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Kerrville Police host fall Take Back Day

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On Saturday, Oct. 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Kerrville Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration will host a free collection event to gather expired, unused and unwanted

prescription drugs. Medications can be dropped off at the Kerrville Police Department, 429 Sidney Baker St. "This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue," said Juan Trevizo, program director. "Prescription pills that languish inside home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion,

misuse and abuse. The prescription drug abuse rate in the U.S is alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet." Citizens are advised not to dispose

of unused medicines by flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash, officials said, because both pose a potential safety and health hazard in the environment. Citizens may turn in medication in its original container. Liquid products, such as cough syrup, should remain sealed in their original containers.

Why Take Back?
In 2010, the federal Disposal Act gave the DEA authority to create new regulations that allow medication users to deliver pharmaceutical drugs to appropriate agencies for safe disposal. This year, 900,386 pounds — 450 tons

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LJ Vogel digs through a box of chalk during this weekend's Chalk Festival.

Civic Saturdays series to start Nov. 4

TX21 Indivisible invites public to the 'conversation' on shared values, protecting natural environment

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A new series designed to get community members talking about matters of shared interest is being started by the TX21 Indivisible group, with the first gathering set for Nov. 4 in Ingram. "TX21 Indivisible believes there is more that brings Texas Hill Country residents together than divides us," said Joyce Humble. "In that spirit, we are hosting the first of a series of community conversations called Civic Saturdays." The first event will focus on local residents' shared values, and on how they can participate in protecting the land, air and water of the Hill Country. A social hour is set from 2 to 3 p.m., followed by a roundtable conversation from 2:30 to 4 p.m. and music and fun from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Roddy Tree Ranch, 820 Texas 39 in Ingram. Panelists expect to speak at "Civic Saturday Community Conversation — Acting On Our Conscience" are the Rev. Mary Wilson and Dr. Tom Arsuffi. The pair will give brief presentations on "what our values teach us about our responsibility for protecting our natural environment," just before a moderated question-and-answer period. Wilson is the pastor at Church of the Savior in Cedar Park. She taught mathematics for 20 years, before receiving her master's degree in theological studies from Austin Presbyterian Seminary in 2001 and a Master of Divinity degree from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 2006. Arsuffi is the director of the Llano River Field Station at Texas Tech University in Junction. He received his doctorate at New Mexico State University in 1984 and his research interests are aquatic and watershed ecology and environmental education. Civic Saturday is a free, family-friendly event. Supervised childcare will be provided and refreshments will be available onsite for purchase. TX21 Indivisible describes itself as a non-partisan, grassroots organization of citizens who are constituents of Texas Congressional District 21. The group is made up entirely of volunteers from Kerr County and other counties that comprise the district. With more than 4,800 members, TX21 Indivisible uses activism and advocacy methods to resist the current administration's agenda and hold its members of Congress accountable to their constituents. For more information, visit tx21indivisible.us.

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Chalk festival brings the well traveled

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Artists from across the country gathered at Peterson Plaza over the weekend to participate in one of Kerrville's fastest growing festivals — the Kerrville Chalk Festival. This year, a record number of 10,000 people were expected, about 2,000 more than the previous year, according to Katherine Boyett, event coordinator. Artists from as close as San Antonio and as far as San Diego

trekked out to the Hill Country to show off their skills to visitors. "One of the cool things about it is that people who are watching almost feel like they've worked on the piece, too," said local artist and teacher Marty Garcia. "I like that it's not permanent either — it's not meant to last. It's here for a moment, and then it's gone." Garcia shaded in the cheek of Bruce Lee, who was the center piece for his second chalk painting he's ever done. "I wanted to bring something of culture to Kerrville with this

painting," he said. Garcia also is a teacher at Starkey Elementary School, where he said he's been able to use his experience with chalk to apply in a classroom setting, too. "It allows me to show students that practice is important," he said. Garcia said he plans and practices a painting at least three times before he takes it to the streets. Education was a running theme throughout the event. The Kerrville Public School Foundation was the main beneficiary this year. Evelyn Nelson, executive

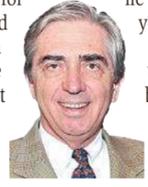
director at KPSF said she was ecstatic when she learned they had been chosen to be the benefactors. "I think this is a really great community," said Nelson. "The kids are so engrossed in producing art, which is great." She said the event gives the community a chance to see the skill set of local students. About 18 students represented the Kerrville Independent School District, who worked on three separate pieces. The most they've

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Faces of Kerr County No. 22:

Stephanie Terrell

Stephanie Terrell, 22, always wanted to be a nurse. There was a neighbor who was a nurse, she saw nurses care for her grandmother and she watched them as they cared for her when she discovered she had a severe allergy to nuts. Her assessment was nurses help people and they know what to do. Helping and competence are big for this LVN, which is seen in this signature statement: "I wanted to be able to help someone and know what was going on with them."

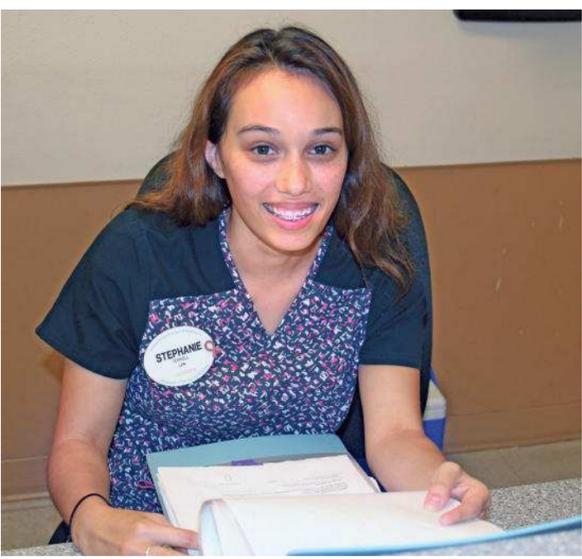


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She grew up in Ingram with her mother and older brother. After her public school years in Ingram, her senior year was at Harper High School. She took a year off from education to work at H-E-B in Kerrville, but her big brother kept telling her she needed to go back to school, and she did. She went to school in San Antonio and received her certification as an LVN, a licensed vocational nurse, also known in most of the country as an LPN, licensed practical nurse. She

said wound care was the most interesting part of that training. Her approach to wounds is, "So how do we fix this?" She now serves on the staff of the Hilltop Village Nursing and Rehabilitation Center working with patients who are there for rehabilitation from surgery, primarily orthopedic surgery. Most of her patients are senior adults. When she comes into the room some probably wonder why this small, young woman, who looks like a high school

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Stephanie Terrell, a nurse at Hilltop Village Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

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