

Lake Travis Polo and Equine Club



Abigayle McVaney

always had her exposed to horses from ownership of horses to the involvement of equine related organizations like 4-H and interscholastic arena polo.

This past year Abigayle felt a need for Lake Travis High School to have an equine club for her peers to join with common interest, goals in the equine world and a place to achieve a Varsity Lettering Program recognized through LTHS and information on equine related scholarships for higher education.

This was accomplished by her getting approval from Mr. Butler, the principle, Dr. Lancaster, the superintendent, writing up bylaws, getting students involved and having a teacher, Mr. Foxworth,

Abigayle McVaney recently graduated from Lake Travis High School earning a spot on the Texas State University Arena Polo Team after achieving high academic grades Lake Travis High School and scholarship from the United States Polo Association.

Her love and involvement in the equine world was as early as she can remember. Her parents, Ron and Dena McVaney,

who endorsed the program and open up his room for students to congregate.

As being president of the LT Polo and Equine Club she accomplished and received her Varsity Letter along with several other students and a scholarship to be an athlete arena Polo player at the college of her choice. She was excepted in the Texas State University computer and engineering program and will be in the Arena Polo Team.



Her accomplishments are that she served as President of Lake Travis Polo and Equine Club, president of Austin Equine 4-H Club, Team Captain of Countyline Interscholastic Polo Club, student ambassador of Polo Kids Foundation.

She also earned a sponsorship for her Polo Club through Olathe Boot Company, fundraising through Chili's restaurant and headed up a fundraising program for her team to compete in arena polo regionals.

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The *Community Connection* is mailed monthly to all Sweetwater residents. Residents, community groups, churches, etc. are welcome to include information about their organizations in the newsletter. Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, recipes, special celebrations, and birthday announcements are also welcome.

To submit an article for the *Community Connection* please email it to <u>sweetwater@peelinc.com</u>. The deadline is the 15th of the month prior to the issue.

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Lake Travis Polo and Equine Club meets every other Wednesday during Cavs hour in Mr. Foxworth's room.

If you are interested in the the USPA arena polo program for Lake Travis High School students or surrounding schools please contact the coach Seth Bray at info@countylinepolo.com or call (512)914-4901.

Pictured below:

Our Lake Travis High School girls

Representing Countyline Polo Club

- 1. Coach, Dr. Massey
- 2. Victoria Suss, Senior
- 3. Aubrey McVaney, Junior
- 4. Tori Mast, Junior
- 5. Abigayle McVaney, now TSU
- 6. Seth Bray, owner ~ coach
- 7. Tiana Flores, assistant Coach

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Abi riding Tomahawk

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Pictured Below: Lake Travis High School Team Playing for Countyline interscholastic Polo Club Left to Right 1. Victoria Suss, senior 2. Aubrey McVaney, junior 3. Abigayle McVaney (now graduated)





Girls conditioning horses: Aubrey McVaney, Tori Mast, & Abigayle McVaney





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Highland Lakes of SPCA Putts4Pups Fundraiser

Each year, Highland Lakes SPCA works to find forever homes for hundreds of dogs abandoned to the streets or on "death row" at municipal county facilities in Burnet, Llano, Blanco and Travis counties. Since its founding in 1999 HLSPCA, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has rescued, rehabilitated and found forever home for more than 1,700 dogs! And their work continues around the clock to staff and maintain their 24x7 kennel operation. HLSPCA relies 100% on the contributions of individual donors, small grants and business partners like you. This year their annual charity golf tournament fundraiser, Putts4Pups, will be held on Sunday, October 21st at Barton Creek Lakeside: shotgun start at 12:30pm, lunch, golf cart, dinner, raffles, prizes and live music included, all in the celebration of canine rescue. The proceeds from this wonderful event directly go to the expenses of caring for the dogs until they are matched with the right families. To join the fun and find more into on Putts4Pups, visit hlspca.org.





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Ladies of Charity-Lake Travis Take First Step Towards Forever Home

The Ladies of Charity-Lake Travis ("LOC-LT") have taken the first step towards building their "Forever Home" by purchasing property in the Lakeway Medical Village area. The property is on the corner of RR620 S. and Spillman Loop. Building plans have been submitted to the City of Lakeway Planning Committee for approval to start building, hopefully within the next couple of months.

The new location will feature a much larger sales and sorting space which translates to more great bargains. Our volunteers can't wait for the extra work space. The best news is that our operating costs will be less, allowing us to support even more local charities.

LOC-LT is very appreciative of the community support they've been shown through this first step. Over this last year our donations have increased and we have gained new customers, many of whom donate to our building fund. Our volunteer staff is growing as well and we can always use more. We owe thanks to many of our volunteers for not only their time, but their financial support. Several community organizations have also generously supported our efforts. A special thank you to Austin Christian Fellowship, Emmaus Catholic Church, Lake Travis Rotary Club and Ladies of Charity-Austin. Watch for more updates!





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SPICEWOOD ARTS SOCIETY 2018-19 Art Treks Travel from Weird to Eternal



Registration for the new season of Spicewood Art Society Art Treks is underway. This year's treks offer a peek into the rarely-seen aspects of Austin that make it unique.

A ten percent is available by signing up for all three treks. The same discount is available for a fourth bonus trek, "Austin's Past.. .Still Present!" which will travel to the state capitol building and the state cemetery. Register for the treks at www.spicewoodarts.org.

Cost always includes transportation, gratuities, and admissions, and may also include lunch. Wine and snacks are usually on hand. All treks leave from and return to Barton Creek Lakeside Clubhouse, 1900 Clubhouse Drive, Spicewood.

Trek 1 Keeping Austin Weird, Wacky & Wonderful! Thursday, November 1, 2018 Cost: \$120 (includes transportation, gratuities, admissions, lunch and wine)

Trekkers discover the hidden jewel of Laguna Gloria, visit the eclectic personal masterpiece of Charles Moore, UT Professor of Architecture, eat lunch at the Texas Chili Parlor, and tour Casa Neverlandia, a unique home! More "Austin Weird" locations along the way. A glass of wine will be offered on the way back to Spicewood. This trek is limited to 24 persons.

Trek 2 New Braunfels.....Texas Old World Heritage! Thursday, December 6, 2018 Cost: \$135 (includes transportation, gratuities, admissions, lunch & afternoon wine/snacks)

Spend the day in a guided exploration of the history, art and culture of this historic town, home to the oldest bakery and dance hall in Texas. Stops include the Sophienberg Museum, Conservation Plaza (home to 18 historic buildings) and the Texas Handmade Furniture Museum as well as a driving and walking tour of outdoor art murals, bronze sculptures and Pioneer Monument. Lunch at the Huisache Grill.

Trek 3 Llano- The HeART of the Texas Hill Country! Thursday, March 28, 2019 Cost: \$135 (includes light breakfast, transportation, gratuities, admissions, lunch, and afternoon snacks & wine)

Metalsmiths Charles Wendt of Rocking W Spurs Studio, featured on TV's Handmade in America, and Ralph Moresco of West Shore Wind Spirals will each demonstrate their unique styles. Visit the Llano Fine Arts Guild & Gallery for a demonstration of the woodcarving skills of Randy Hurst. Enjoy lunch at Badu 1891 and a walk in the gardens followed by shopping and gallery hopping in downtown Llano. Wine and cheese on the patio of Tor Na Lochs Winery.

Special Bonus Trek Austin's Past.....Still Present! Thursday, February 21, 2019 Cost: \$115 (includes transportation, gratuities, admissions, lunch, and afternoon snacks & wine)

Dave Stauch, responsible for design and construction of the \$183 million Texas Capitol Extension and Restoration program, will share his knowledge of the Capitol and offer a look behind the scenes of the historic renovation. Enjoy lunch at The Carillion in the UT AT&T conference Center. Trekkers peruse a time capsule of Texas' most intriguing moments. Tour the Texas State Cemetery, the final resting place of legendary Texans.



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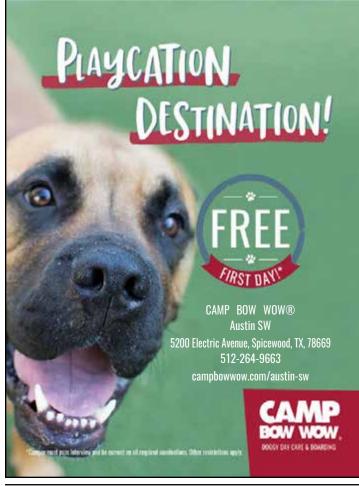
LTIov Prepares Students for Success!

Having the required school supplies is critical to success for all students, but not all families are able to afford this expense. For the eighth year running, LTlov communicated a call for help on behalf of these families and our community responded with generous donations of the materials necessary to the learning process.

Project Supply Pack, part of LTlov's School Supplies Program, delivered prepackaged campus and grade specific school supplies directly to 275 LTISD students from 175 families, coded Economically Disadvantaged, on their desks at campus Back to School Night events. Following the application deadline for campus-assigned supply packs, LTlov's School Supplies Program committee set to work with the goal of providing ALL financially limited students with the supplies needed including late applications, backpacks, basic supplies for Lake Travis High School students who do not participate in the pre-packaged ordering system, supplies for the Cav Lounge and supplies for teacher's closets at HBMS and LTES. Community donations of requested school supplies, cash and gift cards made this goal attainable and all students who requested assistance received the help they needed.

LTlov is extremely grateful to the Schoen Foundation which provided a \$15,000 grant to Project Supply Pack, as well as LTISD,

the Lake Travis Crisis Ministries and PODER who promoted awareness of the Project Supply Pack Application and deadline. The list of businesses, organizations and individuals who supported this year's School Supplies Collection drive is extensive. The Pedernales Fire Department hosted 2 special events which resulted in many bags of school supplies and presented LTlov with a \$400 cash donation, Coldwell Bankers United Realtors in Lakeway and the Sonesta Hotel each collected a large box of supplies, Austin Ridge Church provided 40 filled high school backpacks, HEB donated 40 backpacks and Tuscany Village provided 12 filled backpacks. Huge thanks go to the Lakeway Veterinary Clinic, Strandz Salon, the Lake Travis Community Library, Kuper Sotheby's, Nitro Swimming, World of Tennis, Elite Wellness, Flipnastics, Champions TX and Hill Country Indoor who hosted collection bins. The consistent generosity of Lake Travis residents resulted in 17 bins full of supplies and just under \$5,000 in cash donations. Special thanks go to the many volunteers who sorted, packed and distributed supplies including the Lake Travis Young Men's Service League and the LTHS National Honor Society, the Lake Travis School District for providing a room at the LTHS Annex to receive, sort and distribute supplies, and to all the volunteers who dedicated over 150 hours to this much-needed (Continued on Page 9)





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program. In total, LTlov was honored to provide over 350 students from all LTISD campuses with the supplies required for success in the classroom.

Pictured, Firefighters from the Pedernales Fire Department joined forces with West Cypress Hills students at the Back to School Public Safety Bonanza where they collected school supplies for economically disadvantaged LTISD students.





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District Earns an 'A' in 2018 State Accountability Rating System

(The following is on behalf of Dr. Brad Lancaster, LTISD Superintendent of Schools.)

Dear Lake Travis ISD Parents and Guardians,

I hope that you and your family have had a great start to the new school year. It is only the third day of the new year and I already have some exciting news to share. I am pleased to inform you that the Lake Travis Independent School District has earned an 'A' rating (94) under the state's 2018 accountability system.

According to the Texas Education Agency, a district's letter and numeric grade are based on performance in three areas:

- Student Achievement measures what students know and can do by the end of the year. It includes results from state assessments across all subjects for all students, on both general and alternate assessments, College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR) indicators, like AP and SAT/ACT results, and graduation rates.
- School Progress measures how much better students are doing on the STAAR test this year versus last year, and how much better students are doing academically relative to schools with similar percentages of economically disadvantaged students.
- Closing the Gaps looks at performance among student groups, including various racial/ethnic groups, socioeconomic backgrounds and other factors.

While district ratings are based on an A–F scale, the 2018 rating labels for individual campuses continued under the Met Standard, Met Alternative Standard or Improvement Required labels. I am also happy to report that each of our campuses 'Met Standard' under the 2018 accountability rating system. The A–F rating labels will be applied to all campuses with the 2019 accountability ratings. As your superintendent, I am very proud of our district's 'A' rating. It is reflective of the dedication and hard work of our teachers and support staff. However, while I am in full support of accountability, the current rating system is limited in scope and is not a complete measure of our exceptionally high academic and extracurricular performance districtwide. There is a great deal more to our district than what can be encapsulated in a single letter grade that is to reflect an entire academic year. Regardless, you too should be proud of our district's rating, and I ask that you help us share the good news throughout our exemplary community.

You are encouraged to visit TXschools.org to view online report cards designed to be useful tools in seeing how our schools or school district is performing in different areas. The report cards spotlight specific strengths, in addition to any challenges, that can assure the needs of all students are being met. You can search by district or school name and compare that district's or school's performance to others in their area.

On behalf of our school school, I wish you and your family a wonderful school year!

Sincerely, Brad Lancaster, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools

LAKE TRAVIS VOLLEYBALL **2018 SCHEDULE** OILEYBALL

PRESEASON

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	VARSITY	JV	9TH BLACK	9TH RED
Wednesday-Friday	August 1st-3rd	Tryouts Begin	LTHS	Two-A-Days	Two-A-Days	Two-A-Days	Two-A-Days
Saturday	August 4th	**Scrimmings (LT, Drip, Rouse & Westwood)	LTHS	9:00	10:00	10:00	10:00
Tuesday	August 7th	**Antonian	LTHS	2:00	12:00	2:00	12:00
Thursday-Saturday	August 9th-11th	Texas Volleyball Invitational (Varsity Only)	Pearland, Texas	TBD			
Monday	August 13th	Westwood	Westwood	6:30	5:30	5:30	6:30
Tuesday	August 14th	**Churchill	LTHS	4:30	3:30	3:30	2:30
Thursday-Saturday	August 16th-18th	Fraulen Festival Tournament (Varsity Only)	New Braunfels, Texas	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

DISTRICT SEASON

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	VARSITY	JV	9TH BLACK	9TH RED
Tuesday	August 21st	**Anderson	LTHS	6:30	5:30	5:30	6:30
Thursday-Saturday	August 23rd-25th	VolleyPalooza Tournament (Varsity Only)	Leander, Texas	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Tuesday	August 28th	**Austin High	LTHS	6:30	5:30	5:30	6:30
Thursday-Saturday	August 30 & Sept 1st	Dripping Springs Sub-Varsity Tournament	DSHS/DSMS	Practice	TBD	TBD	TBD
Friday	August 31st	**Del Valle	LTHS	6:30	5:30	5:30	6:30
Tuesday	September 4th	Lehman	Lehman	6:30	5:30	5:30	6:30
Friday	September 7th	Hays	Hays	6:30	5:30	5:30	6:30
Tuesday	September 11th	**Westlake (Staff Appreciation)	LTHS	6:30	5:30	5:30	6:30
Friday	September 14th	Bowie	Bowie	6:30	5:30	5:30	6:30
Saturday	September 15th	**LT Invitational Sub-Varsity Tournament	LTHS	Practice	TBD	TBD	TBD
Tuesday	September 18th	**Ann Richards (LTYA & Little Sister Night)	LTHS	6:30	5:30	5:30	
Friday	September 21st	**Akins	LTHS	6:30	5:30	5:30	6:30
Tuesday	September 25th	Anderson	Anderson	6:30	5:30	5:30	6:30
Friday	September 28th	Austin High	Austin High	6:30	5:30	5:30	6:30
Tuesday	October 2nd	Del Valle	Del Valle	6:30	5:30	5:30	6:30
Friday	October 5th	**Lehman (Homecoming)	LTHS	5:30	6:30	5:30	6:30
Tuesday	October 9th	**Hays (Dig for the Cure) (Middle School Night)	LTHS	6:30	5:30	5:30	6:30
Friday	October 12th	Westlake	Westlake	6:30	5:30	5:30	6:30
Tuesday	October 16th	**Bowie (Senior & Kardivas Night)	LTHS	6:30	5:30	5:30	6:30
Friday	October 19th	Ann Richards	Ann Richards	7:30	6:30		5:30
Tuesday	October 23rd	Akins	Akins	6:30	5:30	5:30	6:30

POST SEASON PLAYOFFS

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	VARSITY	JV	9TH BLACK	9TH RED
Monday-Tuesday	October 29th & 30th	UIL Bi-District Playoffs	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Thursday-Friday	November 1st-3rd	UIL Area Playoffs	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Monday-Tuesday	November 5th-6th	UIL Regional Quarterfinals	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Friday-Saturday	November 9th-10th	UIL Regional Tournament	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Wednesday-Saturday	November 14th-17th	UIL State Tournament	GARLAND	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD





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