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Hays County ramps up major road projects

Future transportation priorities also assessed

By Wes Ferguson

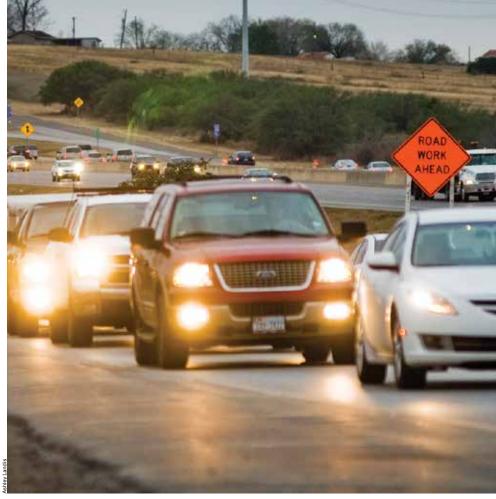
Hays County roads are in the midst of a \$100 million makeover, and county officials are already contemplating which transportation issues to focus on next.

A countywide transportation master plan is scheduled for completion by late January or early February. Precinct 1 Commissioner Debbie Gonzales Ingalsbe said the document will address big-picture goals and priorities for the county's increasingly busy highways and roads.

"We're looking at our entire transportation system," Ingalsbe said. "Where are we wanting to make improvements? Where are we wanting new roads to come in? Where can we provide a safer transportation network that provides mobility and economic opportunity?"

With Hays County's population estimated to more than double to about 371,000 during the next 25 years, Ingalsbe said the master plan will also help secure federal highway dollars that are distributed through the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, a governing body that coordinates regional transportation planning for Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis and Williamson counties. She said the proposed FM 110 loop around the east side of San Marcos "continues to come to the top" of her list of road priorities

Hays County and the Texas Department of Transportation broke ground on the first segment of FM 110 in November to connect



Traffic stalls in mid-December during construction at the intersection of West Center Street and I-35 in Kyle.

McCarty Road with Hwy. 123 on the southeast side of San Marcos. The county plans to eventually extend the loop to Yarrington Road on the north side of town.

"This road has been talked about for so long—well over 30 years," Ingalsbe said. "We all know how much traffic we have on I-35,

and we have to start looking at alternatives to relieve that congestion. I think this is the first step in doing that. Not until we complete the entire eastern loop will we really be where we need to be as far as safety and mobility."

The county had also allocated funds to See **Roads** | 27

Centralized 911 service could speed response times

Ry Brett Thorne

Kyle Fire Chief Glenn Whitaker was sitting in his office in 2011, listening to the hum of the police dispatch on his radio, when the scanner buzzed to life.

A voice came on the channel to dispatch a Kyle police officer to the scene of a car accident in front of Tobias Elementary School on East FM 150. Though the fire department had not yet been dispatched, Whitaker hopped in a truck and headed toward the school. It was not until he had arrived at the scene and gotten out of his truck that he received a dispatch on his own fire department radio.

Such delays are not uncommon under the county's current dispatch system, Kyle Deputy Fire Chief Rick Beaman said, but law enforcement and fire department officials throughout Hays County are working on a plan

to change that. They intend to move all emergency dispatchers into the same facility, where each agency will share the same computer-aided dispatch, or CAD, system—leading to quicker response times and more efficient service.

Under the current system, all EMS and fire departments in the county are dispatched through the Hays County Sheriff's Office. Buda Fire Chief Clay Huckaby said this creates complex problems during house fires in areas such as Kyle.

"You're going to tell [a 911 dispatcher] your house is on fire and they're going to say, 'Please hold,' and they're going to transfer you to Hays County to page out Kyle Fire Department because all the Hays County fire departments are operated from Hays County 911 dispatch," Huckaby said. "So See 911 | 29

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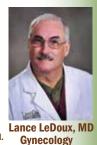
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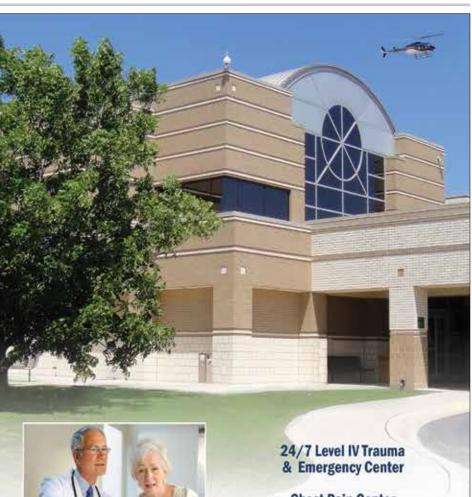
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FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER



Exiting the highway is typically an easy process, but when exiting onto a two-way frontage road, one can only hope and pray the passing drivers notice and obey the posted yield signs. With a major transportation overhaul set to occur in much of Kyle, one-way frontage roads are one of the city's top priorities. Projects such as this

will not only ease commuters' nerves and increase road safety, but they will also serve to accommodate future population growth.

It is estimated that Austin and San Antonio are two of the four fastest-growing cities in the nation, and because of this population boom, it is inevitable that those cities in between will feel the side effects. Last year, we wrote about the co-location of county services, and for this

year's January issue, reporter Brett Thorne writes a front-page story about the co-location of Hays County emergency services. County officials are collaborating to forecast our area's growth and react accordingly by reorganizing fragmented groups that serve throughout the county. We can only assume these proactive measures will ease the growing pains as both San Antonio and Austin continue to burst at the seams.

Apart from transportation issues, water and education will be focuses for our region and are at the front of many elected officials' minds during this legislative session. Just as we focus on the future and responsible development, we continue to work to protect the features that make our cities so attractive. The natural environment and local amenities draw us to living where we do. Balancing development while maintaining finite resources enables us to benefit from the continuous population surge.

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FM 1626 widening: Convert 6.8 miles of FM 1626 between FM 967 and Bliss Spillar Road from a two-lane road with no shoulders to a five-lane road with sidewalks and curbs by winter 2014

San Marcos loop: Connect I-35 and McCarty Road with I-35 and Yarrington Road by fall 2013

14% FM 150 realignment: Realign FM 150 east of I-35 to create a continuous roadway east and west of I-35 in Kyle by summer 2013

Results from an unscientific Web survey, collected 12/12/12-01/14/13

ANNOUNCEMENT

OUR NEW AUSTIN METRO PUBLISHER

As Community Impact Newspaper continues to grow, we continue to enhance our leadership structure. With future growth in mind, Traci Rodriguez has been named Austin Metro publisher effective Jan. 2. Rodriguez is wellknown in several of our communities, having served as general manager for the Northwest Austin, Central Austin and Leander/Cedar Park editions. She brings enthusiasm and knowledge of the Central Texas region to her new role.



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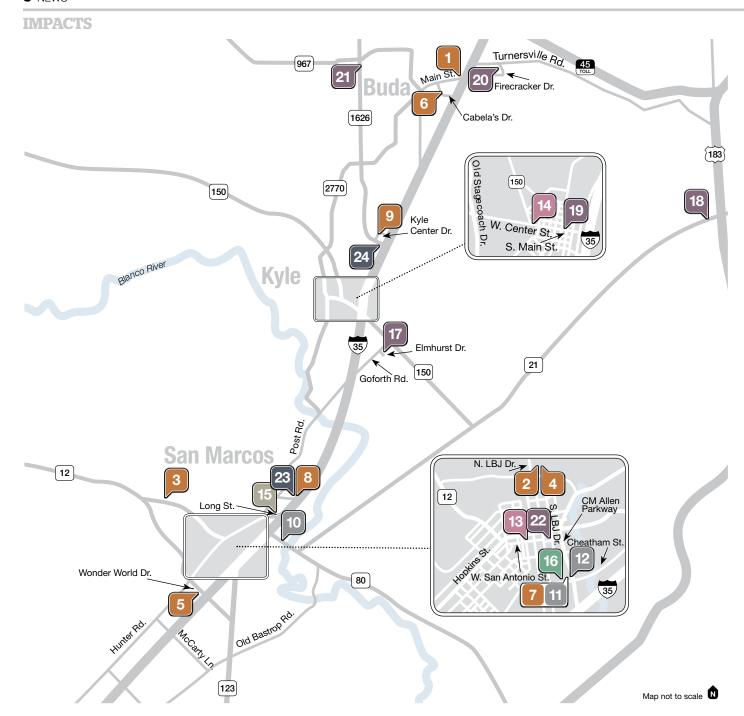






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- **2 Apartment Pros**, 700 N. LBJ Drive, Ste. 103, San Marcos, opened Dec. 5.

Brothers Matt and James Ingle provide free apartment locating services in San Marcos and Kyle. 512-805-7767.

 $www.apartment prossan marcos.com,\\ www.facebook.com/Apartment Pros$

3 Charlene and Fred Barbettini opened River Rats Smoke Shop, 1904 RR 12, Unit 110, San Marcos, on Nov. 14. The location sells pipes, tobacco and

smoking accessories. 512-805-2200. www.riverratssmokeshop.com, www.facebook.com/riverratssmokeshop. Twitter: @riverratssmoke

4 Gotta Habit, 700 N. LBJ Drive, Ste. 113, San Marcos, opened in October. The shop provides glass pipes, tobacco pipes, scales, incense and smoking accessories. 512-667-7886

- **5** Candlewood Suites, 600 Wonder World Drive, San Marcos, opened Nov. 12. The hotel features 80 bedrooms and a 1,000-square-foot conference room. Vic Patel will manage it. 512-749-1717, www.candlewoodsuites.com. www.facebook.com/CandlewoodSuites
- 6 Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham, 1285 Cabela's Drive, Buda, plans to hold a grand opening celebration at 5 p.m. on Jan. 25. The hotel features 83 rooms, free Wi-Fi and a complimentary Texas-size waffles next door to the Cabela's retail store. 512-295-5444. www.microtelinn.com, www.facebook.com/Microtel
- At 11 a.m. on Feb. 21, Revive Hearing Center, 300 S. CM Allen Parkway, Ste. 300A, San Marcos, plans to hold a ribbon-cutting to celebrate the opening of its 15th Texas location. Managed by Denise Kopecki, the business offers personalized hearing aids. 512-667-6904. www.revivehearing.com
- 3 Jorge Monticello opened Monticello Tint & Tire, 1710 N. I-35, San Marcos, in late December. The shop offers tinting, tire patching, and iPhone and computer repair. 512-992-4441
- **9 Kyle Orthodontics**, 5401 S. FM 1626, Ste. 820, Kyle, opened in mid-January. Dr. Alexis Tessler helms the practice, which specializes in braces, including invisible braces. 512-800-2003. www.kyleortho.com

Relocations

- 10 Copper House Liquor & Cigars relocated from Kyle to 925-A Hwy. 80 in San Marcos on Dec. 18. The business sells liquor, wine, cigars and beer. 512-262-0725
- Gruning & Dietz law firm to open her own practice, Elly Del Prado Dietz PLLC, at 300 S. CM Allen Parkway, Ste. 100, San Marcos, on Jan. 1. Dietz focuses on property and family law. 512-878-0999



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Elementary School prekindergarten
program were recognized by the Texas
Education Agency in December for
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and preparing students for kindergarten,
as determined by the Texas Kindergarten
Readiness System. The system measures
excellency and efficacy of education
programs using data from participating
schools and the kindergarten reading
diagnostic test, which is administered
at the start of each school year. 512-3936700. www.smcisd.net

The **Hays CISD** board of trustees named former Deputy Superintendent Carter Scherff as the district's interim superintendent at a special meeting Dec. 3. Scherff assumed the responsibilities of outgoing Superintendent Jeremy Lyon after Lyon was named the lone finalist for the superintendent position at Frisco ISD. The board began the process of searching for Lyon's permanent replacement in January. 512-268-2141. www.hayscisd.net

Name Change

13 Thrifty Treasures, 101-B W. San Antonio St., San Marcos, changed its name to **Three Birds Treasures** on Dec. 1. The store deals in what owner Daron Phillips calls "upscale thrift." Three Birds offers everything from action figures to Zippo lighters, Phillips said. 512-667-7824

14 Luviano's, 804 W. Center St., Kyle, changed its name to **Rinconcito del Sabor** in October. The restaurant's cooks serve traditional Mexican cuisine, but plan on

adding new menu items including French toast, pancakes and fish tacos. 512-268-4380

New Management

15 Trevor Williams took over management of **Patriot Carwash**, 115 Long St., San Marcos, in December. The business offers soap washes and tire cleaning and also features four vacuums for interior cleaning. 512-353-0617

New Ownership

16 In mid-December, the real estate firm Randall Morris & Associates, 333 Cheatham St., San Marcos, acquired the Century 21 Excell Team, formerly owned by Mark Mayhew, as well as the exclusive rights to Century 21 in San Marcos and New Braunfels. The company has changed its name to Century 21 Randall Morris & Associates. 512-353-1776. www.randallmorris.com

Anniversaries

17 Neo Dentistry, 165 Elmhurst Drive, Ste. A, Kyle, celebrates its one-year anniversary in January. The practice offers pediatric and family dental services that include routine checkups and root canals. 512-722-6131. www.neodentistrykyle.com. Twitter: @neo_dentistry

18 John's Tackle Box, 14800 Hwy. 21, Niederwald, is celebrating its ninth anniversary in January. The company sells fishing tackle and live bait. It also repairs fishing rods, and cleans and repairs fishing reels. 512-398-4203

19 Lucinda Doyle, Attorney at Law, 107 S. Main St., Kyle, celebrates her first anniversary in January. Doyle offers legal services in real estate, probate matters and the creation of wills. 512-757-3309. www.independencetitle .com/lucinda-doyle

20 The Huntington Apartments, 1255 Firecracker Drive, Buda, celebrates its

two-year anniversary in January. The apartments feature a clubhouse, pool, controlled access gates, a business center and more. 512-295-4071. www.thehuntingtonseniors.com. Twitter: @HuntingtonBuda

21 Ruth Wenzel, CPA, 251 N. FM 1626, Building 1, Ste. D, Buda, celebrated her first anniversary in December. Wenzel holds 30 years of experience providing tax preparation and planning for businesses and individuals as well as bookkeeping services. 512-295-8180. www.ruthwenzelcpa.com

22 Texas Music Theater, 120 E. San Antonio St., San Marcos, celebrates its second anniversary in February. The venue has hosted acts such as Blue October, Cold War Kids and Two Tons of Steel. 512-878-2459. www.tmtsm.com. Twitter: @TxMusicTheater

In the News

Mariachi Nueva Generacion, Texas State University's mariachi band, received first-place recognition at the annual Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza in San Antonio on Dec. 1. The band has taken the top spot six times in seven years at the extravaganza, one of the top mariachi competitions in the nation. Texas State students Karen Zavala and Nelson Ruiz finished first and third in the individual vocal competition, respectively.

Community Service

23 24 IHOP, with locations at 1113 N. I-35, San Marcos, and 5401 Kyle Center Drive, Kyle, will serve free pancakes at locations throughout the nation Feb. 5. Customers are asked to donate money for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals in the restaurant's effort to raise \$3 million for the charity. 512-396-4467, San Marcos, and 512-268-2907, Kyle. www. ihop.com,

www.facebook.com/IHOP. Twitter: @IHOP Compiled by Wes Ferguson and Brett Thorne



Co-owner Cy Khan opened **Thai Delight Cuisine** in Buda in November.



Christy Phillips and her husband, Daron, renamed their San Marcos resale shop **Three Birds Treasures** in December.



Luviano's in Kyle changed its name to **Rinconcito del Sabor** in October.



Co-owners John and Linda Rusnak celebrate the ninth anniversary of **John's Tackle Box** in January.

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Kyle resident Melissa Deichmann, a parent of a Hays High School student, speaks in favor of allowing the Confederate flag on student property during a Dec. 17 Hays CISD board of trustees meeting.

EDUCATION

Hays trustees ban Confederate flag

School district previously allowed symbol on student property

By Brett Thorne

At its meeting Dec. 17, the Hays CISD board of trustees voted to insert language into the student code of conduct that will ban the display of the Confederate flag from student property.

The ban comes 13 years after the school board voted to phase out the use of the Confederate battle flag from school-funded property and uniforms.

The district compiled a report on the causes of the vandalism in May, and there was some concern among parents and students that the board would recommend changing the high school mascot, the Rebel, as well as the school's fight song, "Dixie." Those recommendations were never made, but it was decided that the board would seek "clarification of district rules regarding dress codes and limits of student freedom of expression."

After that vote in 2000, the issue remained dormant until May, when two students vandalized school property with racist graffiti. The letters "KKK" and the words "Catch 'em, Kill 'em" were etched into the door of an African-American teacher's classroom at Hays High School.

At the Dec. 17 meeting, Melissa Deichmann, a Kyle resident and Hays High School parent, was one of several speakers who addressed the board in favor of keeping the flag.

"It's not the Confederate flag that causes the disciplinary problem," Deichmann said. "There were two students who chose bad behavior on a Saturday in Saturday school. They also vandalized the baseball field. It was not just racial. They attacked many things."

Deichmann cited a district report for the 2011-12 school year that found the disciplinary rate at Hays High School was 3.2 percent compared to 5.7 percent of students at Lehman High, where the school's logo is a lobo and a five-point star. The disciplinary rate takes the number of incidents requiring discipline and divides it by the student population.

At a meeting in September, board Secretary Shaun Bosar expressed concern that the wording in the code of conduct did not give principals a clear definition of the rule they were enforcing. He addressed those concerns again Dec. 17.

"I brought up a recommendation that we get a clarification to equip our principals of our high schools to give them the tools to accurately and with fidelity, implement this type of procedure. ... I brought up that if I deem or the administration deems that wearing purple on a gray day is inappropriate, then let's put that [in the code of conduct] and equip our principals so they can have a concrete way of implementing this procedure, policy, code of conduct," Bosar said. "And it has totally morphed, from my perspective, into this Confederate flag issue."

Bosar expressed concern that the language of the amended code of conduct leaves the issue open to the "principal or designee's judgment."

"Obviously we have had issues where that judgment—they did not have enough tools in their tool belt to make that judgment," he said.

After nearly two hours of discussion, the issue went to a vote where it was approved 5-2. Bosar and Marty Kanetzky provided the two "nay" votes. Because the ban was already being enforced by administrators, it is effective immediately.

Hays CISD spokesman Tim Savoy said the district has not received any backlash from parents or students since the decision, but officials will continue monitoring the situation throughout the semester.

Cape's Camp development gains council's OK

SAN MARCOS City Council members voted 5-2 on Jan. 7, and voted 5-2 again on Jan. 15, to approve a developer's rezoning request to build an apartment complex on property locally known as Cape's Camp.

The Woodlands of San Marcos, a planned 306-unit, 1,000-bedroom student housing development, had drawn vocal opposition because of its proximity to the San Marcos River.

In exchange for City Council approval, the apartment developer agreed to donate a 20-acre strip of land along the river, including all of Thompson's Island, for public parkland, among other concessions. When it opens, the park will connect the city's extensive network of riverfront parks on the west side of I-35 with Stokes Park on the east side, a



Apartment opponents fill the lobby of San Marcos City Hall to watch the City Council meeting Jan. 7.

long-stated goal for San Marcos.

Councilmen John Thomaides and Jude Prather opposed the measure.

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City Council approves I-35 building standards

KYLE On Dec. 18, City Council approved new guidelines for commercial developers to follow in order to build along I-35.

The new standards, which took effect in December, set requirements for sidewalks, parking lots, structure orientation and other aspects of building and design. Sofia Nelson, the city's planning director, said developers had been faced with "a game of risk" before the I-35 Overlay District standards were passed.

"While we do have basic development requirements for residential developments—it includes design features, the size of homes and masonry requirements—we don't really have any of those same requirements for commercial property," Nelson said.

Nelson said the old process was

subjective and required weeks, and, in some cases, months of waiting for official approval.

"What this does, from a development standpoint, it streamlines that by saying, 'These are the standards you need to follow, and once you follow those, your project is approved, and we're not going to make you go before a board or commission and have your plan subject to the council or Planning and Zoning Commission," she said.

"From a person living in Kyle's standpoint, it gives them some predictability about what they can expect to be developed along I-35," Nelson said. "It was not a predictable process for the person living in Kyle wanting their gateway to their city to be very attractive. It really gives some predictable standards."

Meetings

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By Karen Brooks Harper

Capitol Correspondent



Lawmakers face wealth of decisions as 2014–15 budget discussions start

There is only one piece of legislation the state constitution requires the Texas Legislature to pass after it convened Jan. 8: the budget.

The battle over tens of billions of dollars in state spending began before the session did, as did the discussion on how to limit growth of that spending for future budget cycles.

State leaders have pledged to spend no more than \$77.4 billion in nondedicated funds for the next budget cycle after the Legislative Budget Board set a mandatory spending growth cap at 10.71 percent in November.

Starting point

The House and Senate on Jan. 14 released their base budgets for the next biennium, with neither group putting any more money back into schools after more than \$5 billion in education cuts last session.

But the budgets, state leaders said, are just a starting point and are subject to months of public hearings.

Some cautioned against making decisions too early that might further limit spending on necessary services for Texans.

"As a legislator, I would not be representing my district in Houston if I were to not ensure that Texas moves forward in a responsible way that provides for the growth of its citizens and the needs of its children, the elderly, colleges, universities, financial aid for college students, and middle-income Texans," said Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-District 139, vice chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

The House proposed a \$187.7 billion budget, while the Senate put forth a slightly leaner bill amounting to \$186.8 billion. Both are less than the nearly \$189 billion budget passed in the last biennium.

Revenue outlook

When State Comptroller Susan Combs released her annual revenue estimate Jan. 7, she allotted \$101.4 billion for general spending, well above last year, leaving lawmakers with a surplus of \$8.8 billion.

The oil and gas boom produced billions in taxes for the state, Combs said, and helped Texas recover from a recession that left lawmakers with a \$25 billion shortfall in 2011.

"Texas experienced a very strong rebound from a severe recession," she said. "The state's robust economic recovery led to better-than-expected revenue collections in major taxes such as the sales tax, oil and natural gas production taxes, and motor vehicle sales taxes.

"The outlook for both the economy and state revenue is for continuing expansion as the fast growth of the economic recovery gives way to moderate, sustained growth."

Spending growth cap

The percentage adopted unanimously by the Legislative Budget Board, a permanent joint House-Senate committee that advises the Legislature on the budget, is the amount the state comptroller's

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office projects for the state average per capita income growth during that budget period for 2014–15.

The Texas Constitution requires that lawmakers increase the amount of spending from cycle to cycle only at a rate matched by personal income growth.

Conservatives said strengthening or lowering the cap should be part of any plan to rein in or prevent runaway spending.

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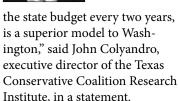
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Current budget

The current budget, passed by the Texas Legislature in 2011 with a record \$15 billion in cuts, includes \$70.4 billion in nondedicated spending for 2012–13.



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Nondedicated revenue is largely dependent on sales taxes, and funds the budget requests of state agencies, which oversee—and pay for—programs such as electricity bill subsidies and financial aid.

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The January Issue special section

In a previous issue, we told you that they were now open, coming soon or relocating. Where are these businesses now, and what's new?

Yeyo's Beauty Supplies



Owner Ebony Givens said she hopes to expand Yeyo's Beauty Supplies.

Owner Ebony Givens thought hair care would be her focus when she opened Yeyo's Beauty Supplies in August, but she soon discovered a demand for much more. The Kyle boutique has expanded its merchandise offerings to include purses, clothing, hats, footwear and a wide assortment of "bling bling" jewelry.

"I was not expecting to be this successful this soon," Givens said.

Hello Kitty items are some of the shop's hottest sellers, said Givens, who added she would like to expand in the next year or two.

"Kyle is growing, and we needed something that is kind of stylish and fresh because some people don't want to go to Austin or San Antonio," she said.



Wild Flour Cakery & Boutique



Co-owner Amanda Rickman sells a variety of sweets at Wild Flour Cakery & Boutique.

The owners of this Buda bakery say they plan to refine their recipe for success in 2013. Walk-in business has not been as popular as expected, but orders for custom cakes keep rolling in, said Amanda Rickman, who owns Wild Flour with her sister Lindsey Finlay and her mother-in-law, Lee Rickman.

"We're thinking about putting more focus on custom orders, mostly for wedding cakes, because it's been how we're staying afloat," she said. "We're getting connected with lots of venues and wedding planners in the area."

Buda's many festivals have also brought exposure to Wild Flour, Amanda added. The bakery could also expand its boutique offerings, possibly adding consignment items, so people will have a reason to stop in "even if they're not hungry," she said.

"I think we've done relatively well for our first year," Amanda said. "We're kind of holding our own."



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Breadcrumbs Child ID Service



Breadcrumbs co-owner Mike Leas shows a bracelet that stores emergency details.

Mike Leas said he and his wife, Cindy, are very protective of their children, and they hope their parental passion will translate into a viable business they co-own.

Breadcrumbs uses USB flash drives to store children's vital information in case of an emergency. After moving from Cypress to Kyle in September, the couple is raising funds to purchase equipment and advertise their mobile operation.

"We want to promote child safety and provide education about child abductions," said Mike, who knew a girl who was abducted and killed when he was in high school and said her abduction "has always been in the back of my mind."

The flash drives are made to look like bracelets, credit cards or dog tags. Parents can choose which information to store on the drives, from allergies to contact details, physical characteristics and fingerprints. Breadcrumbs travels to day care centers, elementary schools, public events and other places to create identification and raise awareness about being prepared for emergencies related to child abductions and medical issues.

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Cody's Bistro & Lounge



Owner Cody Couch said business is outpacing expectations at Cody's Bistro.

Cody's Bistro & Lounge owner Cody Couch has paid his dues in the San Marcos dining world.

Starting when he was 17 years old, Couch worked in more than half a dozen restaurants and bars-including managerial stints at Palmer's, the Embassy Suites and Jason's Deli before opening his own place in late October.

"I've been a dishwasher to waiting tables to bartender to everything,"

He said business at Cody's Bistro is outpacing revenue targets, attracting a clientele with a simple menu of fresh food and drinks served in an upscale

"I want a mature bar in this town, where you can have a fun time but not get crazy like you were downtown," he said.

The bistro is benefiting from early buzz, Couch said, but he added that he hopes to avoid the plateau that traps many establishments after they've been open a couple of months.

"When you're the new place, everyone wants to try you out," he said. "You can't be complacent. We're always making changes and getting busier every day."

Couch said he prepares the dressings, pestos, soups and everything else on the bistro's menu in-house.

"I don't have a freezer, so I really base my food on something that's simple and consistent," he said. "Everything's fresh. The clientele I'm going for appreciates that, and they can taste it."



Josh Harnagel displays the cockpit of a Redbird Skyport flight simulator.





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Redbird Skyport

Enrollment is flying high at Redbird Skyport, a research and development lab that opened in November 2011 at the San Marcos Municipal Airport.

The operation's flight school is running at full capacity and plans to expand to 16 students a day, a 33 percent increase from current enrollment, in the first quarter of 2013, Marketing Director Josh Harnagel said.

"We've put out about 50 pilots in the past year," Harnagel said.

An offshoot of Austin-based Redbird Flight Simulations, the San Marcos business also offers aviation

private terminal. More than 50 aircraft passed through the terminal during the Formula One weekend, the operation's best three-day period to date.

dining facilities to include an outdoor seating area and gazebo. A concurrent remodel of its indoor dining area incorporated a World War II aviation theme.

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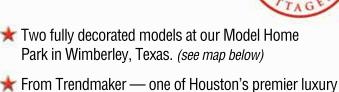
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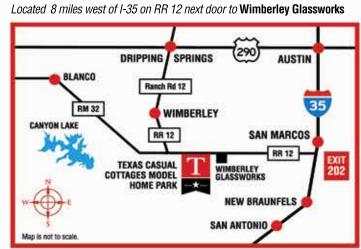
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Buda City Council



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Meetings

The council meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month. Buda City Hall 121 Main St., Buda 512-312-0084 http://ci.buda.tx.us

Terms and compensation

The mayor and council members earn \$75 and \$50 stipends per meeting, respectively. They serve three-year terms.

Live coverage

Meetings are not televised or streamed online.

Accomplishments in 2012

New police officers

The hiring of four police officers brings Buda closer to the state ratio of one officer per 500 residents.

Looser liquor laws

Voters passed a proposition that allows bars and liquor stores in the city, and the council created ordinances that dictate where such establishments may operate.

Development of parks master plan

This document will help guide the development of Buda's system of parks and green spaces.

Development of transportation master plan

The city determined the long-term transportation projects on which it will focus. Areas of focus include walking and bicycling paths in the city, public transportation and improved connectivity throughout the city.

Top issues for 2013

Expanded trails

The city is in the midst of a project that will expand its trail system and connect Bradfield Drive with Stagecoach Park.

Wastewater facilities

City officials say the growth that Buda has experienced in the past few years means that municipal wastewater facilities will need to be expanded. Possible ways of addressing the issue include construction of a new facility and shifting some wastewater management to the Sunfield Municipal Utility District on the city's east side.

Implementation of transportation master plan

One of the most consistently voiced concerns of Buda residents is the removal of shipping trucks from the downtown area, according to Mayor Todd Ruge, and construction on a truck bypass will continue throughout the year.

Accomplishments in 2012

Parks improvements and renovations

The city renovated Gregg-Clarke Park, the train depot, and the Parks and Recreation Department headquarters.

Improving general and utility fund balances

The utility and general funds have been operating at losses for a few years, but the council put tighter spending regulations in place during the first year of a three-year plan to bring the funds back to a positive balance.

New library building

The Kyle Public Library moved into a new building at 550 Scott St. in May. The new library is about four times larger than the old one and holds about 32,000 books.

I-35 development standards

City Council approved I-35 Overlay Development Standards that will dictate what rules developers must follow when building along I-35 in the city.

Top issues for 2013

Stabilize revenue sources

The city will enter into the second year of a three-year plan to help stabilize the general fund.

Economic development

Officials believe the creation of an I-35 Overlay District will help attract more development along the I-35 corridor because it will create a uniform set of standards for developers to follow.

Monarch Utilities talks

The city is in talks with Monarch Utilities, provider of water services to about 900 houses in the Amberwood and Indian Paintbrush neighborhoods, to improve customer service and lower rates.

Possible road bond

City Council is developing a bond issue that would go toward engineering and construction of roads and road improvements in the city. The first year of the project is expected to cost \$4.5 million.

Kyle City Council



From left: Place 6 Councilman Ray Bryant, Place 1 Councilwoman Diane Hervol, Place 5 Councilwoman Samantha Bellows-LeMense, Mayor Lucy Johnson, Place 2 Councilwoman Becky Selbera and Place 4 Councilman David Wilson; Place 3 Councilman Bradley Pickett not shown

Meetings

The council meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of every month. Kyle City Hall 100 W. Center St., Kyle 512-262-1010 www.cityofkyle.com

Terms and compensation

Council members are paid \$100 per month.
Councilman David Wilson declined his stipend. Mayor Lucy Johnson declined her \$200 monthly stipend.

Live coverage

Meetings of Kyle City Council can be viewed online at www.ustream.tv/ channel/kyle-city-council.

San Marcos City Council



From left: Place 2 Councilman Jude Prather, Place 6 Councilman Shane Scott, Place 3 Councilman John Thomaides, Mayor Daniel Guerrero, Place 4 Councilman Wayne Becak, Place 5 Councilman Ryan Thomason and Place 1 Councilwoman Kim Porterfield

Meetings

The council meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

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Terms and compensation

The mayor receives a stipend of \$750 per month; council members receive \$500 per month. They each serve four-year terms.

Live coverage

Meetings are broadcast on Time Warner's channel 10 and Grande's channel 16. Meetings are also streamed online at www.ci.san-marcos.tx.us/ videos

Accomplishments in 2012

New parks rules

City Council approved a spate of new rules governing city-owned parks, including an alcohol ban and stricter littering standards. The rules took effect Jan. 1.

Comprehensive master plan

After working on a new comprehensive master plan throughout 2012, city leaders and volunteers have nearly completed "Vision San Marcos: A River Runs Through Us," which seeks to guide decisions pertaining to the environment and resource protection, parks and public facilities, economic development, transportation, land use, and housing and neighborhoods.

Downtown infrastructure

The city made significant progress on renovation of the downtown area, including reconstructed streets and streetscapes and putting utilities underground. City officials also developed architectural standards for new downtown buildings.

Top issues for 2013

Master plans in development

In addition to the completion of the comprehensive master plan, City of San Marcos staff expect to draft the city's first youth master plan, aimed at contributing to the safety, well-being and healthy development of children and young people. City officials also plan to implement a habitat conservation plan addressing issues along the San Marcos River.

Railroad quiet zones

In a city where about 40 trains pass through per day, San Marcos city staff are preparing to create railroad quiet zones at 26 public crossings. Trains will be prohibited from using their horns at the crossings once safety improvements are made.

Charter review

On Jan. 15, City Council appointed seven residents to a commission that will review the city charter. The charter governs city operations, including elections and borrowing funds. Possible amendments would require voter approval.

Hays County Commissioners Court



From left: Precinct 2 Commissioner Mark Jones, Precinct 1 Commissioner Debbie Gonzales Ingalsbe, County Judge Bert Cobb, Precinct 3 Commissioner Will Conley and Precinct 4 Commissioner Ray Whisenant

Meetings

The Commissioners Court meets at 9 a.m. each Thursday. Hays County Courthouse, 111 E. San Antonio St., Ste. 300, San Marcos 512-393-2205 www.co.hays.tx.us

Terms and compensation

The county judge earns \$79,815, and commissioners earn \$65,048–\$67,000 annually. They serve four-year terms.

Live coverage

Commissioners Court meetings are streamed online at www.co.hays. tx.us/commcourtlive

Accomplishments in 2012

Moving into the Government Center

The opening of Hays County's 232,000-square-foot Government Center consolidated many county departments that were scattered throughout downtown San Marcos, improving customer convenience and allowing the county to sell or lease its previously occupied buildings.

Transportation plan update

Hays County undertook a countywide comprehensive update to its 10-year-old transportation plan. The update focused on working closely with local governments to ensure transportation plan coordination and gathering public input. The transportation master plan is expected to be nearing completion by late January or early February, following input from the Commissioners Court on Jan. 15.

Health care improvements

The county partnered with Central Texas Medical Center to take advantage of a federal matching program for county-provided medical services, amounting to \$1.40 in federal dollars for every \$1 contributed by the county. In January, CTMC began to operate Hays County's health clinics.

Regional water partnership

The county joined the nonprofit Coalition of Central Texas Utilities Development Corp., along with several other cities and counties in the Austin area, which will work regionally to represent the area's water concerns at the state level.

Top issues for 2013

Road projects

Hays County officials hope to improve countywide transportation, in light of reduced federal and state funding, that will allow the county to keep up with population growth and increased transportation needs. Major road projects under way in 2013 include the widening of FM 1626, improvements to the I-35 overpass at Yarrington Road and realignment of I-35 frontage roads in Kyle.

Determining parks priorities

Funding master plan development and improvements to parks and recreation areas, such as Jacob's Well and other sensitive sites throughout Hays County, is expected to be a Hays County priority in 2013. The county controls six parks and open spaces and is negotiating for public access to the Dahlstrom Ranch nature preserve near Buda.

Tapping water sources

The county aims to develop and acquire infrastructure that will ensure regional water availability in the future. Making inroads in 2012, the county joined with other water providers to acquire water and wastewater facilities in western Travis and northern Hays counties.

Maintaining county budget

County leaders want to maintain services for residents while keeping the tax rate and county budget as low as possible. The Commissioners Court adopted a fiscal year 2013 budget of approximately \$174.5 million, down from the 2012 budget of nearly \$244 million.

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Skate park construction delayed

Buda site to feature ramps, rails and memorial garden

By Brett Thorne

Skaters and BMX bikers in Hays County might have to wait a bit longer than originally anticipated for the opening of a new skate park in Buda.

Jack Jones, Buda Parks and Recreation director, said the city opened up bids for contractors for the 10,000-square-foot project Jan. 11 and received one offer. That offer exceeded the project's budget, and Jones said city staff will examine all of its options, including rebidding at a later date.

The park is named for Jackson Tyler Norris, a Buda teen and skateboarder who was killed in June 2011 while crossing a busy highway in Lockhart.

The park will be located at the intersection of Goforth Road and South RM 967, and Jones said it will be the only one of its kind between Austin and San Marcos.

"Instead of kids skating where it's unsafe and on private property, we're creating a safe environment and a place to skate for our Buda kids," Jones said.

When City Council was presented

with the concept for the project in June, the cost estimate was about \$330,000, well above the original budgeted amount of \$280,000. The city eventually approved a \$350,000 budget for the project, which includes a \$140,000 grant from Hays County.

Jones said much of the park's features were designed with input from local skaters and BMX bikers.

"We had a couple of community meetings where we had 20 to 30 kids show up and tell the design team what they wanted to have at the skate park, given the budget and the size of the park," Jones said. "It's really designed for kids who are beginning skaters all the way up to advanced skaters."

At a City Council meeting last year, then-Place 3 Councilwoman Sandra Tenorio described Norris as a polite boy who was also "a perfect example of what I would like my son to grow up to be like."

The Jackson Tyler Norris Memorial Skate Park's 10,000 square feet will include ramps, jumps, rails and a memorial garden that will be paved with bricks engraved with the names of donors. Norris' family and friends have rallied around the project and have committed to contributing \$30,000

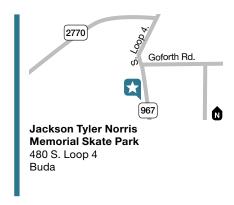


Buda's skate park is planned for construction on a 0.67-acre parcel of city-owned property.

toward construction of the memorial garden. Jones said more than \$10,000 has been raised so far, and more than 100 bricks have been sold.

In addition to the memorial garden, there are plans to plant seven trees to represent the seven recipients of Norris' organs. Rebecca Norris, Jackson's mother, said the family has heard from three of the seven donors, and each is planning to attend the opening of the park.

"It's just incredible to hear that they're still with their families and living life to the fullest," Norris said.



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Government Center marks its first year of operation

By Wes Ferguson

Reflecting on the first anniversary of the Hays County Government Center, county officials said the \$64 million facility has already accomplished what it was designed to do. It tightened security, provided a one-stop shop for most county services and allowed the wheels of justice to turn more efficiently, according to 274th District Judge Gary Steel.

"In the past, our courtroom space

was very limited, and we were very limited in how we could even come over and preside," said Steel, who also serves as the county's administrative judge. "By having the extra space and extra facilities, we can literally now work all we want to. We're forcing attorneys to bring cases to the courtroom, and we're able to force those cases to trial much quicker."

The 232,000-square-foot center opened in December 2011 with space

for the tax assessor-collector, elections administration and other county departments. The building also doubled the number of Hays County district courtrooms to six. With judges working more days, Steel said the Hays County Jail has been able to release inmates or move them to state facilities more promptly.





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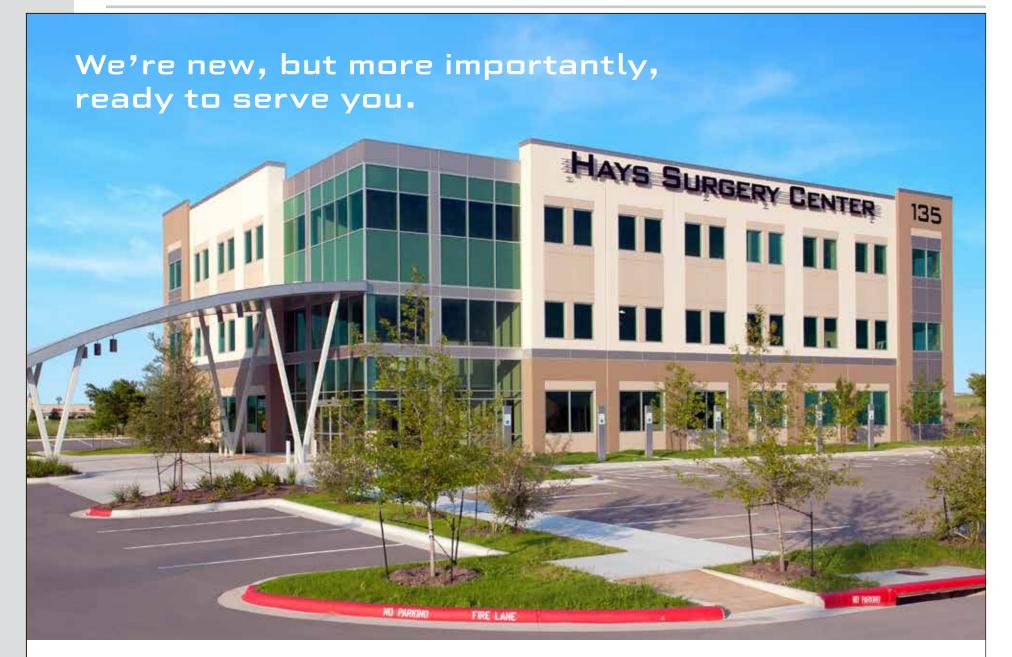
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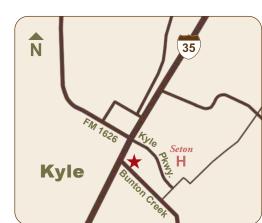


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San Marcos takes on record number of capital improvement projects

Shopkeepers say road construction has cut into business in downtown area, but fewer undertakings expected in 2014

By Wes Ferguson

If drivers noticed a surge in construction projects on San Marcos streets in 2012, they can expect even more roadwork during the next 12 months.

Aquarena Springs Drive, Hunter Road and North LBJ Drive are among the city's heavily traveled roadways that are scheduled to begin reconstruction in 2013. In addition, an ongoing \$10.7 million project to overhaul downtown infrastructure is set to continue through June 2014 on streets between the Hays County Courthouse square and the Texas State University campus.

"It is definitely the most projects we've had under construction, ever," San Marcos City Engineer Jennifer Shell said. "We've had the money for years, and we're finally fully staffed and getting things through design and getting them on the street."

Short-term pain downtown

The downtown redevelopment project includes numerous improvements to East Hutchison Street and its neighboring roadways, with new streetscapes and water lines, among other features. Crews are also removing overhead power lines and telephone lines and burying them throughout the project limits.

While city officials said the project will accommodate future growth and provide a facelift to the aging downtown, Shell acknowledged that shopkeepers and restaurant owners have suffered since the project began in August. Blocked traffic and a lack of parking have deterred consumers from the area, and Shell said most businesses have reported lost sales of about 50 percent.

"I have lost 80 percent of my business," said Ruben Becerra, owner of Gil's Broiler, the oldest restaurant in San Marcos. "It's been a huge, huge impact on our business. We've had drastically diminished sales, and it's been a very painful transition. Nevertheless, I still support the project."

Once construction is complete, Becerra said, downtown streets will be more vibrant and more accessible hopefully drawing more business.

"We've been here since the '40s," he said. "Once the hurdles are removed, then people will begin to flow again."

Fewer new projects in the works

Though construction crews are busy with capital improvement projects throughout San Marcos in 2013, Shell said 2014 could be quieter. She said her office is slowing down its plans for new projects until City Council has approved a spate of new goals for San Marcos, beginning with a citywide comprehensive plan and followed by master plans for water, wastewater and transportation.

"The master plan will give us their view for what we want San Marcos to be in the next 25 years," Shell said.

Funding is also an issue, she added.

"We've really scaled back our [project] spending and new bond sales," Shell said. "Our new funding is limited, so we don't have a lot of new projects, and we won't next year, either. In a

couple of years we won't have anything under construction, and we'll have to start over."

Assistant Finance Director Heather Hurlbert said the city has cut back on future capital improvement plans in an effort to limit new debt. Reducing the debt will take pressure off future utility rates and reduce debt service requirements on the general fund, she said.

Aquarena Springs overpass

San Marcos' biggest capital improvement project scheduled to begin in 2013 is the long-awaited Aquarena Springs Drive/Loop 82 railroad overpass. Slated for completion in late 2015, the four-lane bridge will put an end to frequent train delays for nearly 30,000 drivers per day, according to Mark Borenstein, a project manager for HDR, a consulting firm.

The \$38.3 million Texas Department of Transportation project incorporates a design that is inspired by the San Marcos River and Bobcat Stadium, Borenstein said during a City Council presentation last summer.

"This is the gateway into San Marcos, a gateway into the university, so we've been very sensitive to those aesthetics," he said.



San Marcos' 10 largest capital improvement projects that are in design, under construction or recently completed

The City of San Marcos is undertaking a number of projects to improve its streets and infrastructure, listed here in order of the estimated cost of the project.

Loop 82 overpass

Aquarena Springs Drive/Loop 82 will get a new four-lane overpass where it crosses the Union Pacific Railroad tracks; access roads to Post Road and Texas State's Bobcat Stadium will also be added. \$38.3 million, December 2013–December 2015

2 Downtown redevelopment,

Full reconstruction is ongoing for parts of three downtown thorough-fares—LBJ Drive from Hutchison Street to University Drive, Hutchison Street from LBJ Drive to CM Allen Parkway, and CM Allen Parkway from Hopkins Street to University Drive—among other major streetscape, water and wastewater improvements in the area. \$10.7 million, August 2012–June 2014

Rio Vista Terrace project, Phase 2
New roundabouts, retaining walls, curbs, sidewalks, street lighting and reconstruction of deteriorated water and wastewater systems are nearly completed throughout the Rio Vista Terrace neighborhood. \$10 million, March 2010–spring 2013

4 Hunter Road widening

A center turn lane and bicycle accommodations are in the planning stages for Hunter Road/Hopkins Street from Wonder World Drive to Bishop Street, as well as construction of a roundabout where the road crosses Dixon and San Antonio streets. \$9 million, October 2013–October 2015

Airport north side and Taxiway
Juliet development, Phase 1

Develop continues for the north side of the San Marcos Municipal Airport by reconstructing Taxiway Juliet, building a new entrance road and adding parking, among other improvements. \$7.2 million, March 2012–June 2013

6 North LBJ Drive reconstruction
The project will rebuild North LBJ
Drive from Sessom Drive to Holland

Street with sidewalks and bike lanes. \$5.7 million, March 2013–spring 2015

7 Sessom Drive wastewater line In an effort to prevent sewer overflows, a new 21- to 24-inch wastewater line will be constructed along University and Sessom drives, from CM Allen Parkway to LBJ Drive, replacing a 12-inch line

December 2012–March 2013

8 Comanche water transmission

A water main more than 1.25 miles long will be constructed to connect the city's Spring Lake booster pump station on Ed JL Green Drive

that is over-capacity. \$5.6 million,

to the Comanche tank at the corner of Comanche Street and Sessom Drive. \$2.8 million, July 2012–March 2013

9 Rattler Road extension

The project will extend Rattler Road near San Marcos High School, connecting McCarty Lane with Hwy. 23. \$3.2 million, October 2012–April 2014

10 Hopkins Street/Thorpe Lane

Hopkins Street was reconstructed from Charles Austin Drive to Long Street, and Thorpe Lane was rebuilt to Springtown Way, in addition to water and wastewater improvements and new traffic signals. \$2 million, July 2012–January 2013





Possible Kyle road bonds

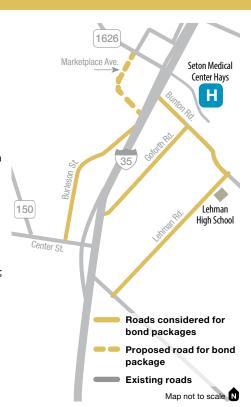
By Brett Thorne

The City of Kyle Mobility Committee has scheduled its second and final public meeting Jan. 26 to discuss a possible road bond election. City officials are considering two packages. The first would include engineering and construction on Bunton, Lehman and Goforth roads; Burleson Street; and Marketplace Avenue. The second would include engineering for each of the five roads in addition to construction on Bunton and Goforth Roads and Burleson Street. Depending on the input received at the public meeting, one option could make it onto the ballot in May, according to Mayor Lucy Johnson.

Timeline: The ballot language must be submitted to the U.S. Department of Justice by Feb. 15 in order for a vote to be held May 11.

Cost: \$23.56 million for the three-road project; \$52 million for the five-road project

Funding: The five-road package would be paid back over the course of six years and would increase the average homeowner's annual tax bill by a total of \$259.48 during the payment period, according to city estimates. The three-road package would increase the average homeowner's annual bill by about \$120 during a three-year period.





Capital Metro bus service

Bv Charlotte Moore

Capital Metro will continue with construction of its MetroRapid bus service, set to begin in January 2014.

Two north/south bus routes:

- Construction began last year on Route 801, which will run from the Tech Ridge Park & Ride on Center Ridge Drive in North Austin to the Southpark Meadows Shopping Center on I-35 at Slaughter Lane.
- Some of the major stops on Route 801 will include the Chinatown Center, The Triangle, The University of Texas, downtown Austin and St. Edwards University.
- Route 801 will connect to one MetroRail station and three Park & Ride facilities as well as the South Congress Transit Center.
- Route 803 will run from the North Austin Medical Center to Westgate Mall.
 Discussions are under way to consider moving the northern terminus of Route 803 to The Domain.

- Major destinations along Route 803 will include the Northcross neighborhood, Seton Hospital, downtown Austin and Barton Springs.
- Construction on Route 803 is scheduled to begin in the summer.
 The service is expected to be more than 30 percent faster than existing routes and will connect neighborhoods to business, education, medical and entertainment areas, according to Capitol Metro.
- The project is being paid for in part with a federal grant of \$38.1 million, with a total projected cost of \$47.6 million.

Buses

Capital Metro is getting 40 new MetroRapid buses—22 60-foot buses and 18 40-foot buses operating on clean diesel fuel—which will be equipped with signal priority technology to keep traffic lights green for longer periods of time to allow the buses to stay on schedule.



Austin's Urban Rail initiative

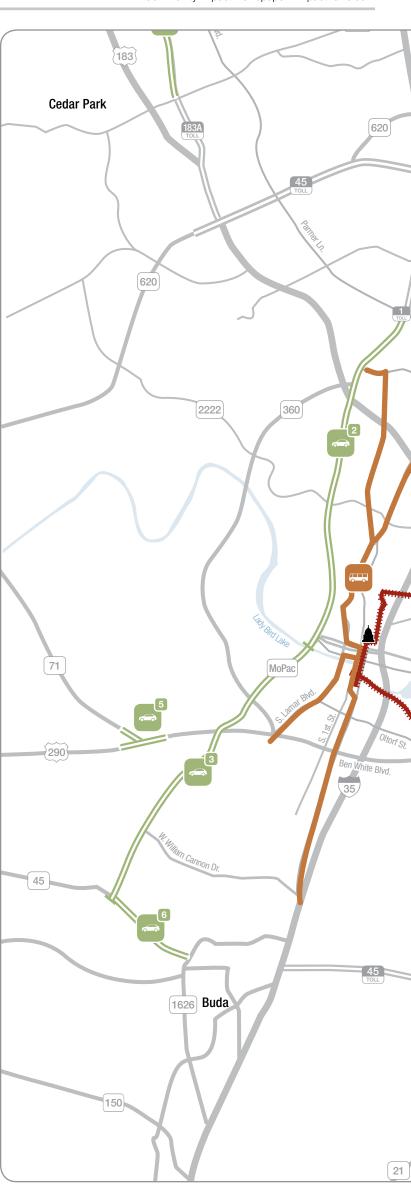
By Gene Davis

The City of Austin's Urban Rail initiative is looking to expand the MetroRail passenger line with a system of electric-powered, fixed-rail cars. The proposed first phase of the Urban Rail initiative is a 5.5-mile stretch between the Mueller development east of I-35 and the Austin Convention Center. The phase would link downtown, the Capitol Complex and The University of Texas, and it would connect with two MetroRail transfers. An urban railcar could carry up to 165 people, with pickups occurring every 10 to 15 minutes, according to the City of Austin.

Timeline: A proposed November 2012 bond election to help fund urban rail was pulled in May 2012. A bond election could be held by 2014, and, if passed, construction would begin in 2016, and the system could be running by 2021, according to the City of Austin.

Cost: Estimated cost for the first phase would be \$550 million for construction and \$16 million annually to operate.

Funding: For the first phase, half of the funding is anticipated to come from general obligation bonds and the other half from federal sources.





Airport update

By Wes Ferguson

Construction projects will be the norm at Central Texas airports in 2013 as airports accommodate increased numbers of travelers flocking to and from the Austin area. The city's inaugural Formula One race drew a record 21,800 departing passengers to Austin-Bergstrom International Airport on Nov. 19, according to spokesman Jim Halbrook. In Pflugerville, the Austin Executive Airport operated more than 300 takeoffs and landings during the F1 weekend, more than double the airplane traffic of a typical weekend, Executive Director Andy Perry said, while the municipal airports in Georgetown and San Marcos both served as relievers for ABIA.

Austin-Bergstrom International Airport

- · Airlines added nonstop flights to multiple destinations in 2012, with Southwest Airlines launching service to Atlanta on Feb. 12; Portland, Ore., on June 3; and Washington, D.C., on July 9. Southwest also announced it would add a nonstop flight to Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey beginning March 9. In addition, US Airways began nonstop flights to Philadelphia on Sept. 6.
- To address increased numbers of passengers, a temporary fourth security checkpoint opened Nov. 12.
- In preparing for a \$50 million expansion of the east terminal, Austin City Council approved \$6.3 million for the preliminary design Oct. 18. The project will replace the temporary checkpoint and expand the customs area for

international flights. It is slated for completion in 2015.

2 San Marcos Municipal Airport

- The airport collected \$328,500 in total revenue in the 2012 fiscal year, a 12 percent increase from 2011, according to Airport Manager Stephen Alexander.
- The second phase of a project to develop the airport's north side. which borders Hwy. 21, began Nov. 26 following the conclusion of the first phase earlier in the month. The \$7.1 million project will reconstruct Taxiway Juliet, build a new entrance road to the development and add parking, among other improvements. It is scheduled for completion in late spring.
- Once the airport's north side project is complete, Duncan, Texas-based developer AirSpace is planning to build 23 hangars on the north side in 2013.



Toll update

By Amy Denney

Several transportation organizations, including the Texas Department of Transportation and the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority, are working to improve and add to the toll system.

Hwy. 290

The first 1.5 miles of the Manor Expressway is now open from US 183 to just east of Springdale Road. The total 6.2-mile project will add three tolled lanes in each direction from US 183 to Parmer Lane east of Toll 130 with three nontolled frontage road lanes each way.

Timeline: To be completed in 2014 Cost: \$426 million

MoPac Improvement Project

Construction on the express lanes on MoPac will start between April and June and take about 2 1/2 years to complete. The project adds one tolled lane in each direction from Parmer Lane to Lady Bird Lake. The cost of the toll for drivers will vary, depending on the time of day and heaviness of traffic.

Timeline: To be completed in 2015 Cost: \$200 million

3 An environmental study is scheduled to start in early 2013 on MoPac from Lady Bird Lake to SH 45 South. Options for improving mobility include adding express toll lanes, building overpasses at Slaughter Lane and La Crosse Avenue, and adding bike/pedestrian facilities.

Timeline: Environmental study is expected to be complete by 2016 Cost: Not known

US 183

4 An environmental study is under way on the Bergstrom Expressway to consider adding six tolled lanes on the 7 miles from Hwy. 290 to Hwy. 71 or not building a tollway at all.

Timeline: Environmental study to be completed in 2014 Cost: Estimated \$750 million

The Y at Oak Hill

In October, a three- to five-year environmental impact statement was launched to examine the intersection of Hwy. 290 and Hwy. 71. The public will be able to attend community meetings in 2013 to provide input and review initial concepts

Timeline: Environmental impact statement is expected to be completed in 2016

Cost: Not known

SH 45 SW

The future of SH 45 SW is still unknown. Although an environmental study is under way, it is on hold while the Mobility Authority waits to hear feedback from the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization on what options would be best for the area.

Timeline: Not known Cost: Not known

Sustainacycle

Kyle business teaches sustainable living

By Brett Thorne

ordon Wybo moved his business into a house in Kyle in October, and he made sure to bring his worms with him. Wybo said he takes pride in the fact that his business, Sustainacycle Sustainable Living Center, is not easily categorized.

"I wanted a place that didn't fit something that you could just check the box," Wybo said. "It's not a store, it's not a school, it's not a farm, but I do all those things."

Sustainacycle, formerly Wybo's Wigglers, offers classes on everything from hydroponics—how to grow plants without soil—to making homemade soap and sustainable practices.

Sustainacycle does not have

everything, though. A glance around the facility reveals that there is almost no trash anywhere. Food and paper products go onto one of the two compost piles in the back, and almost everything else gets recycled.

Wybo's plans for 2013 include installing a greenhouse in the backyard and an interactive herb garden in front of the business that will allow people to use their smartphones to scan a barcode attached to each plant and receive information about the plant.

"This is what I want my legacy to be," Wybo said. "Not some bridge, or tower or coliseum. I want to be known as the guy who taught people how to grow things."



Gordon and Jana Wybo offer classes and products that support sustainable living.

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From left: Co-owners Brian Scofield, James Wilson and Jamie Frailicks opened the Black Rabbit Saloon in August.

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Black Rabbit Saloon

Bar focuses on customer service, vintage games

By Brett Thorne

amie Frailicks, James Wilson and Brian Scofield, co-owners of Black Rabbit Saloon, noticed a trend among bars in San Marcos and decided to try bucking the norm.

Many college bars have what Wilson calls a "get them in, get them out" policy regarding their nightly clientele, but the trio behind Black Rabbit wanted to turn their bar into a destination where people could spend their entire evening.

"We really focus on good quality and good customer service," Wilson said. "We don't want to necessarily just sling out as many drinks as fast as we can."

There are about a dozen bars and drinking establishments within a one-block radius of San Marcos' downtown square, so the three co-owners knew they would have to do something radical to make themselves stand out. Their answer to that dilemma came in the form of a game room.

The bar's nonalcoholic diversions include four

lanes of skeeball, pool tables and vintage video games including "NFL Blitz," "Pac-Man" and "Galaga." At no time during the week is Black Rabbit's fun flag waving more proudly than on Wednesday, when the 40 members of the Whiskeeball skeeball league crowd around the four lanes.

However, not all of Black Rabbit's clientele wishes to indulge in that sort of adolescent revelry, Wilson said. He also recommends the front of the saloon, which he describes as a "classic bar" with eight craft beers on tap, including seasonal and regional offerings.

The bar opened Aug. 10 at 127 E. Hopkins St. in the spot once occupied by Dillingers.

"We saw in Dillingers a kind-of run-down, underutilized spot on the square," Wilson said. "We wanted to take that and turn it around into something people would be willing to walk into."

Wilson said the response from the community has been strong.





Ilario's Italian Restaurant

Former pizza eatery transforms its menu, brand

By Brett Thorne

Chad Jeseritz opened Panhandler's Pizza in Kyle in December 2011. The buffet-style pizza restaurant lasted for about nine months before it became apparent that a transformation was needed.

"We decided to change the concept when CiCi's [Pizza] came in," Jeseritz said. "Their prices were a lot lower than ours."

The Kyle Area Chamber of Commerce helped Jeseritz organize a focus group to bring his flailing business back on track.

"We asked what the No. 1 restaurant they would like to see was, and we gave them a list of vibes and recommendations," Jeseritz said. "About 90 percent of them said Italian food, so that's what we did. We did what Kyle wanted."

The new restaurant features a full Italian menu, including pizza, pasta, and the most popular dish, lasagna. Jeseritz said the TVs on the walls and at each booth add to the ambience he is trying to create.

"You go to a five-star Italian restaurant, you don't want to bring your kids, you don't want to be bothered," Jeseritz said. "We want the family atmosphere, and we still want the kids involved."

Jeseritz said Kyle has welcomed Ilario's since opening in October. On a typical weekday, the restaurant goes through 300 to 350 rolls, and on a Friday or Saturday, it is safe to double that number, he said.



Chad Jeseritz said business at his Italian restaurant, Ilario's, is booming.

Jeseritz, who moved to Kyle in 2010, said the entire menu is a product of his 30 years of experience with cooking. Those who have a meal at Ilario's might notice the crew of cooks never pass an opportunity to add some showmanship to the meal.

"The big aspect that we like is that we cut out the window [in front of the kitchen] so people can come and watch us make it," he said. "We'll flame up the pans and all that."

Jeseritz said he plans to expand the restaurant's menu in 2013 to include his own specialty, seafood.

"I'll bring in some salmon, tilapia, do different stuff," he said.



Buda Grocery and Grill

Longtime burger spot adds a taste of nightlife

By Brett Thorne

Until very recently those looking for nightlife options in Buda were forced to look elsewhere. But Madelyn Uresti said Buda Grocery and Grill, the restaurant she owns and manages with her husband, Rusty, and son, Anthony, has been part of a burgeoning nightlife scene in the city.

'There are more people coming downtown to eat, and before they would drive back to maybe Austin or go to San Marcos, and I feel like they're coming to Main Street more," Madelyn said.

In the past 12 months, the restaurant has added a full bar with 20 Texas beers on tap as well as the Gaslight Courtyard, but Madelyn said that has not undone the restaurant's "family"

'We wanted it to be the kind of place you could still come with your family and have a good time," she said. "I see the young and old take each other on at the pool table all the time. It's a lot of fun."

Madelyn said there is one item on the menu that is popular among guests of every generation.

"By far, we sell more burgers than anything else," she said.

The restaurant's lunch specials are all made from scratch, and Madelyn recently added a bleu cheese pecan and cranberry almond salad to round



Madelyn Uresti and Mike Davis opened the Gaslight Courtyard at the Buda Grocery and Grill on May 3.

out the grill's food offerings.

Madelyn said she expects the city's new liquor laws, which allow restaurants to hold cheaper beer and wine permits, to continue a trend she has been watching develop each weekend. In recent months, she said she's met out-of-towners at her restaurant who were surprised by the city's nightlife.

"I've noticed that people who are staying at the hotels are staying in downtown Buda longer," she said. "It used to be that they would come do their early-day shopping and hit the antique stores and might eat a bite, but they weren't here on a Friday or Saturday night. They were elsewhere."



Lovebaked **Cupcakes**

Career switch pays off for bakery co-owner

By Brett Thorne

Celena McGuill was feeling burned out the first time she thought about leaving her corporate job to take a position in a kitchen. McGuill had just moved from San Marcos to Corpus Christi to follow a job in retail marketing after being laid off from the marketing director position at Prime Outlets in San Marcos.

"While I was living in Corpus, I just didn't like it," McGuill said. "I was miserable and felt like it was probably time to get out of marketing retail."

During her time in Corpus Christi, McGuill stayed in touch with India Moore, a friend from San Marcos who had an affinity for baking and

had provided cupcakes for a few of McGuill's clients.

Moore floated the idea of turning her small-scale cupcake operation into a full-fledged business venture to McGuill, who decided it was the best offer she had received.

"I thought, 'Yeah, maybe it's time for me to try something different,' because I just wasn't enjoying what I was doing," she said.

In McGuill, Moore found the one ingredient that had been missing from her business. The duo formed Lovebaked LLC in November 2011 and set up shop at Mimi's Trailer Park in June. McGuill handles all of the marketing, and Moore runs the show in the kitchen.

McGuill said she and Moore have exceeded every monthly sales goal they have set for themselves and are moving thousands of cupcakes each month as well as a variety of drinks and baked goods including cookies

and homemade marshmallows.

"I'm much happier, but I can't say the work is any easier, because it's not," she said.

A typical day at Lovebaked begins at 4 a.m. when McGuill and Moore arrive at the trailer to begin baking that day's goods. The duo hired two employees and a baker to help ease the load, but McGuill said 80-hour workweeks are not unusual.

"When you compromise quality, then you're compromising your consumer, because people really notice the difference when they come here," McGuill said. "So many people tell us when they come here that it's the best cupcake they've ever eaten."

McGuill said she and Moore are hoping to move into a permanent space by mid-2013, but the duo have no plans to close their Airstream.

"Food trailers are an emerging trend right now in San Marcos," McGuill said.



Lovebaked's India Moore is planning to open a brick-and-mortar store in 2013.



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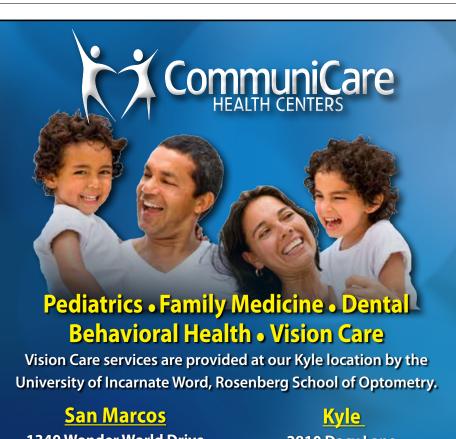
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CALENDAR

JANUARY

Share refreshments and conversation with City of San Marcos leaders and staff at this event, which includes live music and updates from Mayor Daniel Guerrero and City Council. The presentation of the Pioneer Spirit Awards begins at 7 p.m. San Marcos Mayor Susan Narvaiz and Bea

State of the City

Past winners of the award include former Flores, San Marcos CISD director of student services, 5:30 p.m. Free, Embassy Suites, 1001 E. McCarty Lane. 512-393-8000, www.ci.san-marcos.tx.us

FEBRUARY

Hope & Love 4 Kids Third Annual Fundraising Gala

This Kyle-based organization is celebrating its seventh birthday with "A Night Under the Stars," including a silent auction to raise money for its mission of providing basic necessities for needy children. 7 p.m. \$30 (\$50 per couple) in advance; \$40 (\$60 per couple) at the door. 900 Scott St., The Winfield Inn, Kyle. 512-585-1726. www.hopeandlove4kids. org, www.facebook.com/Hopeandlove4kids. Twitter: @HopeNLove4Kids

Creepy Crawlies and Critters 5K

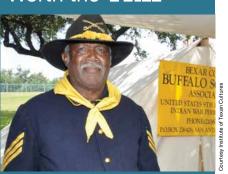
The meadows-and-fields race is part of the Women on the Trails 5K Trail series, designed for women who are new to trail running or looking for a different type of race venue. The trail follows Onion Creek and is mostly flat with a few small hills. 9 a.m.-noon. \$40. YMCA Camp Cypress, 14695 Old San Antonio Road, Buda. 512-585-5034. www.trailheadrunning.com/trailseries.html

Spring Construction and Concrete Industries Job Fair

Texas State Career Services and the School of Science and Engineering host the Spring Construction and Concrete Industries Job

Fair. Texas State students and community members who hold a four-year degree can talk with employers about internships and part-time and full-time jobs. 1-4 p.m. Free. LBJ Student Center Ballroom, 601 University Drive, San Marcos. 512-245-2645





Bexar County Buffalo Soldiers treasurer Alfonso Hudson

Buffalo Soldier Day

Black History Month kicks off at the Institute of Texan Cultures with this educational event. The Buffalo Soldiers Heritage and Outreach program, Texas Parks and Wildlife, and ITC host a day of outdoor exhibits and family activities. Stations are set up on the institute's property to show what life was like in the black regiments of the Army during the 1870s. 10 a.m. Free. 801 E. Cesar E. Chavez Blvd., San Antonio. 512-389-8569. www.texancultures.com

Online Calendar

Find more or submit San Marcos, Buda, Kyle events at www.impactnews. com/sbk-calendar

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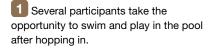
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Polar Bear Splash

More than 50 swimmers braved the winter elements Jan. 1 to take a dip in the Kyle Pool, marking the city's 10th annual Polar Bear Splash. With a chilly breeze and a high temperature of 55 degrees, an additional 75 people attended the event but decided not to plunge into the water, according to Kerry Urbanowicz, Kyle Parks and Recreation Department director.



2 Kyle resident Chad Benninghoff makes a splash after slipping down the water slide.

3 Polar Bear Splash participants—more than half of them children and teenagers—line up to jump into the pool.







San Marcos River plunge

More than 100 people plunged into the San Marcos River on Jan. 1, a New Year's Day tradition sponsored by the San Marcos River Foundation.

1 A crowd hops into the San Marcos River at Sewell Park.

2 Participants swim in the river, which remains 72 degrees year-round.

3 Swimmers warm up with hot chocolate.









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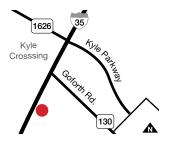


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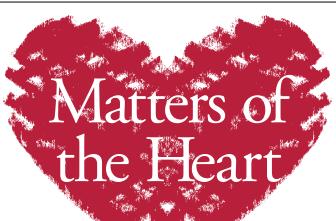
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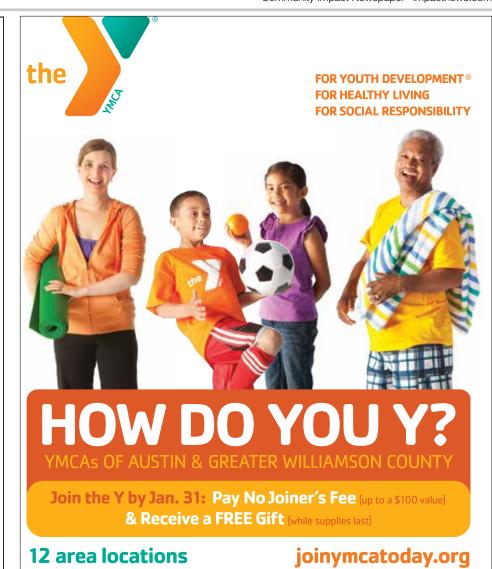
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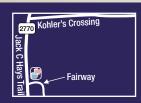
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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas pairs adult volunteers with young people in need of mentoring. Male volunteers and Spanish-speaking volunteers are urgently needed as mentors. 1400 Tillery St., Austin 78721, 512-472-5437, www.bigmentoring.org, Twitter: @bigmentoring

Bobcat Build connects Texas State University students with San Marcos residents to build a stronger sense of community. Volunteers spend a day at job sites throughout San Marcos. 512-245-4245, www.bobcatbuild.txstate.edu, Twitter:

Buda Fire Department is a combination paid/volunteer fire department that provides fire suppression and emergency service to a 75-square-mile area of northeast Hays County. Volunteers receive free training to become a firefighter or first responder. Station No. 1—209 Jack C. Hays Trail, Buda; Station No. 2—151 FM 2001, Buda; Station No. 3—3502 FM 967, Buda, 512-295-2232, www.budafire.org

CASA of Central Texas recruits, screens, trains and supervises volunteers to provide "guardian ad litem" representation for abused and neglected children to help them reach a safe and permanent home. Free training is offered throughout the year. 104 E. Martin Luther King Drive, San Marcos, 512-392-3578, www.casacentex.org

The CenTex Wing of the Commemorative Air Force is dedicated to educating the public about World War II through the display of restored aircraft and vehicles from the era. Volunteers must become CenTex members and pay annual dues of \$250. Members can receive training in restoration and maintenance of all the CAF's vehicles and aircraft. San Marcos Airport, 1841 Airport Drive, San Marcos, 512-396-1943, www. commemorativeairforce.org

Central Texas Medical Center's mission is to extend the healing ministry of Christ. Volunteers work directly with patients, families, staff, doctors and other volunteers in a variety of departments, such as at the information desk, in the gift shop, or with the hospice and home health departments. 1301 Wonder World Drive, San Marcos, 512-753-3685 (general), 512-754-6159 (hospice), www.ctmc.org, Twitter: @CTMC_SanMarcos

Down Syndrome Association of Central Texas provides education and support to people with Down syndrome, their

families and the community. Volunteers help teach classes and manage recreational programs, among other opportunities. 3710 Cedar St., Austin 78705, 512-323-0808, www.dsact.com

Dick's Classic Garage, part of the Central Texas Museum of Automotive History, helps visitors develop an understanding of the history of the automobile and its relation to society. Volunteer tour guides are welcome. 120 Stagecoach Trail, San Marcos, 512-878-2406, www.dicksclassicgarage.com

Dream of Hopes Ranch works to help special-needs children and adults reach their potential and improve their quality of life. Volunteers help with landscaping, painting and other work throughout the property, and also work with Special Olympics athletes. 16250 Oak Grove Road, Buda, 512-791-0160, www. dreamofhopesranch.org

Friends of the Library is a volunteer organization dedicated to strengthening the San Marcos Library through fundraising, volunteer work and advocacy. Membership donations are used to help the library grow and help fund children's programs. 625 E. Hopkins St., San Marcos, 512-393-8200, www.sanmarcostx.gov/library

Habitat for Humanity San Marcos teams build houses for impoverished families. Volunteers assist in construction and clerical tasks. Work sites vary. P.O. Box 1594, San Marcos, 512-754-8142, www.habitatforhumanitysanmarcos.org

Hays-Caldwell Women's Center works to create an environment where violence and abuse are not tolerated in the communities it serves. All services are free and confidential. Volunteers who wish to work directly with clients must undergo training. Volunteers also fill administrative, fundraising and special event support roles. P.O. Box 234, San Marcos, 512-396-3404, www.hcwc.org

Hays Communities Family Branch YMCA volunteers raise funds, coach sports teams, lead classes, and motivate and support youth. Training is provided for volunteers. 465 Buda Sportsplex Drive, Buda, 512-523-0099, www.austinymca.org/branches/hays-communities-branch, Twitter: @YMCAAustinHays

Hays County Food Bank provides nutritious food to residents who need help supplementing what they are able to obtain for themselves. Volunteers drive vans, pick up, process and deliver food to public distribution in Kyle, San Marcos, and Martindale, and prepare bags for homebound clients. Volunteers also help with social media, clerical duties and various community events. 220 Herndon St., San Marcos, 512-392-8300, www.haysfoodbank.org, Twitter: @haysfoodbank

Keep San Marcos Beautiful welcomes groups to "Adopt a Spot" or "Adopt a Street" to help keep the city's parks and

streets clean and beautiful. Groups can make a long-term commitment to clean and maintain an area a minimum of four times per year or schedule a one-time event. San Marcos Parks and Recreation Department, Grant Harris Jr. Bldg, 401 E. Hopkins St., San Marcos, 512-393-8407, www.ci.san-marcos. tx.us/index.aspx?page=218

Kyle Volunteer Fire Department is actively seeking people who wish to volunteer in support of the department's mission to provide fire prevention and emergency services to the community. Volunteers receive free training. Station No. 1—210 W. Moore St., Kyle, 512-268-3131; Station No. 2—150 Bunton Creek Road, Kyle, 512-268-6339, www.kylefire.org

PAWS Shelter and Humane Society provides care to homeless, abandoned or abused animals in Central Texas. Volunteers walk and bathe the dogs, socialize with the dogs and cats, assist with office duties, foster animals who need special care, and participate in community events and activities. 500 E. FM 150, Kyle, 512-268-1611, www.pawsshelter. org, Twitter: @pawsshelter

The San Marcos River Foundation's mission is to protect the flow, beauty and purity of the San Marcos River. Volunteers participate in river cleanups throughout the year and assist with water quality testing and water hyacinth removal. 222 W. San Antonio St., San Marcos, 512-353-4628, www. sanmarcosriver.org

South Hays Fire Department is a nonprofit organization contracted with Hays County Emergency Services District No. 3. Volunteers receive training and are needed for duties other than answering emergency calls. 1401 W. San Antonio St., San Marcos, 512-754-7963, www.southhaysfire.org

United Way of Hays County is a locally run chapter of the United Way of America umbrella organization that works toward the common good by focusing on education, income and health. Volunteer opportunities include reading to children, leading financial literacy classes and delivering meals to homebound seniors. P.O. Box 1728, San Marcos, 512-353-1420, www.unitedwayhaysco. org, Twitter: @UWHaysCo

This guide is not a comprehensive list of all area organizations that need volunteers. If your organization is not included, email us at listings@impactnews.com, and we will add it to our online list.

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PEOPLE

Philanthropy Day

Organization to honor area philanthropists at ceremony Feb. 14 in Austin

By Annie Drabicky

rody Roush first became interested in serving others when he was in the fourth grade.

When his YMCA basketball coach, Clint Barbour, needed help collecting basketball shoes for Hoops for Hope which provides athletic shoes for children in Africa—Brody pitched in, helping to collect nearly 700 pairs of shoes.

"That was where my roots were," Brody said. "He was just always very inspirational, and he was always very active in the community."

Inspired by his coach's example of ser-

vice, Brody, now 17, has maintained his involvement with the YMCA; at 13, he founded his own ser-

vice group,

Beyond the Bases.

As an eighth-grader, Brody had moved on to baseball and was helping his father with tryouts for the Oak Hill Youth Sports Association. Brody saw that many of the children who showed up didn't have the basic equipment.

"I noticed that a bunch of the kids didn't have the essentials—a bat, glove, helmet, things like that. I had tons of stuff packed away in my garage that I'm not using," Brody said. "I went home and got the equipment I had and gave it to these kids. And I thought, 'I've met so many people over the years. They've got to have stuff in their garage, too."

Brody distributed the equipment to the players, and then with the extra gear he gathered that first year, he held a sale, raising more than \$700.

So began Beyond the Bases, which Brody estimates has provided equipment for nearly 500 athletes and has raised

nearly \$15,000 for scholarships.

"From that, we kind of expanded our vision. We didn't sell all our gear. We had a missionary group come to us, and they wanted to take our gear to Mexico," he said. "We also went over to Del Valle. The smiles on those kids' faces—they were just amazed when they walked up [and saw] boxes of equipment.

"This continued to expand, and we've had annual equipment sales. We've been doing raffles. It's just been incredible."

Brody has continued to play baseball throughout high school, and after a

"And I never know who I may help, but knowing that I can change the life of one kid, that's what matters, right?"

-Brody Roush

tournament in Houston last spring, he expanded Beyond the Bases to Houston, partnering with a league run by a pas-

tor on the city's east side.

Now a senior at St. Michael's Catholic Academy in Austin, Brody said he plans to attend college after he graduates—the University of Notre Dame and Washington University are among his options and said he hopes to expand Beyond the Bases wherever he ends up.

For his work with Beyond the Bases, Brody will receive the 2013 Kelly Davidson Memorial Outstanding Philanthropic Youth Award on Feb. 14 at the Philanthropy Day awards luncheon.

"I think it's very special to receive this award for the organization," he said. "In the end, it's just really something extra.

"And I never know who I may help, but knowing that I can change the life of one kid, that's what matters, right?"

To contribute to Beyond the Bases, contact Brody at beyondthebases@ austin.rr.com or through www.beyondthebases.org.

2013 Philanthropy Day winners

The awards ceremony honors the work of philanthropists throughout Central Texas.

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Outstanding Fundraising Professional-Brett Barnes, LifeWorks

Outstanding Philanthropic Foundation/ Organization-Carl C. Anderson and Marie Jo Anderson Charitable Foundation

Outstanding Philanthropic Small Corporation - Fleming's Prime Steak House and Wine Bar, The Domain location

Outstanding Philanthropic Large Corporation-H-E-B

For more information about the Association of Fundraising Professionals Austin Chapter's 2013 Philanthropy Day Awards Luncheon, go to www.afpaustin.org and click on Philanthropy Day. Tickets are \$80 (AFP members) or \$90 (guests).

Roads

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widen the existing stretch of McCarty Lane, from I-35 to San Marcos High School. Because the City of San Marcos ended up paying for those improvements, the county is reallocating the unused funds to improve the I-35 overpass at Yarrington Road.

The up-front costs of the FM 110 and Yarrington Road projects—in addition to the widening of FM 1626 near Buda and the realignments of FM 150 and the I-35 frontage roads in Kyle—are being funded in large part by about \$100 million of a \$207 million road bond approved by Hays County voters in 2008. Once the projects have been completed, TxDOT will reimburse the county about two-thirds of the total cost, at a quarterly rate of 14 cents per vehicle mile traveled on each roadway, through a funding agreement known as pass-through financing.

Kyle and Buda improvements

The Kyle road projects began in August and are estimated for completion in the fall, while the first phase of the project to widen FM 1626 began in September and is estimated to continue until spring 2014. Precinct 2 Commissioner Mark Jones said both projects remain on schedule.

"We're moving a lot of dirt," he said of the FM 1626 project. "It's amazing what a wide berth this road's taking up, but it's exciting, and we haven't had any hiccups yet."

The widening project is especially important for Buda drivers who commute to Austin via MoPac, he said. The existing two-lane country road was not designed for such heavy traffic and is not safe for drivers, according to Jones.

However, Jones added, even after FM 1626 has been widened to provide continuous freeway travel from I-35 in Kyle to Brodie Lane in southern Travis County, traffic will continue to bottleneck at Brodie Lane, a two-lane road with an uncertain future in Travis County.

Connecting FM 1626 to MoPac

For nearly three decades, local and regional transportation officials have discussed bypassing Brodie Lane with SH 45 SW, a proposed 3.6-mile roadway to connect MoPac and FM 1626. But opponents have argued the road could lead to even more traffic and would be cost-prohibitive because it must travel through the environmentally sensitive Barton Springs recharge zone. Some claim that Travis County would foot most of the bill for a road that mainly benefits Hays County.

SH 45 SW remains in CAMPO's 2035 Regional Transportation Plan, but the group is beginning its 2040 planning process this spring. On Jan. 14, Will Conley, the CAMPO chairman and Hays County Precinct 3 commissioner, created a committee to determine how the route should be built.

"Not necessarily, 'Do we build or not build improvements on Southwest 45?" Conley said. "I personally believe we're past that issue. The question is what do we want to build, and who would build it? There's huge congestion and traffic issues there, and there's huge demand for a solution, particularly in our county."

Conley said the 2040 plan would be completed in about two years. In the meantime, he and Jones added that SH 45 SW would remain one of Hays County's top road priorities.

"If we don't get 45 done, we've just built FM 1626 to get you nowhere fast," Jones

Construction of SH 45 SW is one of the projects listed in a draft of Hays County's next transportation master plan made available during the Commissioners Court meeting Jan. 15. Commissioners were tentatively scheduled to vote whether to approve the plan at their Jan. 22 meeting.

Other priorities in the draft plan include the widening of I-35, FM 150, Hwy. 21, FM 2770 and FM 967, among a number of other roads and highways identified for improvements throughout the county.

The draft plan also calls for new roads in addition to the eastern loop around San Marcos, such as a loop around the western edge of Kyle and a road through much of eastern Hays County. The road would bypass Kyle and Buda, connecting FM 110 with the SH 45 SE toll road.

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Hays County transportation projects

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FM 150 realignment, frontage road conversion

1. Relocate a half mile of FM 150 to be a continuous roadway east and west of I-35, rather than doglegging about a quarter mile of FM 150 on the I-35 frontage road; completion will allow Kyle's frontage roads to be converted from two-way to one-way traffic. **2.** Reroute the southbound I-35 frontage road to bypass the Center Street/Old Hwy. 81 intersection and complete the conversion of Kyle access roads to one-way traffic.

- Construction start: August 2012
- Estimated completion: fall 2013
- Estimated cost: \$17.9 million

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 Estimated reimbursement from TxDOT: \$19.3 million

FM 1626 widening, Phase 1

Rebuild FM 1626 from Brodie Lane to FM 967, widening it from a two-lane country road to a five-lane highway with shoulders, curbs, gutters and sidewalks.

- Construction start: September
- Estimated completion: spring 2014
- Estimated cost: \$31.7 million
- · Estimated reimbursement from TxDOT: \$36.4 million

FM 1626 widening, Phase 2

Rebuild FM 1626 from FM 967 to FM 2770, widening it from a two-lane country road to a fivelane highway with sidewalks and other features.

- Construction start: fall 2013
- Estimated completion: winter 2014
- Estimated cost: \$37.2 million
- Estimated reimbursement from TxDOT: \$35.3 million

I-35/Yarrington Road bridge

Replace the Yarrington Road bridge over I-35 to accommodate six lanes with sidewalks and turnaround bridges in both directions; realign and widen segments of the I-35 frontage roads to and from the bridge.

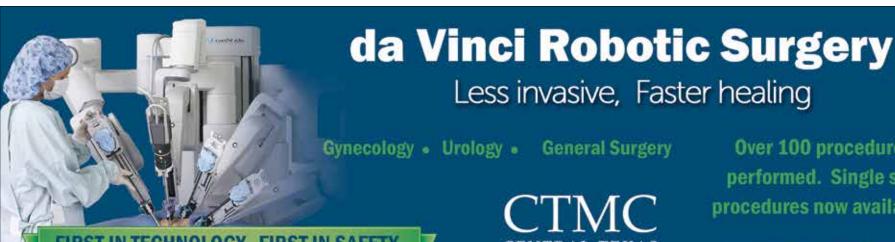
- Construction start: spring 2013
- Estimated completion: spring 2014
- Estimated cost: \$13.7 million
- Estimated reimbursement from TxDOT:

FM 110 (San Marcos Loop)

Extend McCarty Lane 1 mile to connect with Hwy. 123, the first phase of a proposed loop around the east side of San Marcos.

- Construction start: November 2012
- Estimated completion: fall 2013
- Estimated cost: \$17.3 million
- Estimated reimbursement from TxDOT: \$7.9 million

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there's a lot of transferring of phone calls and stuff like that."

According to the Buda Fire Department's internal monitoring system, the average response time—which measures the time between when the fire department gets dispatched and when the first responder arrives to the scene—is five minutes and 25 seconds

Huckaby said that because of all the switching and rerouting of phone calls, there is an additional four- to five-minute delay before his firefighters are dispatched.

Regional collaboration

The idea of co-location originated with the Hays County Commissioners Court a few years ago when Precinct 3 Commissioner Will Conley was asked to bring together emergency service and law enforcement officials to consider what the future of emergency communications would look like in the region.

Conley said the county considered multiple options, including maintaining the current system, in which each publicsafety answering point operates independently of others, as well as consolidating all the answering points under a single entity.

The court ultimately decided to create a co-located center in which each agency's dispatchers are housed together but are still employed by each separate jurisdiction.

'[The] Sheriff's Office will be working for the Sheriff's Office, Kyle PD working for Kyle PD, but under one roof, sharing one infrastructure system that would provide a higher level of service from the 911 standpoint than what we have today," Conley said.

Erica Carpenter, communications director for the Hays County Sheriff's Office 911 Dispatch Center, said the county will begin a \$174,000 project management study in January to determine the logistics of colocation. The study will be carried out with Mission Critical Partners, a public safety communications consultant firm.

"This is not a study to see if we need to improve service by co-locating," Carpenter said. "That's already been done, and that's already been proven that we do. It's already been agreed upon that co-location is going to benefit our county responders and the citizens, so this study is to show us how, where and how much [it will cost]."

Conley said when the study is concluded in late spring, officials will have an idea of when a co-located center might open.

"This will get us to the point where we could hand over our plan-think of it almost like a business plan—to engineers, architects and contractors. They would have the information that is necessary to give us an appropriate bid and be able to go out and do their work to design and build the facility for us," he said.

When the project began gaining

Current path for 911 calls dispatched for a house fire in Kyle Emergency responders in Hays County say the 911 dispatch process involves too many steps, causing delays. They want to improve response times by centralizing dispatchers. Proposed co-located plan for 911 calls Sheriff's Office

Source: Havs County Sheriff's Office 911 Dispatch Cente

momentum, it was met with some skepticism. During a Kyle City Council meeting in November 2011, Kyle Police Chief Jeff Barnett expressed his concern about colocating emergency services.

Barnett said some of the dispatchers at the Kyle Police Department have picked up extra duties at the office, and a move from the police headquarters to a centralized dispatch location might force the department to hire more staff

Officials at Texas State University's emergency dispatch center voiced the same concern, Carpenter said.

"Everybody is on board, and yes, everybody has apprehension, and everybody should have apprehension, because they need to challenge, they need to go in there with the challenge of 'Well, what about this, what about this, what about this?" Carpenter said. "That way, no component of your operation is left out."

Carpenter said she has had multiple conversations with Barnett and Ralph Meyer, Texas State University police director, and while their concerns have mostly been eased, work is still needed on the final details of how the co-located facility will ultimately operate.

In 2011, Hays County commissioners created a committee of emergency service providers to determine how much the facility would cost. That committee landed on a \$3.9 million estimate, which Carpenter said is accounting for the county's projected population growth in the next two decades

The committees and consultants have looked at the Combined Transportation, Emergency and Communications Center in Austin as a sort of cautionary tale, Carpenter said. When that co-located center was being planned in the early 2000s, officials in Travis County could not foresee the population growth on the horizon, she said.

"We're not just building this for today," she said. "We're building this for 15, 20 years down the line."

Shared dispatch technology

Carpenter said when CTECC officials tried to expand the center, space was so limited there was not even room to run more wire through the building.

"We don't want to have to come back and do this 10 years from now," Carpenter said. "We don't want to have to do this again, so we're going to do this right the first time."

In addition to streamlining the actual dispatch of emergency services to incidents throughout the county, the co-located center will allow each agency to move onto the same computer-aided dispatch system.

"What I found out was that the lack of unity between our agencies is due to the fact that we don't have the platform in place for us to be connected," Carpenter said. "So we don't have common technology, common terminology, common things like that, so that's what was keeping us separated. Now everyone wants to come together and work together."

Right now, each of the four dispatch centers in the county is operating a different CAD system, which means they are essentially blind to each other, Carpenter said.

A shared CAD system will also allow all police in the county to sync their mobile data terminals—the laptops in their cars so they can see which officers are responding to different emergencies.

"We're doing the job, but we don't have the tools to do the job, and we're suffering for it," Carpenter said. "We're doing the best we can, but we need to get improvements in our communications centers."

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Strong sales, lessons learned after Grand Prix; Buda hotels fully booked

SOUTH AUSTIN Austin officials were unsure how long it would be before the city gets the official tally of how much the United States Grand Prix added to the local economy.

City spokeswoman Roxanne Evans said that the official economic analysis will include hotel and motel taxes, sales taxes, and alcohol and beverage sales.

Anecdotal evidence from local businesses suggests that the Formula One race met expectations as a significant economic boost during the Nov. 16–18 weekend. Circuit of The Americas reported total attendance during race weekend was 265,499. 117,429 visitors attended the main event, the Grand Prix on Nov. 18.

Restaurants

Austin's Warehouse District hosted Austin Fan Fest, a street festival showcasing F1 sponsors and local vendors, during the F1 weekend.

David Tripoli, an operating partner of Truluck's Restaurant Group, said representatives from COTA and coordinating company Music & Events Group met with the district to hammer out details.

He said he first knew that it would be a successful weekend a week before the race when reservations rolled in.

"I can tell you the district was packed," he said. "The district was so afraid of the street closures and deliveries. We experienced record sales days back to back. For its first year, COTA and the planning company did a really good job."

Food truck The Peached Tortilla had set up shop in the racetrack's Grand Plaza that weekend. Owner Eric Silverstein said he could not disclose sales figures but said the truck did well.

"It was a good event for exposure and for people trying out our food," he said.

He said that for its first year, there were parts of the experience that could have been streamlined.

The weekend had started out slowly for More Home Slice Pizza, General Manager Jeff Mettler said.

"It wasn't quite as much business as a normal week, but we had all of the seats full," he said. "I think we got good results from social media. We posted the wait and let locals know that it actually was a good weekend to come down."

He added that the restaurant probably did 90 percent of its normal weekend business by the end of Nov. 18.

Casino Eighmey, owner of Casino El Camino on East Sixth Street, said the weekend had been a disappointment. He said that he had sent staffers home throughout the race weekend.



Red Bull Racing, Lotus and Ferrari jockey for position at the 2012 United States Grand Prix on Nov. 18 at Circuit of The Americas. Many businesses reported experiencing boosts in sales during the weekend.

By the numbers

\$300 million—Forecast annual impact of Formula One on local and regional economy

120,000—COTA visitor capacity

117,429—Attendance of 2012 United States Grand Prix

21,725—Passengers who departed from Austin-Bergstrom International Airport on Nov. 19

18,000—Number of passengers during Austin City Limits on Oct. 15

9,098—Number of passengers screened through security from 4–9 a.m. Nov. 19

5,365—Number of passengers screened through security from 4–8 a.m. Nov. 12

5,500—MetroRail ridership on Friday, Nov. 16

3,300—Typical Friday MetroRail ridership

6,300—MetroRail ridership on Saturday, Nov. 17

1,200—Typical Saturday MetroRail ridership

More than 3,300—Number of people who used the MetroAirport shuttle Nov. 15–19

23—Percent up from usual MetroAirport service

2,300—Helicopter landings and takeoffs

1,160—Number of cyclists who used the bike valet services during the race weekend

2,000—Food and beverage employees hired

1,100—Event day staff hired

450—Event volunteers

2.2 million—Pounds of ice needed for race weekend

12,000—Pounds of french fries served

32,736—Gallons of beer on hand for race weekend

5.32—Distance, in miles, if all hot dogs on hand during race weekend were laid end to end

Sources: City of Austin, Capital Metro, COTA

"A lot of my compatriots and I overordered on everything," he said. "What happened was that the powers that be were promoting it so much that it scared away our regulars."

Eighmey said fans who spent eight hours at the track probably came back, ate dinner and were disinterested in going downtown in large numbers.

Hotels and transportation

Sean Sorrell, senior managing director with commercial real estate intermediary HHF, said that F1 fans stayed in Austinarea hotels for an average of three to four nights to watch the race.

Leslie Pchola, general manager of the Austin Hilton, said that all of the hotel's

800 rooms were full during race weekend. "The difference with the F1 traveler is that their focus was to be at the track and at F1-related events," she said. "Folks got out, had breakfast and went out to the track. Later, they went out at night and came back late."

Farther south, Buda hotels enjoyed increased business as well, said Alisha Workman, Buda director of tourism.

The city's five hotels were at full capacity, as were two 40-seat shuttles taking visitors to the track, she said.

"We are closer than people think," she said. "We are just 15 minutes away from the track."

Full story by Joe Olivieri

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Austin and Texas Department of Transportation officials opened a flyover connecting West Hwy. 290 to southbound MoPac on Dec. 5. The flyover was half of an estimated \$9 million project begun in 2010. www.txdot.gov

SOUTH AUSTIN Moontower

Saloon opened at 10212 Manchaca Road on Nov. 16. Co-owners Richard Veregge and Josh Bumb serve local beers and host food trailers on the property. 512-712-5661, www.moontowersaloon.com

CENTRAL AUSTIN On Dec.

4, East Side King opened inside Hole in the Wall, a bar at 2538 Guadalupe St. Hole in the Wall is the first brick-and-mortar location for East Side King, the food truck run by "Top Chef" winner Paul Qui. 512-302-1470, www.eskaustin.com, Twitter: @eastsidekingatx

SOUTH AUSTIN Gourdough's

Public House, 2700 S. Lamar Blvd., opened Oct. 31. The brickand-mortar location of a former food trailer, the restaurant features a different menu from the trailer including new doughnut recipes, appetizers, salads and entrees. 512-912-9070, www.gourdoughspub. com, Twitter: @gourdoughspub

SOUTH AUSTIN Hand & Stone

Massage and Facial Spa opened Nov. 18 in the Shops at Arbor Trails at 4301 W. William Cannon Drive, Bldg. E, Ste. 230. The location offers Swedish, deep-tissue, sports and hot-stone massages as well as microdermabrasion, waxing, peels and other facial treatments. 512-892-1888, www.handandstone.com, Twitter: @handandstonetx

Coming soon

SOUTH AUSTIN Casual.

Mediterranean-inspired restaurant **Zoe's Kitchen** has applied to open at 5601 Brodie Lane, Ste. 1525. The restaurant is expected to open in the spring. www.zoeskitchen.com

Relocations

SOUTH AUSTIN The **Jo-Ann**

Fabrics & Craft store at 2110 Slaughter Lane is expected to relocate to the Southpark Meadows shopping center at 9500 S. I-35 in the the former Borders building. The store's grand opening is scheduled for Feb. 3. 512-280-4889, www.joann.com **REAL ESTATE**

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Blanco Vista, San Marcos







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HOA dues (estimated): \$360 mandatory annual

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Amenities: Blanco Vista Elementary School, trails, park, playground, community pool, stocked fish pond

 $\textbf{Nearby attractions:} \ \, \textbf{Duchman Family Winery, Five-Mile}$

Dam, sports fields, Texas Pie Co.

Property taxes:

Total (per \$100 value)	2.4606
Hays CISD	1.4613
Roads	0.0440
Hays County	0.4251
City of San Marcos	0.5302

Homes on the market (As of Jan. 1, 2013)

No. of homes for sale	13
No. of homes under contract	1
Average days on the market	134

Annual home sales (April 2012–December 2012)

No. of homes sold	17			
Square footage (low/high)	1,049 / 2,618			
Selling price (low/high)	\$147,000/\$256,839			

Featured homes

146 Fence Line Drive

3 bedroom / 2 bath

Agent: Robbie Wilev



3 bedroom / 2 bath 2,242 sq. ft. \$178,000 Agent: James Blair 830-556-1852

2,416 sq. ft.

189,900 512-753-6719



Agent: Dennis Ciani 512-



3 bedroom / 2 bath 1,571 sq. ft. \$179,710 Agent: Dennis Ciani 512-633-2973

Market Data

On the market (Dec. 1-31)

	Number of homes for sale			Average days on the market		
Price Range	Buda	Kyle	San Marcos	Buda	Kyle	San Marcos
Less than \$100,000	0	4	6	0	52	74
\$100,000–\$149,999	10	52	18	148	74	125
\$150,000–\$199,999	33	51	22	95	94	198
\$200,000–\$299,999	34	20	19	96	87	156
\$300,000–\$399,999	11	1	12	80	273	201
\$400,000–\$499,999	8	1	1	103	14	144
\$500,000–\$749,999	2	1	4	177	127	170
\$750,000–\$999,999	2	0	2	133	0	146
\$1 million +	1	1	0	221	195	0

Monthly home sales

	Number of homes sold			Average price			
Month	Buda	Kyle	San Marcos	Buda	Kyle	San Marcos	
December	27	30	14	\$207,530	\$137,456	\$201,271	
November	24	36	20	\$180,861	\$141,839	\$167,380	
October	40	42	8	\$192,503	\$141,043	\$211,506	
September	10	6	12	\$216,324	\$153,417	\$204,708	
August	26	52	19	\$191,191	\$144,376	\$162,403	
July	29	56	14	\$232,992	\$152,534	\$175,529	
June	21	63	31	\$196,677	\$140,784	\$158,922	
May	29	56	21	\$185,903	\$140,736	\$165,916	
April	28	37	18	\$183,477	\$130,557	\$202,583	





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1114 Red Oak, Buda – in 49 days!

127 W. Overlook,

Buda

- in 1 day!

301 Treetop, Buda – in 37 days!

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500 Sheep Trail, Kyle - in 3 days! 2470 Green Meadows, Buda – in 48 days

Pending!



121 Primrose, Kyle \$132,900

Recent Property Listings

ZIP code	Subdivision	Address	Bed/Bath	Price	Sq. ft.	Agent	Agency
78610	Austin Skyline	9700 Bock Road	3br/2ba	\$102,500	1,680	Ted Diver	Keller Williams—Lake Travis
78610	Bonita Vista	417 Bonita Vista Drive	3br/2ba	\$110,000	1,151	Victoria Pando	Stanberry & Associates
78610	Bradfield Village	513 Faircrest Drive	4br/2ba	\$185,000	2,659	Michelle Jones	Realty Austin
78610	Creekside Park	339 Kates Cove	3br/2ba	\$144,990	2,121	Marissa Atkinson	Austin 360 Realty
78610	Elliott Ranch	645 Little Bear Road	4br/3ba	\$393,000	3,021	Timothy Heyl	Keller Williams Realty
78610	Elliott Ranch	241 Overlook Mountain Road	4br/4ba	\$434,900	3,578	Krysten Mejia	Realty Austin
78610	Elliott Ranch	471 Overlook Mountain Road	5br/4ba	\$440,000	3,779	Joe Jarusinsky	Keller Williams—Lake Travis
78610	Elliott Ranch	854 Little Bear Road	4br/3ba	\$424,888	3,498	Jaymes Willoughby	Keller Williams Realty
78610	Elm Grove	986 Clear Springs Hollow	3br/2ba	\$249,000	2,396	April Maki	Sisu Realty & Associates
78610	Garlic Creek	1054 Clark Brothers	5br/3ba	\$229,835	2,791	Matthew Menard	Keller Williams Realty
78610	Garlic Creek West	1098 Giberson Way	3br/2ba	\$168,900	1,650	Carmen Nichols	Keller Williams Realty
78610	Meadows at Buda	341 Snow Owl Hollow	3br/2ba	\$193,185	2,020	April Maki	Sisu Realty & Associates
78610	Oak Forest	211 Oak Forest Cove	5br/3ba	\$285,000	2,278	Michelle Jones	Realty Austin
78610	Whispering Hollow	480 Middle Creek Drive	4br/3ba	\$219,900	2,796	Randy McDonald	Stanberry & Associates
78640	Amberwood	119 Pecanwood North	4br/2ba	\$143,500	1,885	Lori Huey	Coldwell Banker United Realtor
78640	Amberwood	1419 Amberwood Loop	4br/2ba	\$193,900	2,830	Bonnie Kuvet-Brots	Stanberry & Associates
78640	High Meadows	2001 Grassland Lane	4br/2ba	\$175,000	2,554	Monica Martinez	Keller Williams Realty
78640	Hometown Kyle	156 Tulip Cove	5br/4ba	\$245,000	3,992	David Raesz	Keller Williams Realty
78640	Green Pastures	424 Cresthill Causeway	3br/2ba	\$55,000	1,064	Craig Sanderson	Keller Williams Realty
78640	Prairie on Creek	221 Bluestem St.	3br/2ba	\$148,500	1,869	Carol Delgado	Stanberry & Associates
78640	Savannah Ridge	113 Golden Cove	4br/2ba	\$89,900	2,128	Roman Lopez	Keller Williams Realty
78640	Silverado at Plum Creek	123 Cowboy Cove	6br/3ba	\$235,000	4,106	Timothy Heyl	Keller Williams Realty
78640	Silverado at Plum Creek	120 Remington Drive	4br/2ba	\$174,888	2,340	Jo Celum	Private Label Realty
78640	Silverado at Plum Creek	121 Star of Texas Drive	3br/2ba	\$154,200	1,730	Christine Pura	Keller Williams Realty
78640	Silverado at Plum Creek	256 San Felipe Drive	4br/2ba	\$159,500	2,340	Laurie Gantt	Keller Williams—Lake Travis
78640	Southlake Ranch	353 Lake Washington Drive	3br/2ba	\$149,900	1,796	Shelly Hall	Realty Austin
78640	Southlake Ranch	164 Opal Lake Drive	3br/2ba	\$83,000	1,175	Timothy Heyl	Keller Williams Realty
78640	Spring Branch	290 Spring Branch Loop	4br/2ba	\$150,000	1,516	Cynthia Mattiza	Realty Austin
78666	Blanco River Village	429 Shadow Point	5br/4ba	\$260,000	3550	Robby Roden	3Z Realty
78666	Blanco Vista	141 Silo St.	3br/2ba	\$175,750	2242	James Blair	Century 21 United—D&D
78666	Blanco Vista	154 Silo St.	3br/2ba	\$179,710	1571	Dennis Ciani	Dennis Ciani
78666	Blanco Vista	215 Hay Barn St.	5br/3ba	\$249,900	3117	Dennis Ciani	Dennis Ciani
78666	Blanco Vista	146 Fence Line Drive	3br/2ba	\$189,900	2416	Robbie Wiley	Century 21 Randall Morris & Associates
78666	CL McGehee Addn.	216 Scott St.	4br/3ba	\$259,500	3127	Jerry Williamson	RE/MAX Hill Country
78666	Cottonwood Crossing	325 Wild Plum	4br/2ba	\$199,000	2748	Marie Gabriel	Key Real Estate Services
78666	Countryside	2412 Center Point Road	3br/2ba	\$189,900	1620	Diane Sanders	Coldwell Banker First National
78666	DS Combs Addn.	607 Centre St.	3br/1ba	\$85,000	2090	Diane Sanders	Coldwell Banker First National
78666	El Camino Real	207 Valero Drive	3br/2ba	\$124,900	1379	Perry Endsley	Endsley & Associates Inc.
78666	Majestic Estates	2002 Stonehaven	3br/2ba	\$168,500	1564	Brenda Damron	Century 21 Randall Morris & Associates
78666	Park North Condos	1624 Aquarena Springs Drive	2br/2ba	\$62,500	720	Lucy Gamez	Century 21 Randall Morris & Associates
78666	Rocky Ranch Acres	3000 Hilliard Road	1br/1ba	\$79,900	955	Lucy Gamez	Century 21 Randall Morris & Associates
78666	Willow Creek	2716 Rolling Oaks Drive	4br/2ba	\$242,450	3530	Richard Skiles	Skiles & Associates
78666	Willow Creek Estates	1003 Stagecoach Trail	4br/3ba	\$329,000	2769	Gary Tucker	GBT Realty

ZIP code guide

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