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MANOR COMMUNITY NEWS

Friday, August 26th, 2016

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Trump Courts Texas

By: Debbie Tucker
Manor Comm News

He called it "re-declaring independence". The icon of success, the "American dream" and the self-proclaimed next President of the United States roared into the Austin area in his private plane with the bold letters spelling out TRUMP in blue. After making two public stops in Austin, one to the ACL Moody Theatre for a public taping with Sean Hannity from the Fox News Chan-

the 2016 presidential race, made his way to the Travis County Expo Center in Northeast Austin for a big political rally.

Cars were parked on both sides of Decker Lane from Daffan Lane to Hoge Road, down every side street and filling every business parking lot. Thousands of Trump supporters flooded the Expo Center. The crowds kept coming, filling the center itself, and spilling over into the Expo parking lot. Shouts of "Trump", "Lock Her Up", "Build



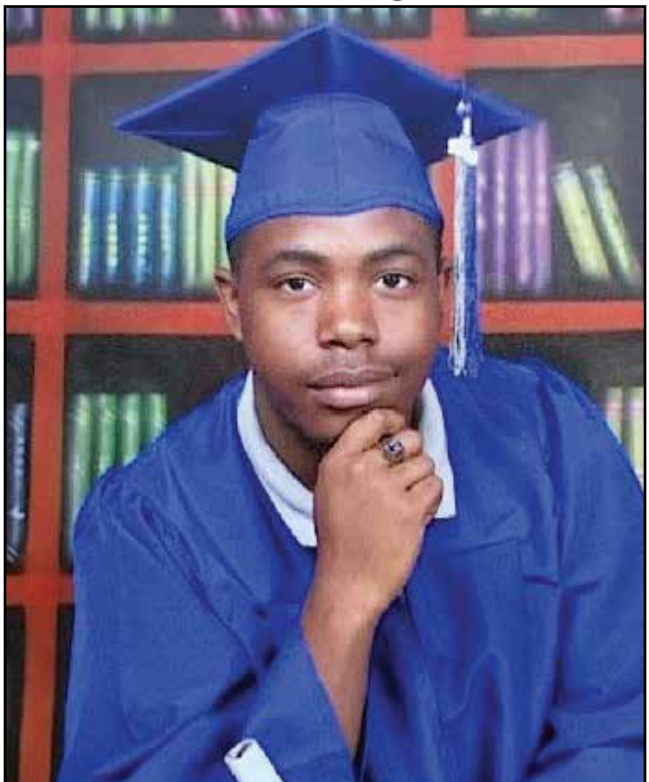
Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks at his rally at the Travis County Expo Center on Tuesday, August 23rd.
Photo by Kelsey Feuerbacher

nel, and then on to the Headliner's Club for a private fund raiser, Donald J. Trump, republican nominee for

that wall" frequently interrupted his speech as well as chants from a few protestors.

Alejandra Olve-

Decker Lane Shooting Victim IDed



Kennie Wayne Crockett

By: Kristen Dark
Travis County Sheriff

The man shot and killed Saturday August 20, 2016 on Decker Lane has been identified as Kennie Wayne Crockett, 24 of Austin, TX

On Saturday, August 20, 2016 Kennie Wayne Crockett was the passenger in a vehicle located at the Eagle's Landing Apartments, 8000 Decker Lane. The vehicle was approached by two men and a shot was fired. The bullet struck Kennie Wayne Crockett and the driver of the vehicle immediately drove to the Exxon station at Decker and Loyola, calling 911 and requesting assistance.

Deputies responded to the call and started CPR on Crockett. Austin Fire Department relieved the deputies, but were unsuccessful with resuscitation and Crockett died at the scene.

Donald Ray Perkins, 50 was arrested for Murder (1st Degree Felony) on Sunday August 21, 2016. A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Damon Daniel Fowler, 37 for the offense of Murder (1st Degree Felony). Fowler is still at large and TCSO requests that anyone with information concerning his whereabouts or information regarding the incident contact Crime Stoppers at 512-472-8477.



Photo by Kelsey Feuerbacher

ra and her son braved the crowd on Tuesday to oppose Trump. "I'm a little scared about this," Olvera said, "but I have nothing to lose right now. He's going to take everything away from me. I've been illegal for 20 years in this country. I work hard and I pay my taxes. This is not a joke for me, this is serious."

The Trump campaign recently commented that Trump planned on drawing more attention to the need for border security and his call for a special prosecutor to look into possible state department

turn things around!" he urged the crowd, "Success has to be created and available for everyone." Ashley Beckford, a reporter for InfoWars, was very passionate about Trump's Ideas and platform. "Bottom line is Hilary Clinton is a horrible choice for president. She's a liar and a criminal. If you look at the history of the Democratic Party through Hilary's America by Dinesh D'Souza you can see that's true. Trumps wants to help with our immigration policy and wants to

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MISD Students Back To School

As we traditionally do here at the Manor Community News, we celebrate the start of a brand new school year by published photos of our MISD returning students, sent in by you, the proud parents!



**Christian Nunez
3rd Grade**



Angelica 7th Grade, Miranda Portillo 10th Grade



Drew Allen, 6th Grade



Ryan age 7, Miranda age 10, Jeremiah Duran age 9



Madeline Jones 2nd Grade

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Correction

On 8-19-16, Austin Mayor Steven Adler was pictured with Dr. Avery Royce, Mayor Rita Jonse, and Dinesh Vakharia

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Community Calendar

Monday, August 29th

Labor Day!

Yoga with Katy at 6:30pm Manor Excel Academy. \$8 bring a mat if you have one!

Tuesday, August 30th

Central Baptist Youth Center Ribbon Cutting at 407 Eggleston Manor, Texas at 6pm

Wednesday, August 31

HOPE reSTOREd grand opening/ribbon cutting with the Manor Chamber on August 31 at 5:30 at Manor United Methodist Church. Come by and check it out and while you’re there stop by “Meals With Manor” next door.

Manor Community Farmers Market from 4pm-7pm at Jennie Lane Park

Zumba toning with weights from 7-8pm at Manor Excel Academy 600 East Parsons(973) \$5 per class, first class is free!

Thursday, August 18th

Jimbro’s Thirsty Thursdays at the Good Luck Grill from 6:30 to 8:30

Keep up to date with the Community Calendar at ManorCommunityNews.com

Police Report

August 17 – August 23, 2016

08/17/2016 VCO 168 GRASS/WEEDS
19300 BLK SMITH GIN

08/17/2016 LOST PROPERTY
14400 BLK PEBBLE RUN PATH

08/17/2016 THEFT
11800 BLK RING DRIVE

08/17/2016 DRIVING W LICENSE SUSP
12100 BLK FM973

08/18/2016 DRIVING W LICENSE SUSP
100 BLK N LEXINGTON STREET

08/18/2016 VIOL OF CITY ORD
37 300 BLK LOCKHART STREET

08/18/2016 THEFT
11200 BLK HWY 290E

08/19/2016 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
12200 BLK HWY 290E

08/19/2016 DRIVING W LICENSE SUSP
12500 BLK HWY 290

08/19/2016 POSS CS PG
11900 BLK US HWY 290

08/19/2016 VCO 168 NUIS ANIMAL
19100 BLK N FM 973

08/19/2016 FALSE ALARM
12800 BLK CARRILLON WAY

08/20/2016 WARRANT
800 BLK N LEXINGTON STREET

08/20/2016 DRIVING W INVALID LIC
10700 BLK HWY 290E

08/20/2016 POSS OF MARIJUANA
100 BLK S LEXINGTON ST

08/20/2016 ASSAULT WITH INJURY
11200 BLK HWY 290E

08/21/2016 DAMAGE CITY PROPERTY
10300 BLK US HWY 290E

08/21/2016 FAMILY DISTURBANCE
11900 BLK BASTROP STREET

08/22/2016 VCO 168 ANIMAL NUIS
19200 BLK JONAH LEE CT

08/22/2016 VCO 362 PARKING VIOL
200 W BOYCE LANE

08/23/2016 DECEASED PERSON
18100 BLK TOP SAIL

08/23/2016 BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE
12900 CARILLON WAY

08/23/2016 THEFT
11900 BLK S BASTROP STREET

08/23/2016 DRIVING W LICENSE SUSP
10200 BLK HWY 290E



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- City of Manor History
- City Information
- Local Places of Worship
- City Utilities & MISD Campuses
- Food Pantries and Misc. Assistance
- Community Services & Local Assistance
- Emergency & Non-Emergency Contacts
- Local Transportation Services
- Local Automotive Services

Packets available in English or Spanish. For more information or to request a packet contact:

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manorchamber@att.net

Notice Of Public Hearing On Tax Increase

The Travis County Emergency Services District No. 12 will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 10.253 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on September 6, 2016 at 105 E. Eggleston Street, Manor, Texas 78653
The second public hearing will be held on September 13, 2016 at 429 West Parsons Street, Manor, Texas 78653.
The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: J. Arellano, C. Zabalza, R. Fowler, B. Raygon, S. Barnes
AGAINST: 0
PRESENT and not voting: 0
ABSENT: 0

The average taxable value of a resident homestead in Travis County Emergency Services District No. 12 last year was \$126,395.00. Based on last year’s tax rate of \$0.10 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$126.40.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Travis County Emergency Services District No. 12 this year is \$138,926.00. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate of \$.0907 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of tax imposed this year on the average home would be \$126.00.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$.10 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$138.93.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

AROUND YOUR COMMUNITY

THIS WEEK IN ASTRONOMY

The Conjunction Of Jupiter And Venus

By: Joseph Macry
Contributing Writer

On Saturday, August 27th, the Sun will set at one minute before 8pm. Grab a pair of binoculars, or a small telescope, and go somewhere that has a clear view of the western horizon. You do not need a completely dark area, just get away from bright lights. About 15 or 20 minutes after sunset, look due west, just to the left of where the sun went down. The planets Jupiter and Venus appear so close together that they might look like one bright object to the naked eye. Besides the Sun and Moon, these are the two brightest objects in the sky, so it should be quite a sight. Your binocs or scope should show you the two separate objects.

This alignment of celestial objects is called a "conjunction". The angular distance between the two will be about one-tenth of one

degree apart. This is about one-fifth of the width of a full moon.

If you're in a good viewing spot,



you might see planet Mercury also, about five degrees (ten full moons' width) to the lower left of Venus and Jupiter.

Did you know that you can see satellites with naked eye? You can, if you have normal vision and

moderately dark and clear skies. The trick is to look up during the first hour after sunset, or the first hour before sunrise. During these times, it may be dark on the ground where you are, but the sun is actually shining way up at altitude. Satellites orbiting the Earth can easily reflect sunshine, and appear like a star that is cruising across the sky. They are easy to tell apart from airplanes, which have blinking, colored lights.

The brightest satellite is the International Space Station (ISS). Besides that, most of the brighter ones are discarded rocket boosters from bygone space missions. To find specific times to look, look up the web site www.heavens-above.com, and enter Manor, Texas as your location.

Joseph Macry studied astronomy at UT Austin, and is a member of Austin Astronomical Society.

Extra Travis County Sheriff's Deputies On The Roadways Labor Day Weekend

By: Kristen Dark
Travis County Sheriff

August 19, 2016 through September 5, 2016, the Travis County Sheriff's Office will participate in the Impaired Driving Mobilization (IDM) grant which targets drivers who are driving under the influence of alcohol. This grant is offered by the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) and will allow the Sheriff's Office to

put additional deputies on roadways in order to increase law



enforcement presence and seek out impaired drivers.

Alcohol related accidents and deaths are preventable. We

are asking for the public to report impaired drivers to 911. Together, we can reduce impaired drivers on the roadways and save lives.

Don't be a statistic! Remember, "buzzed driving" is drunk driving. If you drink, don't drive.

For more information contact Sgt. Julio Hernandez, at Julioa.Hernandez@traviscountytexas.gov or (512) 854-4875.

You're Invited!



Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies Sponsored by Manor Chamber of Commerce

Manor United Methodist Church Celebrates The Opening Of HOPE reSTOREd August 31

Manor United Methodist Church is proud to announce the opening of a new Mission Project called HOPE reSTOREd, with a ribbon cutting on August 31, at 5:30 p.m. The community is invited to attend and check out the new store. Meals with Manor will also be the same night with the meal beginning at 6:00.

The purpose of the store is to bring HOPE and reSTOREd faith to our neighbors who have fallen, on hard times by providing clothing, small household appliances, kitchen items, sheets, towels, a



prayer, or just someone to talk to when they visit our free store. The store is located in the white education to the right of the church at Bur-

net and Townes. This store has been a long time dream of one of the church members and with the help of many people, it has become a reality.

Presently, the hours of operation for HOPE reSTOREd are the 1st, 3rd and last Wednesday of the month from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. and by appointment. Please contact Nancy at 512.925.1813 to schedule an appointment or for more information.

We are also accepting donations of clothing in good condition and household items such as kitchen items, sheets, towels and blankets.

Central Baptist Church Youth Center Opening

On Tuesday August 30th at 6pm, Pastor Luis Holguin of Manor's Central Baptist Church will

have a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the Youth Center at the church on 407

Eggleston in Manor. Pastor Holguin can be reached at (512) 472-3896 for more details.

VIP Alterations and Sewing Grand Opening



VIP Alterations and Sewing owner Kelly Howard holds the big scissors to celebrate the opening of her store located at 12407 Highway 290 East. She is joined by Mayor Rita Jonse, City of Manor officials and members of the Chamber of Commerce.

MISD Back-To-School Portraits

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Ed Cortez, 7th Grade



Kelsi 5th Grade, Anika 3rd Grade, Rachel Pre-k



Koleten Claxton 6th Grade



Triston 5th Grade, Hadyn 3rd Grade, Sterling Kindergarten



Sebastian Nunez 10th Grade, Esteban Nunez 11th Grade



Harley-Ann 9th Grade, Tyler 12th Grade, Elliott Horn 11th Grade.



Stephanie Gonzalez 4th Grade, Maribell Gonzalez 2nd Grade



Sophia Arteaga 1st Grade



Shelby and Taylor Sandoval, 7th Grade

INSPIRATION

Yoga FAQs

by Katy Gassaway, RYT
Contributed Story

There are a lot of misconceptions about yoga among people who have never tried it, many that keep people from giving it a shot. I know when I first started yoga, I had completely the wrong idea. Here are some of the questions I get most:

and more about breathing and stretching. Others, like power yoga, which I mainly teach, are more of a workout and focused on building strength, balance, and flexibility. Certain styles of heated yoga are more geared toward detoxifying the body. There are specialized classes like pre-natal yoga, yoga on stand up paddle boards,

side, whatever their religion. Still, many other people use yoga simply to get a good workout or relieve stress. Again, there are many types of yoga, some with a more spiritual focus than others, so do your research and see what appeals to you.

Q: What does “namaste” mean? Do I have to say it?

A: As a sign of respect for their students, many yoga teachers end their class by saying, “namaste,” which students traditionally repeat back. The translation from Sanskrit means “I bow to you.” On a deeper level, “namaste” is an acknowledgement that we all share a connection as human beings and to honor the goodness in each other. You do not have to say “namaste” or bow at the end of class if you don’t want to. In fact, I like to tell my students that you don’t have to do anything in class that you don’t want to, as long as you’re not disturbing other students. Your practice is your time, do what’s right for you.

Do you have burning questions I missed? Send me a message on social media! Reach me on Facebook (facebook.com/katydoesyoga) and Instagram (@katydoesyoga), or ask me in class at Manor Excel Academy (600 E. Parsons Street) Mondays at 6:30pm.



Q: I’m not flexible, does that mean I can’t do yoga?

A: Not at all! Everyone has to start somewhere. When I first started yoga, I wasn’t even close to being able to touch my toes. Part of the reason to practice anything new is so you can grow and improve in it. One of the great things about yoga is that it can be modified and adapted to suit almost any level of student.

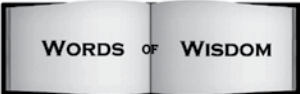
Q: Isn’t yoga just stretching?

A: It can be. There are numerous different kinds of yoga. Some are very gentle

mommy and baby yoga, and even laughing yoga. Read up a little on what kind of class is being offered to see if it matches what you’re looking for.

Q: Is yoga a religion?

A: Yoga is not a religion in a traditional sense. Yoga is often utilized in Vedic religious traditions, such as Buddhism and Hinduism, which is why many people develop that impression, but it is not a religion in itself. Because yoga is focused on quieting the mind and finding a sense of inner peace, many people feel that yoga helps them connect more deeply to their spiritual



by Pastor Luis Holguin
Central Baptist Church

Right Living... I urge you to use words with restraints.

Misusing words is one of the easiest ways we as humans sin and is one of the deadliest. In fact the tongue is a fire that corrupts the whole person, set the whole course of his life on fire, and itself set on fire by hell. We would be wise to follow the example of David who wrote: “Set a guard O Lord over my mouth keep watch over the door of my lips.”

Controlling our tongues is so difficult we could not do this without our Lord Jesus Christ. Today as you go about your day ask God to help you control your tongue.

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Obituaries

Jannelle Tucker



Jannelle Tucker departed Earth on Easter morning, March 27, 2016 at Circle of Life Hospice in Springdale, Arkansas. She was born on July 29, 1928 in Nacogdoches, County Texas.

She is survived by her son, Scott Tucker of Fayetteville, AR, granddaughters, Elizabeth Kelley (Jim) of Eureka Springs, AR, Katherine Gronen of Fort Smith, AR, and great granddaughters Kaitlyn and Hannah Kelley, as well as numerous beloved nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in her passing by her dear husband Earl Tucker, with whom she was married for over 60 years. They shared their lives in Houston, TX, Austin and Manor, TX and Northwest AR.

Jan loved her family and friends and was thought of as a caring, loving lady. She was also very active in and held much love for her church families in Manor, Texas and Rogers, Arkansas. Among her favorite pastimes were painting and poetry. And as she struggled with illness in her later years, she always maintained her dignity and love for others. Burial will be at the Wortham Cemetery in Wortham, Texas.

John A. Williams



John Adams Williams, 74, of Georgetown, Texas, formerly of Manor, Texas passed away on Thursday, August 11, 2016 after a long and courageous battle against cancer. John is survived by his partner of more than twenty years, Greg Pearson; his mother-in-law, Tina Pearson; sister-in-law, Angela Pearson-Hawkins; niece, Rachel Hawkins-Maldonado; nephew, Nicholas Hawkins; as well as many loving cousins, relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Guy and Elizabeth “Betty” Williams and his sister, Barbara Johnson.

John spent his life working in higher education, both as a history teacher and as Dean of Admissions for a number of private colleges, primarily in the north east. After he retired from education he worked for H&R Block as a tax preparer and office manager for more than eight years. He was originally from Rochester, New York, and moved to Texas in 2005.

John was committed to being involved with the community, especially in regards to education and he was actively involved with the Manor School Board. He was also very active with the Manor Chamber of Commerce and City Council.

John dearly loved his family and friends and would always lend a hand to anyone who needed help. He will be greatly missed by us all.



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7:30 PM—Choir Practice



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MANOR SPORTS

Meet Your New Athletic Director, Jimmie Mitchell

By: Nathan Caruso

Manor Community News

On Wednesday, July 27th I had the chance to sit down with first year Mustangs head football coach and athletic director Jimmie Mitchell. A native of Belton, Mitchell is a 1987 graduate of Carlsbad (NM) High School. He starred at fullback for New Mexico State, then of the Big West Conference, averaging 4.4 yards per carry during the 1990 and 1991 seasons. Mitchell returned to Belton where he ultimately graduated from Mary Hardin Baylor before embarking on his coaching career. With stops as an assistant in Laredo, Hebbronville, and Sinton, Mitchell took the reigns as head football coach and athletic director for the first time at Sinton, followed by stints at Sealy and A.C. Jones in Beeville. Mitchell replaces Sadd Jackson who served in the same capacity for the last 6 years. He is now tasked with transitioning a struggling athletic department from 17-5A to 14-6A.

NC: Let's start with the million dollar question—What's the prognosis for Manor football in 2016?

JM: The kids are wonderful. I've been here three or four months and I really like these kids a lot. They're good kids. We're developing relationships and it's been going really good. My biggest concern is getting in here late and reorganizing the staff, getting the kids taught our philosophy on things—our X's and O's, our offense and defense—and how sharp and how good we can get at it by our first game. Any time you're new, bringing a new system, it takes time. So it's going to take us some time. But I'm excited about where we're at right now. This is my fourth head job so I've had to come in and do this and I've even come in a little later than I did here and it just takes time and it's going to take us a little time. But as far as the kids' attitudes and the talent and where we're at, I think we're in a good place, but it's going to take us some time. But I am excited about it. Our pre-district is really tough but I think it's going to be good for us. We're thin on our offensive and defensive lines as far as numbers, but we have some quality people in those spots. It's just going to come down to how fast we can get it all to come together, and I am confident that we will. You just never know how fast that's going to happen. I think any coach that takes a new job anywhere is going to go through this their first year. But I'm excited about it.

NC: What do you like best about what you see here? What gives you the greatest sense of optimism?

JM: There's a lot of things going from the top all the way down. We have a new superintendent. I think he's really wonderful. He understands the importance of athletics in the school setting.

From there going down to our principal, I know we have great support from him, the school as a whole. I think we've got tremendous support there. I think we've been able to really put together a good coaching staff that's doing this for the right reason. They care about kids. They love kids and want to help build their character and turn them into the type of people we want to put out into society.

The kids themselves are really committed. They care. They're great kids. I'm really excited about them and their character, and how important it is in their commitment. You put all those things together and with our growth the sky's the limit. All those things together give me a tremendous amount of optimism about this job.

NC: What do you see as the biggest challenge?

JM: Well our biggest challenge right now is just us being new, us getting our system in place, getting our values in place, and how fast we can do it in a limited amount of time. That's our biggest challenge right now. I'm trying to speed that up and everybody does, but it's going to happen at its own pace. That's the biggest challenge right now. We basically have a totally new staff coming in and they teach as well, and getting all these things organized and all these things in place. The biggest challenge I'm looking at right now is this office (laughing)—getting a phone and a computer. Stressing academics is going to be important for us. I don't know how much that was stressed in the past, but we're going to stress academics to our kids and make academics number one to them. People might disagree with me, but I think the quality of life you live or are going to be able to live is a direct reflection on the type of education you have. When you look at people that have treated education with high importance and have succeeded in education, are usually successful people. It's important to me that these kids understand the importance of education and why we're here, and what we're doing, and how it coexists with athletics.

NC: Who came with you from your last stop (A.C. Jones)?

JM: I've got a few guys who've have been with me all the way from Sinton. I'm fortunate. Don Howard's been with me all through the years. My brother's (J.R. Mitchell) the defensive coordinator and he's a well-respected coach in the

state. I'm lucky to have him. He's turned down some college jobs to stay with me over the years. He's been with me for a number of years. I've got three or four guys that came with me that were on my staff at Sealy and Beeville—not Sinton. And then I've got some guys that played for me (laughing). Our secondary coach was my safety at Sinton and then I've got some younger guys from Sealy that are

going to come in and played for me. I think we've got a really good staff that's cohesive and cares about each other and cares about these kids.

NC: Can you describe for the reader a typical day in the life of a head coach/AD?

JM: My typical day when the season gets started—I'm usually here really early in the morning. This year we're going to have athletics in the morning because we start school so late. We're going to follow (University of) Oregon's diagram where we get all our stuff done in the morning and then in the afternoon we can watch film and lift weights and go home—not take up the kid's whole evening. I think that works for us in football and also works for the kids to be able after school to deal with his academics—homework whatever he has. If not, we're not going to be able to start practice until almost 5pm and then I'll have them up here until 8pm. They've got to home eat and go to bed! I think that's going to be good for us. I'll be up here really early making sure practice is set up. We'll have coordinator meetings, coaches meetings, make sure we're organized. Then we'll hit the field and coach it up for two hours then get those kids off to school. Then I've got to go put on my athletic director ensemble, touch base with my secretary, and see what we have on the calendar for the day—deal with athletic director duties until 1 to 2 o'clock. Then I've got to jump back into my coaching gear and get things organized for what we're going to do in the afternoon and then plan for the next morning. It is a long day every day. There's a lot of things that go into that as far as dealing with the kids, taking the (coach's) hat

off and becoming the athletic director, dealing with people in the district and so on. It goes from early in the morning until past dark most days.

NC: I heard grumbling around town from people that thought Manor had reached the size where the AD should be one position and the head coach should be another position. Let me preface this questions with the fact that you just apply for the job that's offered. You don't create the post. What could you say to comfort the reader that believes it should be two separate posts from the standpoint of your ability to handle both jobs?

of social media restrictions do you have in place, or do you, for the high school athletes?

JM: We've got some stuff that talks about getting on social media—talking bad about teammates, talking bad about coaches. If they're going to get on social media, they need to get on there and be positive. Inappropriate pictures and stuff like that, that's all off. We're expecting our athletes to not partake in that stuff and we need to hold them accountable for that, and we will. We'll have a discussion with our kids about that. It can really be a pain, it can be, the social media and some of the problems that it brings.

NC: I see a lot of back and forth from team to team in the days leading up to games and the days following games—whether it's a baseball series or a football game. Is that probably the biggest concern or is it a matter of inappropriate content?

JM: Inappropriate content is the biggest thing. We're going to talk to them about that. I would love to be a part of social media, but I'm not for that reason.

NC: Do you have a Twitter account?

JM: I used to. When I was in Sealy I had a Twitter account and I thought it was the neatest thing in the world. I could tweet all my players and tell them the things I needed to tell them and then it would start getting filled with all this negative stuff and things I don't want to be around or be a part of. I don't do any social media anymore. I don't even do Facebook (laughing).

NC: Are you a proponent of multi-sport athletes? Do you think that's beneficial to your football players?

JM: Yes I think it's great. We are going to encourage that and create an environment where that can happen. I think it's huge. I'm a big proponent of it. Through my career I've been fortunate enough to have kids that have been looked at to be on the next level, as far as professionally, and when they do that, these people really investigate your background. I've had phone calls from people affiliated with professional teams and they always want to know on that level, did they participate in multiple sports. And they like the fact that they participate in multiple sports. And if they like it, then I take that to our kids and let them know. Now the colleges don't want them sometimes in multiple sports because they're about to get them and don't want them getting hurt in another sport. But I'm not big on a kid just doing one thing in high school. We've both been through high school and high school is over like that (snapping his finger). It's gone and you never get those opportunities again. As long as it's manageable for them, I'm an advocate

for them doing multiple sports, but I'm not an advocate for them doing too many sports. I've had people in the spring want to play golf, baseball, tennis and they're not good at any of them. So I'm not saying that, but I think you need to be in more than one sport. The opportunities high school affords you are opportunities you'll never get again. You need to take advantage of them because when it's over, it's over. There's no going back. Within our program we will encourage kids, and our coaches will also be advocates of that. We will create an environment to where it works. I've been able to do that for a number of years now.

NC: I have been, by my count, to 47 straight baseball games and I never once saw the former athletic director at a game. Doesn't mean he wasn't there, but I never saw him. When I was in high school our AD was everywhere. You obviously can't be everywhere at once, but what can we reasonably expect in terms of appearances at Manor High School events?

JM: Well I'm going to be at everything I can be at. The fall—it's tough in the fall. It really is. I might be able to sneak in and catch some volleyball. I'll probably get to go to the district cross country meet. The fall is tough for me. It just is. The spring though, I'll be at track meets. I'll be at baseball games. I'll rotate through a schedule where I go to these things and I think it's important that the kids see me. Since I've been here I've been to track meets. I need to be visible. It's important that I and the assistant athletic director are both visible.

NC: This is my selfish question of the interview. I know you come from some baseball rich programs. Is there anything that can be done in your role to increase the profile of baseball in Manor?

JM: There are some things. When I got here, every boys' athletic program was in one athletic period. So let's get this straight. We had football—some 150 kids, baseball, soccer, basketball, track. Every sport we had was all in one athletic period. It doesn't take a genius to look around here and figure out that we don't have the facilities to help these kids, that many kids, all in one period. We don't have the facilities. The weight room will just hold the football team. The gym will just hold the basketball team. We only have two fields. We've changed that up to where baseball's going to be in its own athletic period. They can use anything in the way of facilities they need. That's going to help number one. Number two, maybe not this year, but what I'm working toward is staffing—baseball needs to have four coaches. In Sinton we had four coaches. In Sealy we had four coaches. They need another coach. We've got to get them another coach. We've got to get them their own athletic period. We've got to get those people, like you, who are doing all the work over here and this needs to turn into a bigger deal. When we

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Manor Athletic Director Jimmie Mitchell
Photo by: Rodolfo Gonzales

Trump Rally Draws Thousands



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help bring back jobs to this country by imposing tariffs on different countries so we can improve our economic situation.”

Regarding border security, he claimed “For us to be safe and prosperous, we have to address border security. We are going to build the wall and who’s going to pay for it? Mexico is going to pay for the wall.” He promised protection of “jobs and wages”, and that he would hold companies accountable for luring business away from America causing loss of Americans’ livelihoods. He gave statistics regarding the massive numbers of illegal immigrants that pour into the country every day, as well as the many crimes committed by those illegal immigrants. He compared his immigration stand to those of Clinton saying she wants “open borders, Obamacare for illegal aliens, and massive amnesty in her first 100 days in office”. He com-



mented that millions of people come into this country every day and “we don’t know anything about them.” He added the he plans to help develop what he calls “Safe Zones” in the Middle East and allow the Gulf States to pay for it. He added “We have to help people.” Another part of his plan is to “suspend Visas when we can’t effectively screen them.” He called this plan “Extreme Vetting” and stated “That’s what taking the oath of citizenship all is about.”

Trump wel-

comed two groups to the stage. The first, families who have lost loved ones to crimes committed by illegal immigrants. They wore



Danny Horrigan representing his fallen brother who was in the Iraq war.

shirts with their family members’ pictures on them, carried signs, and spoke about their support for Trump and members of the Border Patrol. Trump assured the families that “Your children did not die in vain. We are not going to allow it to happen to others”. A member of the Border Patrol stated “Our borders are not safe. Only 40 - 60% of those who cross illegally are captured.

Trump spoke again regarding the “alarming facts” that are continuing to come out regarding the Clinton e-mail scandal. He mentioned his concern for what he feels is a bigger issue than once thought regarding the emails and so called “deals” that might have been made during Clinton’s term in as Secretary of State. This, he says, is why he has called for a special prosecutor to look into the issues. “Our laws and our country are being jeopardized”. He added “Justice is

supposed to be blind, but never is supposed to be for sale”.

The rally came to a close with Trump’s



Ethan represented LGBT voters who are republican and believe in Trump’s platform.

final words, “I will dedicate myself to restoring the ladder of success to those in poverty.” He called for “one nation, one people, and a great future. We will make America proud again, we will make America prosperous again, and we will make America safe again. We will make America great again.”



Wearing a “Hillary for Prison” T-shirt, Trump supporter Ashley Beckford, at Tuesday’s rally.

Three Indicted On Capital Murder

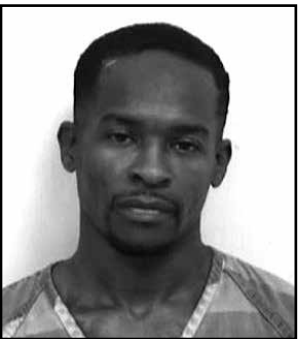
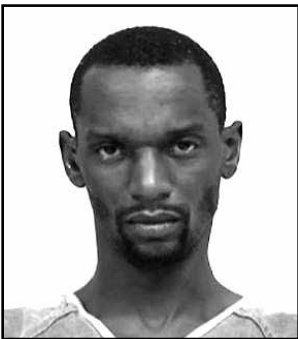
By: Kristen Dark
Travis County Sherrif

The Travis County Grand Jury has handed down indictments against Chelsea Elizabeth Wilhelm, Reginald Oneal Wright and Clifton Charles Wade for Capital Murder in the death of 68-year-old

Lee Artist King. The trio stands accused of murdering Mr. King while committing Aggravated Robbery with a Deadly Weapon in his Del Valle home on May 31, 2016.

Travis County Sheriff’s Deputies responding to an Audible Panic Alarm at

Mr. King’s residence on May 31st found his body inside his home. The three remain in custody in the Travis County Jail where they have been since shortly after the murder and there is no known continued threat to the community.



Meet Jimmie Mitchell

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have a baseball game we need to have a (game) program, we need to have this, we need to make sure the facility has everything it needs. I’m working with Coach Garza right now on going into the following year, getting all of this right. Our Basketball programs, they need that stuff. Soccer...I mean right now we don’t have enough coaches. There’s a lot of things that I need to get fixed, that are in the works, and I think that with the support of our administration we’re going to be able to get it where it needs to be.

NC: How do you see the future, not just high school football, but football in general unfolding in light of the concussion concerns that are so prevalent now? What do you think will become of football?

JM: I think football’s going to be fine. I really haven’t really developed an opinion on that yet. I don’t know if it’s because I haven’t gotten enough information. Football’s physical. I think we’re doing a good job of teaching better on the lower levels. I think we’re doing a good job in high school of teaching better. When you get in the NFL that is a physical, physical deal. I don’t like some of the directions we’ve gone in. I think some of the new rules are really good to protect players. I think some of the stuff they’re doing in the NFL is ridiculous. When you get that type of money involved and people trying to cover their ass, I’m afraid that’s going to hurt the NFL game a lot. Right now I think we’re in a good place in high school and college. I really do. Anything to keep the kids safer as far as rules are good, but I think the NFL is way out there right now. You’ve got to tackle somebody right on the belly button or it’s a penalty in some instances, and that’s not going to work. But you get money involved and lawsuits and all that kind of stuff going on... but I like where we’re at. I think we’ve got a safe, good, healthy game. So I haven’t really developed a big opinion on it yet. I just don’t think I’ve got enough knowledge to make an opinion. The worst thing in the world is creating an opinion on something you’re not educated on right?

NC: Was there a single moment in your life when you knew you wanted to be a coach?

JM: I guess there are a lot of people who coach football because they love football, and I do love football. But that’s not just the reason I do it. When I was young, my brother and I were raised by a single mom. Our dads weren’t around. It was just me and him. When I got into high school, I can remember I wasn’t a bad kid, but I was wandering aimlessly. I didn’t have a plan, didn’t have a goal. I knew I was a good athlete. I just wanted to play. Academics weren’t a huge priority to me. I think we’ve got a lot of kids like that that I’ve been able to identify with over the years. I had a coach whose name was Tom Essex and he took me in when I was a freshman and treated me like his own son. It was the

first father figure I’d had and he was my football coach. It just changed my whole life. It did. I’m sitting here in front of you today because of him. I want to be that type of influence on kids. I’ve been through it, so I know. My brother has too. I knew I wanted to be a coach because of the impact he had on me. Coaching could be an instrument to better people’s lives. After I met him I knew that’s what I wanted to do.

NC: When I report playoff baseball, I see at some schools extraordinary school pride. Atascocita and College Station come to mind among similarly sized schools. How do schools foster that kind of pride, and can people in the community get involved outside of attending games on Friday night?

JM: They can be a part of the booster clubs. We’re going to do a number of things to try to get people involved. Me being visible, getting out to know people in the community...That’s a little hard for me to answer right now. I don’t know where our booster club is right now. I don’t think it’s in very good shape. I’ve got to get out there and recruit people to get in that.

NC: What would you say has been the most challenging moment of your career?

JM: That’s a good question. Being at Sinton and then being at Sealy, we never had a losing season. We went to Beeville and we went 0-10. That was very challenging, but the most challenging time of my career...there was a kid I coached named Mark Goyet and his dad became a great friend of mine. He was a Captain in the Navy. Ingleside used to have a Navy base down there and he was stationed there. The kid played for me and the dad became my booster club president and a good friend of mine. He (Mark) was a Marine and was killed in Afghanistan. Dealing with that—not just because he was a player for me which is hard enough—but also being close to his family. That was probably the most challenging—trying to be there for the family. It was emotional. It really was—hard to deal with. I’m still really close to his dad.

NC: If you could implement any rule change at the high school level, what would

it be?

JM: I do not like our pass interference rules. I’ll give you a good example of what I don’t like. You’ve got a receiver running down the field with a ball being underthrown with a cornerback chasing him from behind. This receiver turning around in an attempt to go catch a badly thrown ball, runs into the defender, and it’s pass interference. I don’t like that at all.

NC: Defensive interference?

JM: Yeah. Defensive interference. It’s hurting defenses. It’s not letting defenses play. When I played it was, “I’m the defender and this is my area and you can’t go through my area”. Just like in basketball, to get the ball and it be my fault. We’re going to do it. I’m taking advantage of it even though I don’t think it’s right. People are throwing more fades and deep balls because they know, and we teach the receiver, if that ball’s underthrown you go through the defender because it’s going to be called on them.

NC: Do you prefer college or pro football and which do you think provides high school players with more learning opportunities?

JM: College definitely. I love college football. It’s getting hard for me to watch pro football to be honest. I think the rules have gotten so out of whack

NC: Is there a conference you like watching more than the others in college?

JM: I love watching all these Texas schools. I know most of the coaches in Texas and I know where most of the kids are from. It would have to be the Big 12. If there’s Texas teams playing, I’m pulling for them.

NC: Last question—you get two weeks and the only condition is you can’t do anything job related. Where are you going to go and what are you going to do?

JM: I’m probably going to go to the golf course (laughing). I’d probably go see friends. If I couldn’t do anything job related for two weeks, my wife would have me busy taking her somewhere or doing something for her and then every opportunity I had I’d go to the golf course. Yeah it’s really true too. Yeah that’s what I would do (laughing).

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your strong Bovine will, combined with your romantic nature (you are ruled by Venus), helps turn a romance with a potential for problems into one with more-positive possibilities.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Mercury's influence creates some unsettling moments, but nothing that

you can't live with. You'll soon learn more about that major change that is about to be revealed.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Opportunities for you are like the phases of the Moon: constantly appearing and reappearing. So, cheer up. The opportunity you think you let slip by will be replaced by another.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) An opportunity that you hoped would open up for you remains closed. Stop wasting time scratching at it. Something else you'll like will soon make itself apparent and accessible.



VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Congratulations. You'll soon hear some positive feedback for all the hard work you recently put into a project. A Pisces could soon swim into your personal life.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Someone whose friendship you felt you had to write off will try

to revive it. What you do is up to you. But don't do it without giving it considerable thought.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A job-related plan might need to be reworked to allow for changes. Lucky for you that Saturn remains a strong influence that can help you focus on getting it done right.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good time to move into areas of self-discovery. You might be surprised about who you really are and how you really relate to those around you.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Expect to confront someone who will make an unwelcome request. Stand by your resolve to do the right thing no matter what "persuasion" might be offered.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A friendly competition could become more contentious than you expected. Take time out to

discuss the reasons behind this unexpected change, and act accordingly.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You have a wonderful mind for solving mysteries, so you should feel confident about solving the one developing very close to you. An unlikely source offers help.

BORN THIS WEEK: You're a great host or hostess. You love being with people, and you're very good about planning all sorts of social events that bring folks together.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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Pet of the Week!

Name: Shasta
Animal ID: A31426894
Gender: Female

Oh boy, oh boy! Mrs. Shasta is ready for action! She is very ball driven and absolutely loves playing fetch. She would be a wonderful family dog and is good with other

dogs. She does need to be treated for heartworms, but that is very easy - ask us how!

This animal is available for adoption, foster, or rescue through the Bastrop County Animal Shelter located at 589 Coolwater Dr Bastrop, TX.

A Random Sonnet For Autumn

By Ian Egan

A gaggle of geese wings south for the winter,
While a tumble of leaves migrate to the other side of the yard...

A murder of poets congregate at the coffee shop,
Spouting a meaningless brace of words designed to ridicule the world without changing anything...

A clutch of lovers wanders from room to room with longing in their eyes,
While a tense of psychopaths stalk the night with danger in their step...

A giggle of young girls surges through the mall,
Watched by a tussle of young boys trying desperately to look cool...

A gig of computer nerds discuss RAM & ROM and ruling the world,
Fantasizing about dominating a runway of supermodels...

A scud of dark clouds march purposefully across the night sky,
Occasionally blotting out the spray of stars twinkling above...

A rattle of keys on my keyboard vainly try to organize my ponderings,
While a meander of thoughts wander lazily through my mind...

Recipe Of The Week

Delicious Crock Pot Stew

Time for some delicious stew, and this week's recipe is tried and true! And having a crockpot is a good thing, believe me! If you don't have one you definitely should look into purchasing one. You can put many meals together in the pot, put the lid on and come back 5-7 hours for a delicious home cooked meal!

- Ingredients:
- 1 1/2 pounds stew meat
 - 1 medium onion, chopped
 - 4 carrots, peeled and sliced
 - 2 sticks celery, rinsed and sliced
 - 4 potatoes peeled and chopped
 - 1 28-ounce can of whole tomatoes (undrained)
 - 1 10 1/2 ounce can beef broth
 - 1 tbsp Worcestershire Sauce
 - 1 tbsp Parsley Flakes
 - 1 bay leaf
 - 1 tsp salt
 - 1/4 tsp pepper
 - 2 tbsp Quick Cooking Tapioca
- Directions:
- Brown beef cubes on range. Transfer to slow cooker. Add remaining ingredients. Stir to blend. Cover and cook on medium setting for 5-8 hours. Enjoy!

ASK DEE DEE

Dear Dee Dee:

I've noticed a lot of construction taking place in and around Manor. Where could I find out exactly what is being built and the estimated date of completion.

Sincerely, Joel

Dear Joel:

It is very exciting to see the new construction of homes and businesses in the Manor area! What you need to do is contact the City of Manor, TX or contact Scott Dunlop, Planning Coordinator with the Planning and Zoning Committee at 512-272-5555 or sdunlop@cityofmanor.org.

Also, don't forget about the City Council meetings that are held twice a month at Council headquarters. Its a great way to stay informed about city business as well as have a voice. The Council meets regularly on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at City Hall and are held at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Agendas are posted in the lobby window at City Hall at least 72 hours prior to a public meeting. Check out their monthly calendars at http://www.cityofmanor.org/page/homepage_calendar

Sincerely, Dee Dee

"Ask Dee Dee" is a new advice column for the Manor Community News!! Dee Dee is not a licensed counselor or therapist. She is a wife, mother, and a member of the community with significant life experience. Any answers are merely suggestions based upon limited information submitted by the readers. We believe you will enjoy this column and hope you will send in your questions to news@manorcommunitynews.com!

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Belly Of The Beast

A New Post From Bee Tree Farms

By: jennakl
Contributing Writer

This spring I got an intriguing email. A young woman wrote to inquire about whether I may be looking for summer farm help from someone equally in love with goats, someone who wanted to pursue a life in the country, someone who I initially thought was also a 30-something searching for her true meaning in life. Until I got to the part of the note where she mentioned that



she was a high school senior. I was shocked - her writing was so mature and articulate! She included a picture of herself smiling proudly over her goat and its babies. I responded immediately.

Sara worked with me all summer. In the blistering heat, the sweltering humidity and - on her last day - she finished expertly trimming the hooves of my herd in a torrential downpour. I ran out to the dairy in blinding rain and found her calmly crouched over a goat. She was completely soaked, streaked with mud, grinning broadly. It was her last day here at the farm and the image of this young, bright, enthusiastic woman choosing to spend one afternoon weekly covered in shit and sweat and dirt and in the rain - she is my kind of people. I know you're reading this Sara, and I miss you already.

The rain that drenched her last week was the beginning of what became the 4th major flood our land has endured in one year. One Year. We know the rain gauge collected around 17" after 6 days of intermittent showers. By Sunday morning we stopped emptying it and counting because at a certain point the number no longer matters, we just know that it is too much. We know it's too much when we watch helplessly as the creeks that criss-cross the northern boundary of our property rise and rise and rise and swallow the fencing and churn angry white caps around trees and spill over hills. We stopped counting when, in a brief break from the downpours, Jeremy ventured into the back pasture where the cows' hay bale resides and called me in a wavering voice, "Another cow has drowned." The second in one year. The first lost in the October flood. That's when we kept counting the inches that fell, and we counted 24" in one week.

We bought this land during a drought and built the house when a historic forest fire scalded the Lost Pine forest in our neighboring county, a fire so large and brutal that the sky was darkened by black smoke the week

our foundation was poured. It seemed an ominous message the universe was sending at the time, but we were already in too deep. 5 years later and that drought finally broke, or was plunged down into the waters that just keep hitting this eastern edge of our county. It makes for treacherous conditions no matter the endeavor but on a farm - on a dairy farm - it equates to misery in all its forms. It's been such a hard year and

just 2 months since we got our head above the spring water.

Yesterday I was low. I had not allowed myself (still haven't) the luxury of tears over the loss of Junebug. There are some deaths I can't consider. And the learning curve of cheese making and dairying appears to be actually more of an uphill battle, made more difficult when the hill is covered in mud.

So I was shocked by the timing of a letter received in the mail yesterday. A real letter. Hand written. The kind you can hold, the kind that tells more than an email or text message could ever convey because the author's intent and earnestness translate through the slant of their script, the heavy handedness of ink on paper to underscore certain points. It was from Sara. She had written to thank me for working with her over the summer. She told me that I am her people, too, explained what the work and our farm meant to her. She couldn't have known how perfectly timed this letter would be as I stood in the grey divide between giving up or giving in (both options suck), feeling like a prisoner of our climate and my poor decisions.

So, publicly, I want to thank you for your work here and for your unwavering enthusiasm and belief that this is a life worth pursuing. In the deeply dark moments this past week, I remembered how you grinned while slathered in mud and dripping wet from the slanting rain and I remembered how excited (and lucky?) I also felt at one time to be in the thick of it. You reminded me - for that I am grateful.

As for the cows: we are learning about this land and how to adapt to a climate that is changing and certainly has changed already under our watch. It means some cow management adjustments that aren't quite defined just yet. Regardless, Junebug and her inquisitive little soul that appeared so sweetly one early June morning - will be greatly missed.

And that's all I can say about that.

“Excellence Is My Responsibility” A ride along with Travis County ESD12

By: Kelsey Feuerbacher
Manor Community News



Travis County Emergency Service District No.12 is located in the heart of Manor, just west of Parsons Street. They serve approximately 100 square miles of northeast Travis County that includes the City of Manor, the Village of Webberville, Littig, New Sweden, Decker Creek, 130 Toll Road, and the US Highway 290 corridor. ESD12 services these

and Rescue calls. Usually, they are the first to arrive on a scene. Some of these responsibilities include educating the public on safety and fire awareness, maintaining their physical health, maintenance on equipment and engines, and, of course, training.

I had the pleasure to ride out with some of the members of ESD12 and witness them in action during their training exercises. It was a typical hot central Texas day at 102 degrees. Firefighter Ashley Brackett stresses that it is of the upmost importance that they always continue to test their skills. "Our goal is to be able to do these drills and it be muscle memory. It could mean

ation maneuvers. If they are ever in a situation where there is no available exit, the next step is to breach a wall and perform the back ward "swim method" to safely get through to the other side. Each member took turns trying to

truck that I was able to get to know some of the crew a little better. It turns out most had led completely different life before becoming apart the firefighting community. Sean Griffith explained that he had worked in a career that



Firefighter Sybil Hay during training

break through the wall and "swim." After observing the firefighters do this maneuver in full gear and in the heat of the summer, I found a new level of respect for this job.

I also had the opportunity to respond to an emergency call with Engineers Nate McRae, Sean Griffith, and Firefighter Amy Thomas. As we raced to the scene, I realized how difficult it really was to maneuver through traffic. I thought of all of the instances where I panicked when a firetruck would get behind me. If anyone is ever curious, yes, they are yelling at you to get out of the way.

It was during my time on the fire

he was just not passionate about. "I knew I wanted to do something that had more meaning," he said.

Amy Thomas and Nate McRae both left the corporate world to pursue a career in firefighting. "It was after the 9/11 attacks when I knew I needed to do something," McRae explained. "I was tempted to get on a plane and fly to New York and just help anyway that I could. So instead I quit my job and I joined the academy. I never looked back."

The nature of this career field requires sacrifice, perseverance, and, especially at ESD12, a sense of humor. It's these qualities that foster the relationship among the crew to create a family unit. "When I'm having a bad day, I know I have people to lean on. We all have each other's backs," says Thomas.

I am extremely appreciative of ESD12 and to Chief Smith for allowing me to see a glimpse into their world. For more information on Travis County ESD 12 visit www.tced12.com or you can call them at (512) 272-4502.



Back: Chief Ryan Smith, Kevin, Sean Griffith, Nate McRae
Front: Amy Thomas, Sybil Hay, and Ashley Brackett

areas with a single station and Engine Company staffed 24 hours a day that responds to over 2,000 emergencies annually.

Fire Chief Ryan Smith invited me to shadow his team and observe their day to day activities. For most of the crew at ESD12 there is no such thing as a "typical day." A shift can bring new challenges, new training techniques and new opportunities for growth. Firefighters usually work a 48-hour shift; during that time there are a myriad of duties that they are responsible for in addition to responding to Fire, EMS

the difference between life and death."

On this particular day, training was at an offsite location to go through evacu-



Amy Thomas, Sybil Hay, and Ashley Brackett preparing the fire engine.

2016 Rio Olympics Recap

By: Debbie Tucker
Manor Community News

The sun has set on the 2016 Summer Olympics. This time, Rio de Janeiro was the host, and even though the Zika virus threatened to undermine

were investigated after being involved in a "made up" robbery caught on tape.

There was the usual thrill of victory and agony of defeat, along with many human interest highlights, including a

win the women's all-around Olympic gold medal. She brought home a total of 4 gold medals and a bronze medal.

American swimmer Katie Ledecky won the women's 800m freestyle final in 4.79 seconds. She also won the women's 200m freestyle. U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps delivered once again, taking 5 gold and 1 silver medal. Kevin Durant led his team to defeat Serbia 96-66, giving the gold to the U.S. for a third consecutive time. Durant had a game-high of 30 points, which

provided a preview of how fun it will be to watch him play for the Golden State Warriors this season.

The end of the games was celebrated with a huge party, produced by Rio in a carnival-style closing ceremony with music, dancing and vibrant colors. Shinzo Abe, the Japanese Prime Minister appeared dressed as the computer game character Super Mario to announce the next Olympics to be held in Tokyo in 2020. Well done Olympians - thanks for thrilling and entertaining us so well! See you in Tokyo!



American swimmer Micheal Phelps celebrates yet another Gold Medal

the efforts of olympic officials, staff and athletes, the show did in fact go on. Rio was a picturesque venue for the games, and yet what would the Olympic trials be without a little drama? From the threat of the Zika virus, to ridiculously costly hotels falsely portrayed as 4 and 5 star lodging, to news-making antics by some of the United States most popular athletes Ryan Lochte, Jimmy Feigen and Jack Conger who

chinese diver named Qin Kai who dropped to one knee at the podium presentation and asked a fellow diver, He Zi to marry him. He produced an engagement ring and she said yes!

The United States came away with a whopping 121 medals, including 46 gold, 37 bronze and 38 silver medals. Nineteen year old U.S. gymnast Simone Biles came on strong with a stunning performance to



Simone Biles with one of her Gold Medals

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