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Sealy celebrates Juneteenth

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Juneteenth represents Emancipation Day for black slaves in Texas. And there's going to be a weekend of events to celebrate.

The Eastside Foundation will host a Juneteenth celebration Friday, June 21, at Joe Scranton Park in Sealy from 5:30 to 11 p.m. It will be an evening of music that will also have vendors with food, crafts, jewelry and T-shirts.

The free event is for everyone in the family and guests are asked to bring lawn chairs and relax while they enjoy the day.

Friday is also when

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Paving the future Sealy looks to make street repairs

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Sealy residents can look forward to a few less bumps in the road this summer.

Sealy City Council is moving forward with a seal coat project on city streets next month that

should repair damaged roads and protect them from future damage, like winter cracking and wear and tear from traffic.

In total, 14 streets will be repaired. Sealy City Manager Chris Coffman said the project would start next month and finish within about a week.

"Seal coat is meant to extend the life of the streets," Coffman said. "There are some streets that need a complete rehab. We won't be able to address those with this project."

The goal is to save the streets

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Splashing into Summer



The temperatures are rising, and for local children enrolled in the Sealy YMCA summer program, the best way to take a break from the heat is to go swimming at the Irene LeBlanc Pool. Above, Frank Garcia with the Sealy YMCA plays a game of Marco Polo Monday as part of the organization's summer camp. At right, one boy enjoys the pools slide.



Caring for the caregivers Alzheimer's support group to begin meeting

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Alzheimer's disease can take a devastating toll on patients, caregivers, family and friends.

In 2012, 15.4 million family and friends provided 17.5 billion hours of unpaid care to those

Alzheimer's Caregivers support meeting
Wednesdays, starting June 26
St. John's Episcopal Church, 311 Sixth St.
10-11:30 a.m.

with Alzheimer's and other dementias, valued at \$216.4 billion. Those caring for Alzheimer's patients often face high emotional stress and more than one-third report

symptoms of depression, according to the Alzheimer's Association.

Caregivers in Sealy and the surrounding areas now have a place to turn to for help and to learn more about the disease and care.

An Alzheimer's care-
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Pumped up look at well field proposal

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Austin and Waller counties, along with the rest of the world, need to pay attention to their fresh water resources.

In Texas, groundwater provides about 60 percent of the 16.1 million acre-feet of water used annually, according to the Texas Water Development Board. And the resource is getting more stressed from drought conditions and a growing population.

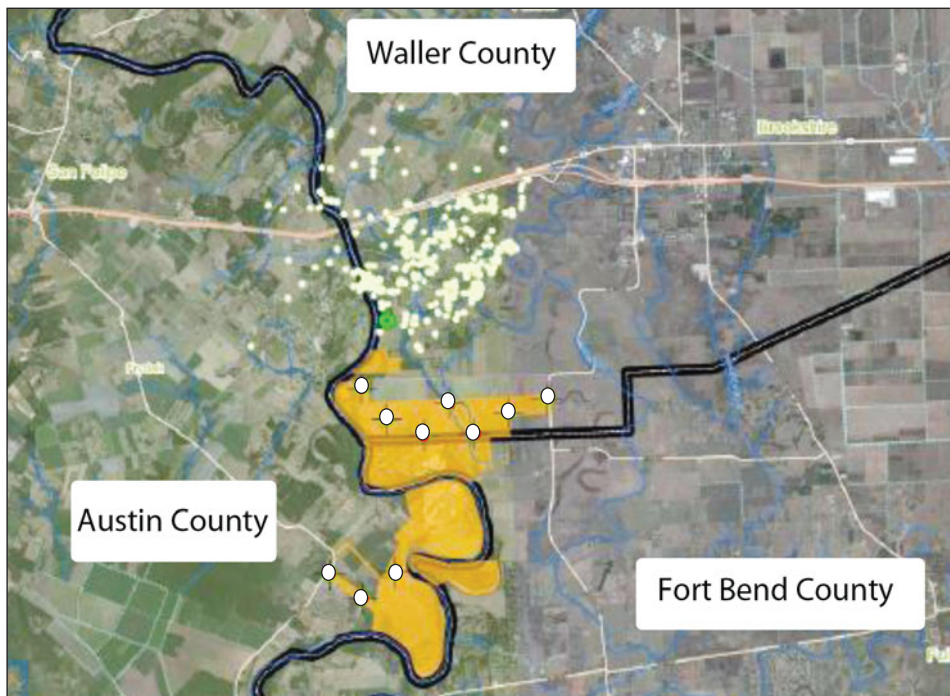
Groundwater supplies are projected to decrease by 30 percent from 2010 to 2060, according to the 2012

State Water Plan. That's due to depletion of aquifers and restrictions to prevent subsidence.

So, why should you care?

In November of 2012, Electro Purifications, LLC submitted an application and a proposed plan that would pump 7.3 billion gallons annually from aquifers under Austin and Waller counties, just across the political line of Fort Bend County, to supply water to Richmond and Rosenberg. It also plans to look for other buyers.

Since then, there
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The proposed well sites, in white, are located near the border of Fort Bend County, where rules ask that groundwater pumping be reduced. Property owned by Chamco Interests and Brazos Operating is in orange.

NEWSBITS

Groundwater information

An informational meeting about groundwater and the Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District in Austin and Waller counties will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church hall in Frydek on June 20 at 7 p.m. Speakers will provide information and take questions. For more info contact Judy Kocurek (979) 885-3932 or Kathi Mickan 885-4830.

CCA to meet

Combined Community Action, Inc., a non-profit organization serving Austin, Bastrop, Colorado, Fayette and Lee counties, will hold a board of directors meeting, on Thursday, June 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the CCA administration building in Giddings. The public is invited to attend the meeting. CCA serves low income and senior families with programs
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TODAY'S OBITUARY

■ Dale Hogan

BIBLEQUOTE

The wicked man earns deceptive wages, but he who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward.
Proverbs 11:18



Sandra Vrablec

Vrablec wins city run-off

Voters elected Sandra Vrablec to fill Place 3 on the Sealy City Council in Saturday's run-off election.

The race came down to Election Day. Vrablec won the seat with 156 total votes to her opponent Duane T. Blaschke's 136 votes.

The two had been neck and neck during early voting with Vrablec bringing in 82 early votes and Blaschke 81.

Total votes on Election Day were 74 for Vrablec and 55 for Blaschke.

The run-off came after the first Sealy city election in May.

In the first election Vrablec earned 170 votes and Blaschke won 169. Because no candidate in the Place 3 election earned 50 percent or more of the vote, the top two vote-getters went on to a run-off.

Vrablec currently spends her time at home caring for her grandchildren, but previously worked for a stock brokerage firm, as a substitute teacher and in the Austin County environmental office for 12 years.

She and her husband John Sr. have been married for 31 years and have two grown children, Courtney and Jason, along with two grandchildren.

Vrablec will likely be sworn in at the next council meeting.

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