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LCRA, PEC AWARD \$10,640 GRANT TO SPICEWOOD LIBRARY

Funds will be used to purchase new digital sign

The Friends of Spicewood Community Library soon will purchase a new digital sign thanks to a \$10,640 grant from the Lower Colorado River Authority and Pedernales Electric Cooperative.

The new sign will allow the library to change messaging remotely and will replace a 10-year-old message board that is worn and requires personnel to update messages by hand.

"A remotely programmable electronic sign will provide valuable community communications efficiently," said Jane Gannaway, Friends of Spicewood Community Library director. "For the first time, we will be able to post multiple messages at once."

The new electronic sign will display library offerings, programs and announcements, along with notices from community partners such as Spicewood Elementary School. Weather warnings and other emergency alerts, such as low-water road closures, also can easily be displayed.

The community grant is awarded through LCRA's Community Development Partnership Program, which provides economic development and community assistance grants to cities, counties, volunteer fire departments, regional development councils and other nonprofit organizations in LCRA's wholesale electric and water service areas. The program is part of LCRA's effort to give back to the communities it serves. PEC is one of LCRA's wholesale electric customers and a partner in the grant program.

Applications for the next round of grants will be accepted Jan. 1-31, 2019. More information is available at lcra.org/cdpp.

About LCRA

The Lower Colorado River Authority serves customers and communities throughout Texas by managing the lower Colorado River; generating and transmitting electric power; providing a clean, reliable water supply; and offering access to nature at more than 40 parks, recreation areas and river access sites along the Texas Colorado River, from the Hill Country to the Gulf Coast.

LCRA and its employees are committed to enhancing the lives of Texans through water stewardship, energy and community services. LCRA was created by the Texas Legislature in 1934. For more information, visit lcra.org.



LCRA and PEC representatives present a \$10,640 grant to the Friends of Spicewood Community Library to purchase a digital sign. The grant is part of LCRA's Community Development Partnership Program. Pictured, front row from left to right, are: Dorothy Younger, volunteer; Janet Golden, volunteer; Alice Raatz, volunteer; Diana Gonzales, PEC community engagement representative; Sabine Lamar, volunteer; Jane Gannaway, Friends of Spicewood Community Library director; George Russell, LCRA Board member; James Oakley, Burnet County judge; Haypen Winkler, Friends of Spicewood Community Library treasurer; Jose DeLeon, Friends of Spicewood Community Library board member; Elayne Haynes, Friends of Spicewood Community Library board member; and Geri DeLeon, volunteer. Back row, left to right: Bob Cole, volunteer; Lindy Cole, Friends of Spicewood Community Library board member; Jim Lamar, Friends of Spicewood Community Library board member; Clara Kistner, Farmacy Garden; Caroline Porter, PEC community engagement coordinator; and Steve Dyer, LCRA Governmental Affairs representative.

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Helping Hands Crisis Ministry	512-808-6092
Spicewood & Highland Lakes Lions Club..	830-693-3645
Spicewood Post Office.....	830-693-2377

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The Erik Kyle Hanson Memorial Scholarship

Submitted by MJ Hurt

The Erik Kyle Hanson Memorial Scholarship is a new, annual scholarship available to eligible seniors at Lake Travis High School. The first scholarship will be awarded in the Spring, 2019. This memorial scholarship was lovingly put in place to honor the beautiful life and spirit of Erik Kyle Hanson. Erik was a 2017 graduate of Lake Travis High School. He was a varsity swimmer his freshman through junior years and also achieved his Eagle Scout his junior year. Late in his junior year, he achieved his dream of playing high school football and played as a senior for the LTHS Cavaliers. Erik was chosen to represent LTHS at Texas Boy's State in 2016, and later that year became a West Point Academy nominee. Erik attended Texas A&M last year as a Corps of Cadets "fish" (freshman), a proud member of Company E-1 Jocks, Army 2nd Brigade. He was selected as a member of the Corps Marksmanship Team and received the Best Drilled Freshman award. Erik was very active at Austin Ridge Bible Church and enjoyed acting.

By establishing this scholarship, it is our hope to open the dialogue in our schools and community that mental illness and anxiety are no different and should not be treated any differently than other diseases. Persons suffering from depression and anxiety need to feel supported and safe in expressing these internal, hidden pains and strife; and those closest to them need to understand how to assist them in seeking treatment. Every life is beautiful and every life matters!

Lake Travis community businesses and private donors are being approached to help fund the Erik Kyle Hanson Memorial Scholarship. The Advisory Board is comprised of Hanson family friends, Community Counselors, LTHS faculty and students. The scholarship will be awarded to a LTHS Cavalier senior football team member. This individual will hold a GPA of 2.0 or higher and will not be receiving a D1 or D2 offer. The ideal recipient exemplifies selflessness, community service, leadership and teamwork. Coach Hank Carter and Brian Peterman, President of LT Football Booster Club, have graciously agreed to have the LT Football Booster Club help manage the scholarship. More details and how to apply will be provided in early 2019. For more information on contributing, please contact MJ Hurt mjhintexas@yahoo.com.



Your Spicewood & Highland Lakes Lions Club Activities in November and December

The Spicewood & Highland Lakes Lions Club conducted its Warm Coats for Kids project again this year. Several collection points were located in Spicewood including Whimsy Me, Opie's BBQ, Spicewood Elementary, Spicewood General Store, and Spicewood Baptist Church. Other collection points were located in Meadowlakes, Marble Falls, Horseshoe Bay and area schools.

Distribution of the coats took place on November 30 and December 1 at the Blazing Star Masonic Lodge in Marble Falls, with Falls Career High School students helping to set up racks and organize the coats. Coats and jackets were given to needy local families and their children. It is truly heartwarming to see the children's reactions to receiving a warm coat for the winter months. More than 125 coats were given away during the two days of distribution.

As well, a \$1000 check was presented by the club to the Helping Hand Crisis Ministry of Spicewood. Since 2007, Helping Hand of Spicewood has served families in need in the Spicewood area.

The services provided are directed at families and individuals in

this area who are experiencing a difficult period in their lives. The goal of the ministry is to help these people through their crisis and to become self-sufficient. Services include: spiritual-based counseling, basic food items, home repairs, transportation, medical expenses, housing assistance and utility assistance.

For Christmas, the Lions will be providing wrapped gifts for families and children through Helping Hand of Spicewood and the Marble Falls Family Crisis Center. Each year at Christmas we purchase and wrap gifts for those in need. Helping Hand and the Crisis Center provide ages, sizes, etc. of individuals and we do the shopping and wrapping for them.

The Lions motto is simple: We Serve. The Spicewood & Highlands Lakes Lions conduct several community service and fund-raising events throughout the year and contribute regularly to local charities and help organizations. We meet twice monthly, once in Spicewood and once in Marble Falls. If you'd like more information about our organization, or would like to join us in our efforts, please visit our website at www.highlandlakeslions.club



Falls Career High School students helping set up racks and coats at the Blazing Star Masonic Lodge



From the left, Lions David Almond, Liz Almond, and Ross Rainey (far right) present a \$1,000 check to Lion Marty Miller from Helping Hand Crisis Ministry of Spicewood.



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SPICEWOOD ARTS SOCIETY

Kimmie Rhodes Performs On Spicewood Stage Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019



Kimmie Rhodes, whose crystal voice and soulful songwriting helped establish Austin as the heart of outlaw music, will perform in concert Saturday, January 19 at the Spicewood Vineyards Event Center. The concert begins at 7 p.m.

Back in the 70's when Austin was a Groovers' Paradise, Rhodes founded a songwriting career which saw her songs recorded by such stellar artists as Emmy Lou Harris, Wynona Judd, Mark Knopfler, and more. She has released 16 solo albums, written and produced three musical plays, and recently published a novella/cookbook.

She is a highly respected presence in the music industry for her prodigious talent and devotion to Texas music.

Rhodes' career in music began inauspiciously when her babysitter introduced her to folk and gospel songs played on a pump organ. Her mother added musical theatre and tin-pan alley influences. In 1958 her father, a "carnie" orphaned during the Depression, moved the family to Lubbock, TX. He encouraged six-year-old Kimmie to sing for his "clients" at ten cents per song while he supported the family by checking illegal gambling bets in the back offices of car dealerships.

In 1979 she met Austin's beloved radio personality, Joe Gracey, who had recently lost his speech to head and neck cancer. She became his voice and with him as her muse they formed a band touring the USA and Europe to critical acclaim. She went on to write for Rondor Music Publishing, which led to her success as a writer for popular artists and Hollywood films.

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As a tribute to Gracey, who died in 2011, Rhodes recently released "Radio Dreams: The Story of the Outlaw DJ and the Cosmic Cowgirl." A "duet memoir" that weaves her own poetic prose with Gracey's wry and witty musings, it tells the story of how with fellow artists, they made music history by turning Austin into "a scene" and "outlaw" into a sound.

In spring 2018, Rhodes launched "Radio Dreams" on a "conversation with" tour of theaters in the UK. She led a songwriting retreat hosted by The Buddy Holly Educational Foundation in Lafayette, LA, then headed to Nashville, TN to celebrate the opening of a major Country Music Hall of Fame Museum exhibit, "Outlaws and Armadillos; Country's Roaring 70s," for which she has worked as a liaison, consultant and donor of archives since 2012.

The concert is sponsored by the Spicewood Arts Society with generous backing from John and Donna Curtis. Tickets (\$50) can be purchased at www.spicewoodarts.org. Spicewood Vineyard's prizewinning wines will be sold, and complimentary light snacks are served at intermission. For more on Kimmie Rhodes, see <https://kimmierhodes.com/>

Spicewood Community Alliance

Spicewood Community Alliance is a non-political, non-profit group to promote and encourage smart/intelligent business and residential growth within the Spicewood area. Spicewood Community Alliance reaches out to community and area resources to provide educational research and resources to the community in an effort to help and promote educated decision/solution making over knee jerk reactions.

Spicewood Community Alliance recently coordinated with Spicewood Environmental Protection Alliance, Double Horn Creek, Spicewood Trails, Texas Environmental Protection Coalition and area residents to have a rally to drive awareness and protest against the appearance of government rubber stamping a new proposal for a Rock Quarry/Rock Crushing plant. In addition to the protesting the effort handed out information on the dangers of the possible cancer causing dust, environmental and safety hazards. The new Spicewood Quarry and Rock Crusher is surprisingly planned to be placed on approximately 290 acre tract nestled tightly between two major residential neighborhoods - backing up the Heavily industrial business to numerous existing homes. The current Texas governor

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(Gregg Abbott) appears to be turning a deaf ear to residents attempt to contact him with regard to health, environmental or direct resident concerns; In what was explained by the Governor's office as an effort to promote a Pro-business tempo throughout Texas. Unofficial comments made by Abbott's offices were that this Pro-business approach will allow business to self-manage any health/welfare or development issues; other rumblings within the Abbott and Texas business backed PACs indicate a desire to over-turn existing laws or push forward new laws that block the ability of communities to limit any type of business regardless of possible health or welfare issue.

Spicewood Community Alliance also held a public meeting on September 23, 2018 @ Spicewood Elementary; to help educate the Spicewood community on options to manage the current appearance of unregulated growth. In addition to the growth of the community the group discussed Texas Highway 71 expansion plans with leading input from Joe Don Dockery, Burnet County Commissioner, on a schedule, timeframe and areas for the construction. Additional possible meetings were discussed before the current planned follow-up meeting with Thomas Ranch development (tentatively planned in January 2019). Spicewood Community Alliance is on Facebook and has a website.



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Saturday, December 15: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Sunday, December 16: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Monday to Friday, December 17-21: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday, December 22: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Sunday, December 23: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Monday, December 24: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Monday, December 31: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

PHOTOS WITH SANTA

December 1 - 24, times vary

In an effort to continually elevate the guest experience, this holiday season Hill Country Galleria is introducing Santa's Wonderland, a magical and immersive indoor experience that will be open daily from November 24 through December 24. The free, interactive installation will offer several photo ops and selfie spots throughout. While it's free of charge to enter the Wonderland and visit Santa, this year there will be a professional photo team on-site to capture memories with Santa, with photo package options for purchase so guests can leave with a timeless keepsake in hand. Guests are welcome to visit and enjoy Santa's Wonderland as many times as they wish this season.

For the hours of operation and more information about pricing for photos with Santa, please visit: <https://www.hillcountrygalleria.com>. Santa's Wonderland is located across from the Central Plaza, next door to Café Blue.

LONE STAR HOLIDAY MARKET

Saturdays, December 1, 8, 15, 22 from 4 to 9 p.m.

The Hill Country Galleria is hosting a Holiday Market on the Central Plaza Lawn from Saturday, November 24 to December 22, from 4 to 9 p.m. each night. Shoppers may come and enjoy all the pleasures of the holiday season with unique, handcrafted goods from local artisans.

LONE STAR FARMERS MARKET

Sundays, December 2, 9, 16, 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Note:* Hill Country Galleria will open at 12 p.m. on Sundays, with some restaurants and services opening earlier

Hill Country Galleria is home to the Lone Star Farmers Market. The event hosts the same great vendors as before and also offer face painting and other kids' activities along with live music. More information can be found at www.lonestarfarmersmarket.com.

CAMP GLADIATOR FREE WORKOUTS

Saturdays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 9 a.m.

Camp Gladiator is hosting anyone over the age of 14 for free workouts in the Galleria's Central Plaza every Saturday. Join Camp Gladiator to experience their boot camp-style community workouts. Recommended to bring water, a towel and a mat.

LIVE MUSIC AT THE GINGER MAN

December 27 at 7 p.m.

The Ginger Man will be hosting a live music performance by Tom & Shane's All Natural Music starting at 7 p.m.

4 Ways to Help Prepare Your Home for Winter

Winter is on its way and for much of the country that means freezing temperatures, wind, snow, ice and heavy jackets.

Preparing your home now for the colder months ahead is vital. The following tips are designed to help get you and your home ready for what winter has in store.

Invest in Weather Stripping

If you can run your hand around the edges of an outside-facing door on a cold day and feel the flow of cool air, you have an airflow problem, one that could cost you a lot of money over the course of the winter.

Weather stripping is a good way to help seal warm air in and cold air out of your home. Available in almost any hardware store, weather stripping installs quickly around windows and doors and can help prevent air leaks.

Before winter arrives, check your windows, doors, vents and fans, plumbing areas, air conditioners and any electrical/gas lines for leaks or drafts to save yourself energy and heating costs.

Evaluate Your Roof to Prevent Ice Dams

"Your roof is one of the most vital protections standing between you and the harsh outside elements. Excess snow, ice and other

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environmental hazards can cause significant damage,\" said Chala Sampers, Top Dog Roofing. \"The objective is to get as much of the water away from your house as possible.\"

In cold weather, heat escaping your home can melt and refreeze ice and snow on your roof, leading to ice dams. Evaluate your roof in advance of harsh winter weather to prevent ice damming. An ice dam in your gutter can cause water to seep into and saturate an interior wall. These block off drains, and let water and ice continually build up on your roof – and possibly under it – weakening your roof and putting your home at risk. If you're unsure of what to look for, see if a roofing professional can evaluate your roof for ice dams while cleaning your gutters.

To help prevent ice dams make sure your attic is well insulated and ventilated. Insulate the attic floor well to minimize the amount of heat rising through the attic from within the house. If your attic wasn't built with a ventilation system, contact a trusted local professional or contractor about ventilating your attic before winter.

Buy a Roof Rake to Keep Snow from Building up

If you expect a lot of snow this winter, invest in a roof rake. As snow packs down from multiple storms it could cause a roof collapse – a roof rake can help you easily clear snow off your roof and protect your home during those blizzard months.

\"Understanding the importance of checking your roof and

knowing the basics of winter roof maintenance and damage can help homeowners avoid unnecessary stress and surprise costs,\" added Chala Sampers, Top Dog Roofing (<https://www.topdogroof.com/>).

What's even more surprising is that a new, national survey by Owens Corning Roofing found that although 70% of Austin homeowners said that damage to their roof would be stressful or very stressful, only 3% say they always check or have their roofs checked before the start of a season that typically brings bad weather. So be prepared this season and make sure to conduct a thorough roof check before, during and after harsh winter months.

Protect Pipes from Freezing

A frozen water pipe can burst and flood your house or basement.

Help protect your pipes from freezing in bitter cold weather by making sure you don't turn the heat down too much when you're out of the house. You may not be there to enjoy it, but your pipes need the heat to prevent freezing.

Give your home a once over for any exposed or vulnerable piping and wrap them with insulation. Hardware stores usually carry foam rubber or fiberglass sleeves for pipes, which are easy to install.

If your pipes do freeze, and water stops flowing from faucets, call a plumber immediately.

Please keep personal safety in mind when checking items off this list and connect with a trusted professional or contractor for help with anything you are unable to do yourself. For more info visit <https://www.owenscorning.com/roofing>.



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Lake Travis Rotary Club

In 2016 the Rotary Club began collaboration with Baylor College of Medicine and the Trifusion Metal specialists of College Station to support efforts to develop the technology needed to successfully print an artificial socket using 3 D Printing methods. The ability to print a socket using this state-of-the-art technology greatly reduces the cost of a limb and shortens the time required to fit a child from two weeks to less than one day.

Building on those efforts, the Lakeway/Lake Travis Rotary Club has successfully provided support for a four-year-old Maasai child from East Africa who has recently received an artificial limb. It was a two-year effort for the club as they provided funds for preliminary exams, transportation, housing for the mother at the site of the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center in Moshi, Tanzania and clothing for the child. The cultural beliefs of the Maasai tribe result in a child with a deformed limb being shunned and isolated from others in the village. By providing the required surgery and covering the costs of the new limb the child can live a normal life.

A unique collaboration between the Lakeway/Lake Travis Rotary Club and Africa's Promise Village, a local 501 C 3 organization, has resulted in the child being boarded in Promise Primary School. The school is operated jointly by Africa's Promise Village and another non-profit, Common Threadz. Baby Nishook will reside at the school where she can live and learn with as many as 300 other Maasai children.

The Rotary Club presented their artificial limb project at the Rotary International Conference in Canada in 2018 and received expressions of interest from clubs around the world. The Lakeway/Lake Travis Rotary Club's 3 D Limb project is expected to spread to other countries as funds become available and is currently being deployed in Sri Lanka. Local support for the 3 D Printed limb project is being provided by Steel Magnolia's Gift Shop located in the shopping area just off Lohman's Crossing. The Rotary Club 3 D Limb Project will receive ten percent of the profit from sales during the month of December and urges local residents to visit Steel Magnolia Gift Shop and "shop with a cause" to support children in need of an artificial limb. For more information on Rotary 3D Limbs go to:

<https://www.rotary3dlimbs.org/>

<https://www.laketravisrotary.org/page/rotary-3-d-limb-project>

The Lakeway/Lake Travis Rotary Club consists of local business leaders working to address various community and international humanitarian projects. The club encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build good will and peace in the world through the Ideal of Service. The club objective is to encourage and foster the Ideal of Service as a basis of worthy enterprise. Rotarians worldwide - live by the same 24-word code of ethics that is reflected in the Rotary 4-Way Test. Adopted by Rotary International in 1943, the 4-Way Test has been translated into more than a hundred languages. This simple philosophy and code consists of the following:

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Before



After



The motto of Rotary is "Service Above Self". The Lakeway/Lake Travis Rotary Club meets every Thursday (except first Thursdays) from noon to 1:00 pm at the Flint Rock Falls County Club in Austin, Texas 78738

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Grandmother's Sandwich Cookies

Ingredients:

- 1 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 slightly beaten egg whites
- 1/2 cup finely chopped blanched almonds (optional)
- 1/4 cup pearl sugar (or substitute regular sugar)
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup raspberry jam

Preparation:

Preheat oven to 375°. Cream together butter and 3/4 cup sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg. Sift flour and salt together; add to creamed butter mixture. Mix thoroughly.

Divide dough in half. Roll first half into 1/8" thickness on a lightly floured surface. Use a 2 1/2" round cookie cutter (or the top of a round glass) to cut out circles.

Roll second portion out into 1/8" thickness. Cut out 2 1/2" circles and then use a thimble to cut out smaller circles inside these rounds (Note: You can also use a linzer cookie cutter or a small 1/2" cutter for this).

Brush these "wheels" with egg white and sprinkle with pearl sugar and chopped almonds (optional).

Place cookies on ungreased baking sheet and bake on center rack of oven for 8-10 minutes. Remove and cool on counter.

Place a scant 1/2 tsp. of jelly in the middle of the round cookies and cover with the "wheels" to create sandwich cookies.

Yield: 3 1/2 dozen jelly cookies.



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