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MERRITT STARLIGHT

TOWN HALL MEETING

Wednesday February 13th

6pm-8pm

at the Wimberley Community Center

in the Blanco Room

Merritt Communities would like to invite you to attend an open meeting regarding the proposed Merritt Starlight Senior Living facility to be located at 700 FM 2325. There will be a brief presentation followed by a questions and answers session.

We would also encourage anyone interested to join us on **February 5th** from **5pm - 6pm** for a tour of the recently opened Merritt Hill Country Senior Living located at 28725 RR 12 in Dripping Springs.

We welcome participation from the community and look forward to meeting you at one or both of these upcoming events.

# Wimberley Film Festival names winners

From Staff Reports

Two movies made in Wimberley won major awards at the fifth annual Wimberley Film Festival on Saturday, Jan. 19, at the Wimberley Village Library.

The film entitled “30 Feet at a Time,” about roadside cleanup around our area, won the Don’t Mess With Texas Award. It was produced by Barry Underhill and featured interviews with residents who are involved in trash cleanup programs.

The movie entitled “The Audition” won Best Comedy. It was entered by Rodger Marion and featured actors who have performed on the stage in Wimberley.

A total of about 170 people attended the festival, a record for the event.

This year the festival was sponsored by the Wimberley Village Library, the library foundation and the Wimberley Valley Chamber of Commerce.



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Best Don’t Mess With Texas award movie representatives are Rodger Marion, Richard Page, Barry Underhill and Purly Gates. Wojciech Lorenc, second from left, won Best Documentary.

Other festival awards went to:

+ “Carma,” a movie entered by Riley Church of Austin, won the People’s Choice Award.

+ Paige Castillo won Best Actress for her appearance in “Study Date,” a movie entered by Joe Koporc, also of Austin.

+ The Best Documenta-

ry Award went to Wojciech Lorenc for his movie called “Shaholly.”

+ Sophia Rigg was awarded Best Animation for “Forbidden Fruit.”

+ Best Direction honors went to Grace Goen for “Divididas.”

+ Best Silent Film was “Be Mime” from Luna Soleil Studios.

+ And Best Music Video was “Talkin That Mumbo Jumbo” by George Wada.

The film festival features movies that are no more than seven minutes in length. This year, more than 1,770 movies were entered, and 21 movies were chosen for viewing at the festival.

## Blue Hole Nature Camps coming for Spring Break

From Staff Reports

Blue Hole Nature Camps are back in session at Blue Hole Regional Park! Starting in March, Blue Hole will be offering MORE camp opportunities. The park will be hosting a brand new Spring Break Nature Camp from March 11-15 with kayaking,

fishing, archery, and more. Two new Mini Day Camps are also added to the summer program. Registration opens February 1st for all camps. Registration closes one week prior to the first day of each session. There is no swimming at the camp, however, kids will be wading in the creek daily. Camp hours are from 8am – 5pm,

Monday through Friday. Teens age 13-15 can apply for our Counselor-in-Training program. Space is limited. Help Blue Hole Nature Camps celebrate its five year anniversary by signing up today!

Blue Hole Regional Park is just east of the Wimberley Square at 100 Blue Hole Lane, off Old Kyle Road

near its junction with RM 3237 in Wimberley, TX.

For more information about the Blue Hole Nature Camps, please contact the Park Office at (512)660-9111, visit the City of Wimberley website at [www.cityofwimberley.com](http://www.cityofwimberley.com), or email [rmanning@cityofwimberley.com](mailto:rmanning@cityofwimberley.com).

## Live Oak clinic surpassing expectations

Robin Blackburn  
Staff Reporter

The Live Oak Community Health Clinic, located in San Marcos, is growing and has plans to offer more services to its patients, according to a presentation given at the Hays County Commissioners Court meeting Tuesday morning.

“The partnership we have with the county is so crucial to keeping that care going,” said Anthony Stahl, CEO of Central Texas Medical Center, which manages the county health clinic through its relationship with Live Oak Health Partners.

Live Oak Health Partners Physician Practice Administrator Brent Hastings spoke to the commissioners about recent growth at the clinic and future services as the clinic seeks to fulfill its mission of “extending the healing ministry of Christ and not turning away a single patient because of their income.”

Hastings said that on the patient satisfaction survey,

the question that means the most to administrators is how likely a patient is to recommend the clinic to someone else. On that question, Dr. Stephen Richardson and the clinic rank in the 96th percentile nationwide.

“I’ve never seen numbers like this,” Hastings said. “I’ve worked in healthcare for 11 years.”

Hastings said that in 2017, the clinic saw 975 new patients, with a total of almost 6,700 encounters. In 2018, the clinic saw 1,060 new patients with 8,949 total encounters — an increase of 33 percent over the previous year.

Hastings highlighted some of the community outreach initiatives the clinic has engaged in, including diabetes testing and other medical tests offered in Redwood, at the Hays County Food Bank and at the Southside Community Center. Diabetes testing and management has become an important part of the clinic’s mission, he said, because diabetes is

so common among indigent patients.

“We’ve actually bought an A1C machine where we can test patients to see their hemoglobin levels and be able to manage those patients,” he said.

The clinic also offers a prescription assistance program that helped more than 2,000 patients in the past two years, Hastings said, explaining that qualifying patients might be able to get prescription drugs for free through the program.

The clinic also offers an “ER Navigation” program, which means that qualifying emergency room patients can get follow-up care at the clinic.

“Those patients who enter the ER will receive a free voucher, the ones who qualify, to come to our community clinic,” Hastings said.

With the increased traffic at the clinic, Hastings said, a full-time nurse practitioner is needed. There has been a nurse practitioner there three days a week, but a full time nurse practitioner

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## Senate Finance panel starts work on state budget

Jane Nelson, chair of the Senate Finance Committee, on Jan. 22 said she would follow an aggressive agenda to deliver a budget ready for floor debate by the end of February.

“There are a lot of things this committee and the full Senate will decide to add, subtract, change, before we actually recommend out of this committee a budget,” she said. At the top of the list are school finance and property tax relief.

Nelson, R-Flower Mound, has chaired the powerful committee for three consecutive sessions.

Capital Highlights  
by Ed Sterling

Texas Press Association

On Jan. 15, Nelson filed Senate Bill 1, a base budget for the 2020-2021 biennium, and scheduled daily meetings for the panel to consider the particulars that go into a document that typically exceeds 1,000 pages in length.

Important in the budget-writing process is the state comptroller’s revenue estimate, an amount based on economic indicators and models that predict how much revenue the state will collect over the next two fis-

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