a path of growth that has been carefully watched and planned, Brandenburg said.

"I think we've had quality growth, which is important," Brandenburg said. "We've been able to have outstanding service levels and protect our charm and preserve our identity through the growth we've had over the last 10 years."

Looking locally: Hutto

The last decade has provided Hutto with an increase in population from 1,250 residents in the 2000 Census to nearly 14,000 residents as part of the Census Bureau's 2008 estimate. That's a 1,020 percent population increase and one so significant—and continual-that even when 2010 census numbers are released later this year, the city is sure to still be growing.

"There will be another piece of property that we will be annexing in December that will bring in 3,000 people," said Edward Broussard, Hutto city manager. "Even when census numbers come out, they won't reflect the true population size of Hutto."

As one of the fastest growing cities in Texas, Hutto has seen a significant change to its visual landscape within the last decade. Where there were only three Hutto school buildings in 2000, there are now five elementary schools, two middle schools and one new high school. Thanks to a recent bond election, property may be purchased to build a second high school, construction on which will most likely begin within five years, Broussard said.

The city itself has also improved because of the higher level of accountability at which residents hold the city.

"The City of Hutto organization, on a professional level, has increased a hundred fold," Broussard said. "You can take a look at the debts and budgets that were being run in 2000 ... just providing basic services was a struggle. The current staff, and the accolades it has received, has let Hutto emerge as a leader in smaller-sized cities with a phenomenal group of professional employees."

Looking locally: Taylor

While the City of Taylor saw growth within the last decade, it does not come close to the skyrocketing percentage increases seen in both Georgetown and Hutto's populations. Because of this, Taylor City Manager Jim Dunaway said having an accurate count will weigh heavily on the city's ability to grow successfully and feasibly.

"An accurate count of the city's population means so much," he said. "Taylor has about 25 percent of its projects funded through grants [from the government]."

The City of Taylor saw continued growth and development between 2000 and 2010. The 2000 Census counted Taylor as having a population size of more than 13,500. In 2008, the bureau estimated Taylor had reached a population of 16,000, an 18.5 percent spike in residents.

"Since 2000, the community has improved in many, many ways," Dunaway said. "In particular, the improvement and construction of a needed infrastructure, such as streets, water and wastewater improvements."

Being counted

Hutchinson said he has heard of several reasons why people are second guessing their participation in the census.

"We've seen politicians on a national level cite concerns about information sharing with other agencies," Hutchinson said. "The Bureau will not do that and there are steep fines for any census employees who violate that confidentiality. It's really simple."

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Georgetown's ties to Census 2010

The 2010 census got a boost in the greater Austin area when a local office in Georgetown opened in January 2009—the first census office to open in the area. The office serves a 15-county area and is supervising the early stages of the census.

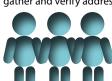
The office put much of its focus on recruiting census workers for the actual event. Up to 1,500 positions have been filled through the Georgetown office's recruiting efforts since it opened last year. Most recruits have worked verifying addresses in neighborhoods, while others work in filing and training. A new round of workers will begin going door to door throughout the 15-county area after April 1 in order to obtain responses from those who did not return their forms.

How is a **Census taken**

The 2010 census will be a historic event for the U.S. Census Bureau.

It is the first time the survey will be widely distributed in Spanish and English. It will be the first time the bureau prints on ecofriendly paper. The form will be one of the shortest and easiest to complete in the census's more than 200-year history.

It is also the first time GPS-enabled handheld computers will be used to gather and verify address information for



the upcoming count, which started throughout the country earlier this year.

For the 2010 census, 10 primary questions and seven questions about each resident in a household covering name, gender, race, ethnicity, relationship and residence will be delivered via mail.

Printing of the forms started July 27. 2009, and will continue through March 2010 at a rate of about 1.5 million per day. They will be mailed to more than 120 million households.

The main effort to collect data began in March, when residents should start to receive census forms in the mail. By April 1—Census Day —the forms should have been returned by mail to the Census Bureau.

Those who do not respond will be mailed a second questionnaire. Between April and July 2010, census takers will visit households that did not return forms to record census data manually.

This fall, census workers will check completed questionnaires, which are made ready for processing by computers that will compile the data into statistical tables for publication.

The Bureau must deliver population counts to the president for distribution no later than Dec. 31, 2010. By March 2011, the bureau will have delivered redistricting data to states. Data such as demographic profiles and reports will be released from April 2011 through September 2013.

Community Development Block Grant funding

City	2000 Population	2009 Funding
Austin	656,562	\$7,522,791
Waco	113,726	\$1,669,833
Round Rock	61,136	\$413,341
Temple	54,514	\$515,508
Georgetown	28,339	Not eligible

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Inside Information | Medical schools offer new programs, invite collaboration



The Texas A&M Health Science Center uses computer-programmed mannequins to teach clinical skills.

By Rob Heidrick and Patrick Brendel

The College of Nursing at Texas A&M Health Science Center in Round Rock will start out as a small operation when it opens this June. The first group of students includes two classes of 10 students each—one program for new students and one accelerated track for nurses returning to the field after working in other disciplines. The opening of the new school represents the next stage of growth on a campus that has sprung up seemingly overnight.

The first building on the medical school's new campus opened in December on a tract that borders Seton Medical Center Williamson, the new Austin Community College campus and Texas State University's Round Rock Higher Education Center which is in the process of adding a nursing school of its own. The Health Science Center received state funding and completed construction on the building within a span of about two years.

"In an amazingly short amount of time, we have come from nothing," said Dr. Kathryn Kotrla, associate dean of the Health Science Center's College of Medicine in Round Rock.

With continued community support, A&M is on track to further extend the range of programs offered in Round Rock, including a pharmacy school and other health professions education programs—perhaps even a fouryear medical school, Kotrla said.

"If the community and our elected officials have the vision of growing a full-scale college of medicine, this community and the people in it can have anything they set their minds to," she said.

Regional medical network

The College of Medicine began

offering clinical clerkships to its third- and fourth-year students in Round Rock in 2008, and since then, the school has established affiliation agreements or other partnerships with every major healthcare institution in Williamson County.

Seton Medical Center Williamson, St. David's Round Rock Medical Center and Scott & White Healthcare-Round Rock are each involved in training A&M students as they go through their rotations. The Lone Star Circle of Care operates several clinics and a pharmacy inside the Health Science Center building, which will also function as major teaching sites for HSC students.

"We are actually in our infancy in terms of working with the Health Science Center, but they are off to a very strong start," said Mark Hazelwood, president and CEO of the north market of the Seton Family of Hospitals, which includes Seton Williamson.

Seton donated \$3.5 million toward startup costs to open the LSCC clinics, and in February the organization pledged another \$600,000 to the College of Nursing. St. David's Community Health Foundation pledged \$250,000 for development of A&M's Round Rock campus, and in 2006, the foundation donated \$6 million to establish Texas State University's nursing school, which opens this fall as the St. David's School of Nursing.

Some members of the Seton Williamson medical staff work with A&M as adjunct faculty—as does St. David's and Scott & White in Round Rock—and the hospital partnered with the nursing school on its accelerated Bachelor of Science program.

"The hospitals work with the

schools of nursing to ask what they can do to recruit," said Sharon A. Wilkerson, R.N., dean of the Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Nursing. "They come to talk with our accelerated students about their intern program. That's very appealing to new graduates."

Just as the community has supported Round Rock's medical schools in their early years, Wilkerson said the schools are poised to return the favor by producing the area's first generation of locally trained physicians and nurses.

"Students educated in Williamson County are going to be looking to Williamson County for their first jobs in those hospitals," she said.

Collaboration, competition

A&M and UT officials, as well as their partner hospitals, contend that their overlapping ambitions to create medical schools are being pursued amicably.

Part of the reason for that is practical: Animosity might cause both schools to lose out on potential funding, Hazelwood said.

"From a political standpoint, they don't want to get into a competition with each other before the legislature as they try to attract funding for different programs," he said.

Texas faces several challenges to providing reliable healthcare, which behooves the schools to work together, said Greg Hartman, president and CEO of University Medical Center Brackenridge.

The area has a shortage of practicing doctors, with about 155 physicians per 100,000 people, compared to the national average of about 220, he said. Extra medical schools could help address that shortage, while improving indigent care and providing an economic boost.

"I don't think there's a competitive sense to this at all. I think it's really a collaborative sense, in that both schools offer different strengths to what they bring to Central Texas," Hartman said. "And in Central Texas we need so much in terms of academic medicine and we have so much potential to take advantage of it."

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Medical schools serve different functions in their home communities, depending on the region's needs and the goals of the institutions. While every school has its own approach, two distinct models of medical education have taken shape as the Texas A&M Health Science Center and the University of Texas discuss ideas for future programs.

Community-based medical education

- Students training to practice medicine work closely with local hospitals and clinics, interacting directly with patients and learning how to treat them in a real-world setting.
- Community physicians often serve as advisers and clerkship faculty.
- In Round Rock, the Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine provides clinical training for third- and fourth-year medical students, offering rotations in family medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, pediatrics, psychiatry and surgery.
- A&M's local partners include Lone Star Circle of Care, Seton Medical Center Williamson, St. David's Round Rock Medical Center and Scott & White Healthcare-Round Rock
- The College of Nursing will partner with Seton on an accelerated nursing program.
- Other community-based medical programs are offered at UT Medical Branch at Galveston, Baylor College of Medicine and UT Southwestern.



Research-intensive medical education

- Medical schools work with hospitals to recruit researchers in a range of scientific disciplines.
- Hospitals, with input from their partner universities, determine the focus of research. The university typically invites researchers to serve on faculty.
- Researchers usually come with grants to study new medicines and technologies, assisted by graduate students working toward advanced degrees.
- The University of Texas System recently made an agreement with the Seton Family of Hospitals to send graduate students from the UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas to conduct their rotations in Seton's Austin-area hospitals.
- The new Seton-UT Southwestern Institute for Clinical Investigation will employ about 16 research scientists in its first year.
- The Dell Pediatric Research Institute, a venture between Seton and UT Austin, opens in April.
- Other examples of research-oriented universities include Harvard, Johns Hopkins and Stanford.



Regional collaboration

The Texas A&M Health Science Center's new Round Rock campus includes a 15,000-sq.-ft., state-of-the-art simulation lab that will become a key element in training students within a hospital environment. The lab could also provide opportunities for partnering with other educational institutions across the region, said Dr. Kathryn Kotrla, associate dean of the College of Medicine in Round Rock

- The simulation center features several computercontrolled mannequins that display vital signs and simulate a range of medical conditions.
- A mock delivery room houses a mannequin that simulates childbirth, and another room trains students to care for elderly patients with limited mobility.
- A simulated operating and emergency room features the same type of equipment used in hospital ERs, and ceiling-mounted video cameras record students' response to simulated emergencies.



The Texas A&M Health Science Center's simulation lab could become a major teaching site for Central Texas medical students.

The Health Science Center College of Nursing now participates in a simulation education project with students from Austin Community College, Texas State University, Blinn College, Mary Hardin Baylor University and Texas Tech University at Marble Falls. The project began in January and will run for at least one year.

Transportation Report | Intersection of D.B. Wood and Shell roads Georgetown

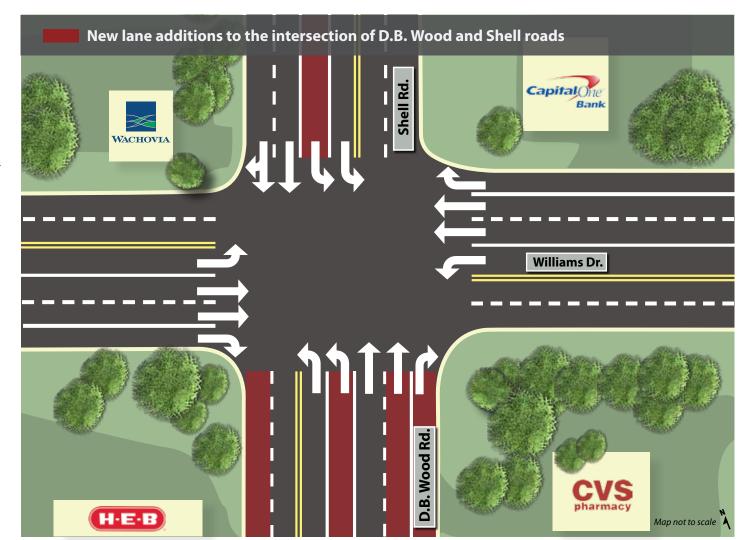
By Matt Painter

Construction will soon begin to widen both Shell Road and D.B. Wood Road at the Williams Drive intersection in Georgetown.

City of Georgetown Transportation Engineer Bill Dryden said the intersection is unique because most of the drivers on these two roads head east during the morning commute and head west in the afternoons. Because of these traffic patterns, the new intersection will feature dedicated turn lanes designed specifically to help ease congestion and move traffic during peak times.

Funding for this project will come from road bonds passed by Georgetown voters in November 2008. In the bond proposal, the cost for this project was set at \$1.2 million. However, based on current estimates, the total cost of this project—which includes engineering and construction—will range from \$1 million to \$1.1 million.

Engineers with the City of Georgetown and Kennedy Consulting estimate the intersection will be "substantially completed" in August, weather permitting. This means that all major construction would be wrapped up by that time and only minor, aesthetic items would be outstanding. The target date for final completion is mid-October. For more information, visit bonds.georgetown.org.





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Local foods

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Monument Café started serving local produce after Winkstern's wife, Lael, began growing spring greens on their property near the San Gabriel River in 2003. That only whetted his appetite-and his customers'—for more local produce.

"The quality is tremendous—the freshest of the fresh," he said, contrasting commercial vegetables that have been housed in a truck or warehouse for weeks. "What you get in the flavor profile is different, and the cooking techniques have to be a little bit different. We're able to highlight the flavor with very simple cooking."

Winkstern then expanded his local inventory by buying produce from local gardeners and farmers. The network grew by word of mouth, and he now has access to a host of local goods, not to mention Lael's private vegetable and herb garden and two demonstration gardens outside the restaurant on Austin Avenue.

"It's a good business practice for us to purchase local ingredients, support local agriculture and have the relationship with our producers and our growers," Winkstern said. "It's good synergy for a community."

A gardener-to-chef network

Kathleen Canales owns The Crooked Creek Farms in north Hutto on the fertile soil near Jonah. Her 6 acres produce more food than she and her family can eat. Even after selling fruits, vegetables and nuts at local farmers markets or to passers-by, she has bushels of produce that go unsold.

"When I throw away produce, knowing there are starving people, I feel like that's got to be bad karma," she said.

Thinking other noncommercial growers-she calls them small-scale farms or large-scale gardeners—were probably in the same situation, Canales decided to rally her fellow producers to find new ways of getting produce to the public. Her main push is to take inventory of what local farms grow and sell produce to local restaurant owners.

"People have their gardens growing and have stuff they take to the farmers markets," Canales said, "but with just a little more organizing, they could really benefit and profit more per pepper. I think the chefs would benefit as well."

Out of her idea grew the online farm-tochef network From Garden Gate to Kitchen Plate, where she lists participating farmers and their specialties for free. On the website, chefs can see what is available and place special orders with adequate advance

She has already received feedback from more than 25 farms spanning the county. They grow everything from produce to lavender, and several raise wildlife. She is getting ready to start connecting with chefs, and some restaurants have already sought her out.

"If chefs could just know how easy it is to get fresh produce," Canales said. "Local deliveries are not a problem. We just need to know where to take it."

Challenges for chefs

Despite the enhanced flavors and nutritional value available from local produce, the model Canales proposes presents chefs with a challenge, Vreeland said.

"It's going to be hard to fulfill a restaurant's menu because the restaurant has to be flexible enough to use what actually can be grown," she said. "It's going to be more to the chef's power of creating from what is available than for us to grow what they want."

The climate in Central Texas is to blame for unpredictable harvests. While last year's historic summer drought made it nearly impossible to grow a tomato, there are ways of getting around the extremes and the seasons, Vreeland said.

Part of Monument Café's approach has been to design its menu daily. During late February and early March, chefs featured dishes with butternut and acorn squashes and broccoli, foods that are in season. As a backup, Winkstern receives produce from contributing farmers in as wide a radius as possible without sacrificing quality or ostracizing the locals.

"We use up to 150 pounds of okra a day, and depending on the season we may have to buy out other organic producers from the Austin and San Antonio areas because we won't be able to get enough here," he said. "So we wait to see what our farmers bring us ... on a daily basis and then we'll fill in with other folks from around the area."

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Left: The Crooked Creek Farm raises wildlifegoats—in addition to produce. Right: Kathleen Canales sells free-range eggs for \$3 a dozen in the local food market.

AVAILABILITY OF LOCAL PRODUCE

COMMUNITY GARDENS

- Available for adoption as gardeners give up plots
 Include access to land, water, tools and expert
- gardening advice
- Gardeners pledge to give 10 percent of good harvests to local charities, such as a food bank or shut-in neighbor
- Volunteer opportunities available

Taylor Community Garden

At Seventh and Taylor streets

- Built on the former Taylor Middle School tennis courts
- · Managed by the City of Taylor, Taylor ISD, Keep Taylor Beautiful and WCCHD
- Width: 1/10 acre
- 30 raised garden plots
- · Free with reservation

Heritage Community Garden

2100 Hutto Road, Georgetown

- Built on the historic Georgetown poor farm
- · Managed by WCCHD and the City of Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department
- 55 raised plots, 24 in-ground gardens
- \$20 deposit (refunded after gardener clears land and returns plot)

For more information about the community gardens, call 943-3671 or visit www.wcgardens.org.

FARMERS MARKETS

Meets from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. every Thursday in San Gabriel Park, 300 E. Morrow St., April 1

Sun City

Meets from 9 a.m. to noon every Tuesday at The Village Center, 2 Texas Drive, April 6 to

Hutto

Meets from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday at the Hutto Co-op, 420 Hwy. 79, April 24 to

Meets from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday on Fifth Street between Main and Porter streets May 2 to Nov. 17



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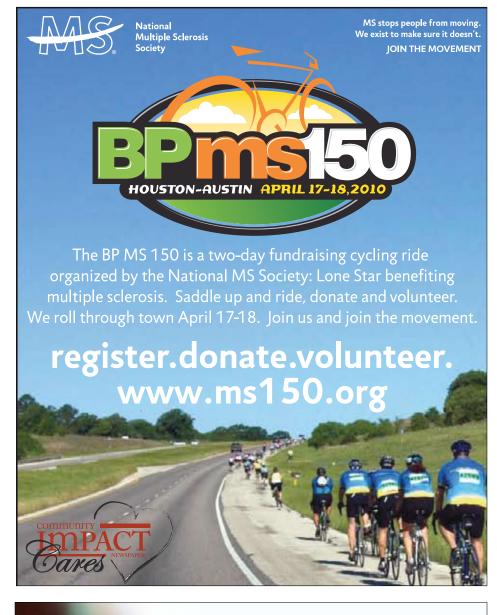
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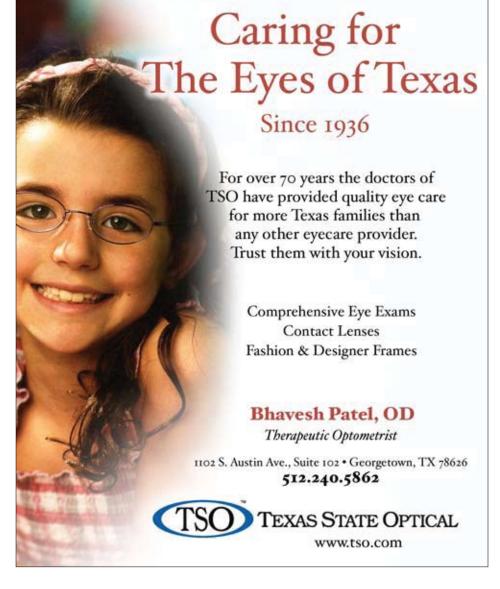
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Regional Transportation Report | Toll roads gaining traction after first three years

By Rob Heidrick

Conceived during a period of rapid regional growth, the Central Texas Turnpike System was built to accomplish three primary goals: relieve traffic on existing roadways, generate transportation funding and provide a way for drivers to bypass local traffic altogether. Three years after the tolls first opened, transportation officials and local drivers continue to evaluate the system's effectiveness. The CTTS is overseen by the Texas Department of Transportation. According to TxDOT's year-end report, the system generated more than \$58.9 million in revenue from more than 7 million transactions during the 2009 fiscal year.

Comparing roadways - Busiest ramps 'Tolls in Texas The Central Texas Turnpike System is among the youngest toll networks in the Last fall, six toll ramps in southern Williamson County and northern Travis County state. Tollways in large cities such as Dallas and Houston have been in place for years—but Austin's toll roads cost less to drive than most others. tallied more than 3,000 transactions on an average weekday. Meanwhile, traffic was much lighter at ramps off of and onto Toll 130 at Pecan Street. This chart reflects the average rate per mile for traveling the full length of each Average weekday transactions September–November 2009 road in a passenger vehicle. Figures are approximated A.W. Grimes entry to westbound Toll 45 Houston 4,614 Sam Houston Tollway (south loop) Length: 43 miles Cost per mile: 20 cents 3,889 Greenlawn exit from eastbound Toll 45 **Dallas** A.W. Grimes exit from eastbound Toll 45 3,660 **Dallas North Tollway** Length: 30 miles Cost per mile: 14.6 cents FM 685/Gattis School Road entry to southbound Toll 130 3,223 President George Bush Turnpike Length: 33 miles Cost per mile: 13.2 cents Sam Rayburn Tollway Length: 24 miles Cost per mile: 12.8 cents FM 685/Gattis School Road exit from northbound Toll 130 3,175 Austin Greenlawn entry from westbound Toll 45 3,028 Toll 130 Length: 49 miles Cost per mile: 13.1 cents Pecan Street exit from southbound Toll 130 811 Toll 45 Length: 13 miles Cost per mile: 10.5 cents Pecan Street entry to northbound Toll 130 711 Sources: Texas Department of Transportation, Harris County Toll Road Authority, North Texas Tollway Authority -Toll costs To calculate the cost of your commute, visit 130 \$0.45 IH 35 to Chandler Road U.S. 79 to IH 35 \$1.35 www.txtag.org/tollcalc.php. \$1.35 \$1.35 Chandler Road to Toll 45 U.S. 290 to Hwy. 71 FM 971 (south) to 183 continuation \$2.71



Toll 130: Regional bypass

Toll 130 spans a 49-mile loop around the east side of Austin, connecting to IH 35 north of Georgetown. TxDOT planned the project as a way for drivers to bypass the busy stretch of interstate running through downtown, yet the turnpike has been underused until recently.

Traffic picks up

In September 2007, there were about 39,741 transactions on Toll 130 on the average weekday. By September 2008, that number increased by 76 percent to 69,999 daily transactions.

Trucks avoid tolls

Despite the increased use of Toll 130, traffic congestion remains a problem on many sections of IH 35 within Austin. One reason for this could be the volume of commercial trucks that continue to use the interstate rather than pay \$20-\$30 in tolls to take the bypass. TxDOT spokeswoman Karen Amacker said the agency has discussed possible methods to encourage trucks to take the bypass.

"Technically it's possible for them to incentivize," she said. "We would have to do a study to see if it would impact the revenue they might bring in. ... But that wouldn't take away from [the volume of] trucks that need to take IH 35 to deliver goods in the greater Austin area."

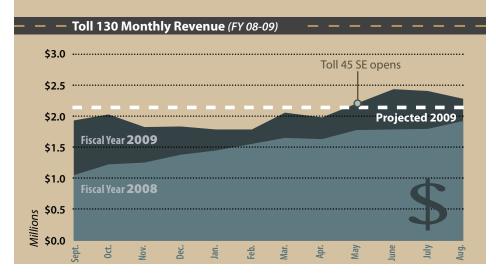
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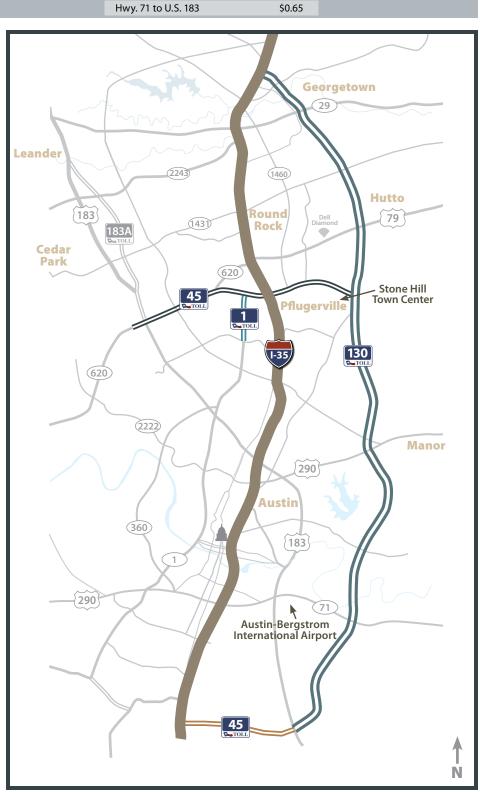
There are few direct routes to Toll 130 from central Austin other than Hwy. 290, which will get a toll road of its own once the Manor Expressway opens in 2013.

"130 kind of bows out to the east far enough that it does add on some miles to the trip," said Mike Heiligenstein, executive director of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority. "290 East is vital to 130's success. ... With that connection, you have a much better travel time and more reliability."

Closing the gap

Toll 45 SE—which bridged the gap between the south end of Toll 130 to IH 35, completing the full loop around Austin—opened in May 2009. Not coincidentally, revenue collected on Toll 130 finally rose above projections that same month. In the fourth quarter of 2009, the road generated more than \$7 million.





Regional Report | Abridged stories from our other editions

Top Stories

Schlitterbahn water resort expected to open in Cedar Park by spring 2012

Cedar Park The first phase of a \$360 million water resort near the intersection of FM 1431 and Parmer Lane is expected to open for business in 2012.

Representatives from Schlitterbahn Waterparks announced Jan. 28 the Cedar Park project would include a water park, river walk, hotel, convention center and retail space that will eventually cover 96 acres. The resort in Cedar Park will be nearly twice the size of the New Braunfels water park.

The project is a joint effort between developer Rick Redmond and owners of the New Braunfels-based Schlitterbahn.

Jeff Henry, CEO and son of the founder of Schlitterbahn, said water flowing through the Hill Country inspired the concept for the water resort in Cedar Park. Full story at more.impactnews.com/7103



Business Profiles

Arthur Murray Dance Studio 13343 N. US 183, Ste. 285

454-7663 • www.texdance.com

Northwest Austin Dominique DiGesualdo was thumbing through a local newspaper when he saw an advertisement for the Arthur Murray Dance Studio and thought he should give ballroom dancing a shot.

"When I first started I thought I could come in, take a few lessons and be John Travolta," DiGesualdo said. "But you learn very quickly that there is a lot more to it."

DiGesualdo not only learned how to dance, but also how to teach as he gradually worked his way up to become an instructor. In 2001 he and a business partner purchased the studio from its original owners, and in 2008, he moved it to its current location and became the sole owner of the studio that started him dancing in the first place.

Austinites have been waltzing, trotting and shimmying at the Arthur Murray Dance



Studios for nearly 30 years. The studio is a locally owned franchise of a 98-year-old international dance company, but still glows with uniquely Austin flavors and practices.

Full story at more.impactnews.com/7183

Community Impacts

Area's first Mini Cooper dealership arrives

Northwest Austin The BMW group will open Austin's first Mini Cooper dealership, Mini of Austin, this month at 7113 McNeil Drive. The dealership will be located next to an existing BMW dealership. Cars range in price from \$18,000 to \$34,000. Call 343-MINI or visit www.miniusa.com.

Energy drink to see unveiling at SXSW

Cedar Park Founders Loren Guerra and Dee Golden launched Cedar Park-based ZING Holdings LLC in 2009 to produce and sell energy drink ZINGWater. During the manufacturing process, caffeine is infused into filtered water to create a tasteless, carb- and calorie-free power water. A major product launch is scheduled to coincide with the interactive, film and music festival SXSW in March. Available online and at select retailers. Call 293-8677 or visit www.zingwater.com.

Round Rock Michael's

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February at 1401 S. IH 35, Ste. 105. The shop offers breakfast

the community for several

and lunch tacos as well as burritos, nachos and salads. Bulk-order discounts and delivery are also available. Call 215-8055 or visit

www.michaelstacos.com.

Tacos, which has been

years, opened its first storefront location in

Transportation Report

Transportation, reporters at Community Impact Newspaper compiled a list of the 20 most dangerous intersections in Austin. The list is based on the number of collisions recorded at each intersection between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2009. Collision numbers may vary as some collision

Region	Intersection	# Collisions	# Injuries*
Northwest	Lakeline Mall Drive and Research	46	44
South	Stassney Lane and IH 35	38	16
North	Lamar Boulevard and Anderson Lane	34	45
Northwest	Parmer Lane and MoPac	33	50
Central	Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and IH 35	32	8
North	Rundberg Lane and IH 35	31	10
Central	11th Street and IH 35	29	21
North	Parmer Lane and IH 35	28	16
East	Cameron Road and Ed Bluestein Boulevard	27	31
Central	15th Street and IH 35	26	20
East	Riverside Drive and Wickersham Lane	23	26
East	Ed Bluestein Boulevard and Loyola Lane	23	22
Southwest	Joe Tanner Lane and Hwy. 290	21	7
South	Slaughter Lane and IH 35	21	15
South	Slaughter Lane and First Street	20	24
Northwest	Duval Road and Research Boulevard	20	17
Central	Riverside Drive and IH 35	19	9
Southwest	Slaughter Lane and Cullen Lane	19	16
Southwest	Hwy. 71 and Manchaca Road	18	20

*Approximate Source: TxDOT

Williamson County pushes for changes to environmental review process



Mike Walker, environmental coordinator for TxDOT, oversees the review for multiple counties.

Leander Williamson County, along with the Texas Department of Transportation, is seeking ways to speed up the environmental review process for road projects receiving state or federal funds.

To do so, commissioners have met with state and U.S. representatives and have even offered to fund an additional position at the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

With nine regulations and laws to comply with, environmental reviews can often mean project delays for cities and counties: Improvements to US 183 north of Leander were delayed by almost two years, and the widening of

an 18-mile stretch on Hwy. 195, a winding road near Georgetown on which dozens have died, has been delayed by years.

Delays can cost millions, driving some cities to fund projects with local tax money instead of federal or state dollars.

Late last year, Leander council members voted not to accept \$2.13 million in state grants to do improvements on Crystal Falls Parkway. Leander Public Works Director Wayne Watts said the city was afraid funding from TxDOT would fall through or the project would be delayed by the review.

Full story at more.impactnews.com/7102

Based on crash data collected from the Texas Department of **Tacos abound**

locations were reported as unknown.

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Coming to town Pflugerville Germany-based

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Residential Real Estate | Neighborhoods at a Glance

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- Neighborhood parks
- Nature trails
- · Community pool and playground

- Village Elementary School
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- Georgetown Ninth Grade Center
- Georgetown High School



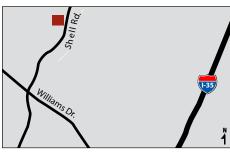
304 Rosedale Blvd. 3 Br/2 Ba | 2,000 sq. ft. Angie Moore,

\$185,000 297-5534 Century 21 HS & Associates



4507 Madrid Drive

3 Br/2 Ba | 1,660 sq. ft. \$1,400/month (lease) Skelly Starr, 869-2334 Home Town Realty



306 Plum Court

4 Br/2.5 Ba | 2,522 sq. ft. \$224,500 Dora Aubin, 966-4555 J. Paul Aubin Real Estate



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Schools

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- Hutto High School



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Market Data

On the market (February 1-28)

Price range	No. of homes for sale Georgetown Hutto Taylor		Avg. days on market Georgetown Hutto Taylo			
Less than \$100,000	10	5	48	253	216	159
\$100,000-\$149,900	94	91	42	129	82	122
\$150,000-\$199,900	119	41	11	121	143	202
\$200,000-\$299,900	144	29	12	128	154	135
\$300,000-\$399,900	97	7	3	197	289	149
\$400,000-\$499,900	40	-	1	194	-	131
\$500,000-\$749,900	37	1	1	230	172	34
\$750,000-\$999,900	19	1	-	314	510	-
\$1 million +	1	-	-	15	-	-

Austin Suburban Properties | 289-4663 | nicole@512buyhome.com Monthly home sales



Month	No	No. of sales			Average price			
	Georgetown	Hutto	Taylor	Georgetown		Taylor		
Feb. 2010	51	26	11	\$248,848	\$145,449	\$100,988		
Feb. 2009	41	24	9	\$244,217	\$167,513	\$92,400		
Jan. 2010	56	8	5	\$244,426	\$139,828	\$65,123		
Dec. 2009	68	22	8	\$236,323	\$150,854	\$95,538		
Nov. 2009	47	16	6	\$195,207	\$196,277	\$119,948		
Oct. 2009	81	35	7	\$230,620	\$149,668	\$103,880		
Aug. 2009	92	36	12	\$227,333	\$144,234	\$88,616		
July 2009	97	36	14	\$230,232	\$147,383	\$116,522		
June 2009	76	31	10	\$268,404	\$143,418	\$123,560		



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78633	Georgetown	Sun City	307 Yellow Rose Trail	2br/2ba	\$359,000	2,112	Jeanette Geron	ERA - Colonial Real Estate	966-6145
78633	Georgetown	Sun City	124 Running Water St.	2br/2ba	\$178,500	1,593	Jeanette Geron	ERA - Colonial Real Estate	966-6145
78633	Georgetown	Sun City	101 Wild Horse Way	2br/2ba	\$212,900	1,924	James Bartley	The Stacy Group	630-1032
78633	Georgetown	Sun City	140 Enchanted Drive	2br/2ba	\$289,950	1,915	Pokey Delwaide	ERA - Colonial Real Estate	818-9300
78633	Georgetown	Sun City	122 Breckenridge St.	3br/2ba	\$215,000	1,666	Pokey Delwaide	ERA - Colonial Real Estate	818-9300
78633	Georgetown	Sun City	116 Whirlwind Cove	4br/2ba	\$289,900	2,598	Don Stacy	The Stacy Group	869-0223
78633	Georgetown	Sun City	622 Deer Meadow Circle	3br/2ba	\$269,950	2,072	Pokey Delwaide	ERA - Colonial Real Estate	818-9300
78633	Georgetown	Sun City	108 Portsmouth Drive	2br/2ba	\$144,500	1,426	Pokey Delwaide	ERA - Colonial Real Estate	818-9300
78633	Georgetown	Sun City	115 Yellowstone Road	2br/2ba	\$219,900	1,838	Louise Peach	J.B. Goodwin, Realtors	426-7635
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78633	Georgetown	Sun City	209 Monument Hill Trail	3br/2ba	\$169,500	1,404	Pokey Delwaide	ERA - Colonial Real Estate	818-9300
78633	Georgetown	Sun City	201 Mustang Island Trail	4br/2ba	\$317,777	2,871	George DeVillar	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	639-0258
78633	Georgetown	Sun City	208 Fieldstone Drive	3br/2ba	\$189,950	1,660	Kelly Bartko	The Stacy Group	869-0223
78633	Georgetown	Sun City	323 Fieldstone Drive	3br/2ba	\$242,000	1,660	Pokey Delwaide	ERA - Colonial Real Estate	818-9300
78633	Georgetown	Sun City	110 Bee Creek Court	3br/2ba	\$525,000	2,974	Charlotte Hohensee	The Stacy Group	868-7248
78633	Georgetown	Sun City	119 Coreopsis Way	2br/2ba	\$174,500	1,654	Donald Mabray	The Stacy Group	869-0223
78634	Hutto	Clarks Crossing	106 Quail Circle	3br/2ba	\$112,000	1,435	Joseph Eckels	J.B. Goodwin, Realtors	914-2599
78634	Hutto	Country Estates	210 Paige Bend	3br/2ba	\$152,000	2,216	Mendy Clark	Keller Williams Realty	771-7174
78634	Hutto	Enclave at Brushy Creek	1206 Utopia Lane	3br/2ba	\$159,900	1,809	Morris Joseph	Joseph Realty Group, LLC	350-3512
78634	Hutto	Hutto Highlands	214 Hendelson Lane	3br/2ba	\$185,440	2,050	John Mick	RE/MAX Capital City	401-9306
78634	Hutto	Hutto Highlands	216 Hendelson Lane	3br/2ba	\$167,990	1,735	John Mick	RE/MAX Capital City	401-9306
78634	Hutto	Huttoparke	104 Rinehardt St.	4br/2ba	\$104,395	1,922	Michelle Sheehan	Gaston & Sheehan Realty	251-4950
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78634	Hutto	Lakeside Estates	111 Pond Way	3br/2ba	\$119,500	1,467	Susan Rock	ROCK Properties	382-4320
78634	Hutto	Riverwalk	209 Baldwin St.	4br/2ba	\$190,000	1,857	Stuart Sutton	J.B. Goodwin, Realtors	844-3254
78634	Hutto	Valley Vista	200 Allyson Lane	3br/2ba	\$49,900	1,232	Jeffrey Clawson	Austin Vestors	695-2425
76574	Taylor	Mallard Park (behind)	2002 Muscovy Cove	3br/1ba	\$133,000	1,504	Susanna Boyer	Sellstate Classic Realty	785-4568
76574	Taylor	Doak	1720 Fourth St.	2br/2ba	\$72,000	1,232	Cherri Thompson	Keller Williams Realty	924-9548
76574	Taylor	Green Lawn	1802 Cypress Cove	3br/2ba	\$134,500	1,270	Syrissa Balusek	Urban Homes and Land	269-9272



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106 Quail Circle, Hutto

\$112,000

\$219,000



1720 Fourth St., Taylor

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